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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been brilliant to welcome all of our students back to school – the site feels full of energy again! Many have clearly grown over the summer, and our new Year 10 students look very smart and mature in their silver ties. Year 7 have also settled in well; their first day by themselves last Thursday gave them the grounding and confidence they needed to start finding their way around. Each day I'm asked fewer questions about where certain rooms are, which shows they are quickly learning their way around the site.

Our new entrance and exit at the back gate also seems to be working really well. It is a great relief to know that hundreds of children are no longer gathering near the very busy Welland Park Road at the start and end of the day. The only downside has been the weather – it seems determined to pour with rain right as students arrive or leave! I don't think I've ever seen my staff look so wet on duty.

I'm pleased to report that the canteen is now back to full operation following the torrential downpour which damaged the electricity supply to the kitchen. The sheer volume of rain was more than the flat roof could take, but thanks to our amazing site team, who worked tirelessly, we are back up and running. Thank you also to parents for your patience and support during this time – it was very much appreciated.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 Geographers have been away in Wales this week. Judging by the photos, they've enjoyed some lovely sunshine while working hard on their fieldwork, and we look forward to welcoming them back and hearing all about their trip.

Looking ahead, our **Open Evening will take place on Thursday 11th September**. We will be offering pre-booked tours in the morning, and in the evening we will be showcasing all that our school has to offer. A big thank you to the students who have already volunteered their time to help with this important event – as always, they are our biggest strength and the best ambassadors for our school.

Finally, a very warm welcome back to everyone, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Pete Leatherland—Principal





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IT'S COMING.....

If you would like to visit a Christmas market this year, this is your chance! A coach will leave Welland Park Academy at 8.00am on Sunday 23rd November and will arrive in Manchester at around 10.30am. It will leave Manchester at 5.30pm and return to Welland Park Academy at approximately 8.00pm giving you around 7 hours to explore Manchester.

Now in their 26th year, Manchester's Christmas Markets have become legendary, drawing millions to the city centre. With over 300 stalls spread across ten locations, visitors can enjoy seasonal treats, mulled wine, and a wonderful festive atmosphere. Whether you're after handmade gifts, craft items, or delicious food, the markets cater to all tastes and ages.

Craft and gift stalls will trade from 10 am to 8 pm, while food and drink stalls will serve from 11 am to 9 pm daily.

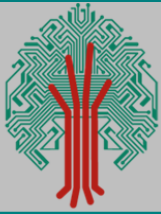
The city will be decked out with festive lights, creating the perfect backdrop for your Christmas selfies. Look out for giant walk-through baubles, the iconic Manchester bee, and Santa Claus himself, perched high above St Peter's Square, keeping track of who's been naughty or nice.

For those who love ice skating, Skate Manchester's covered rink returns to Cathedral Gardens. Whether it's raining or snowing, you can enjoy a magical skate under twinkling lights to the sound of festive music so if you are feeling energetic you can get your skates on and whizz around the ice rink.

There are plenty of options for everyone!

The trip will take place on Sunday 23rd November 2025 and the cost is £25 per person. This is a Fundraising Group organised trip so please feel free to invite family and friends. For further details please email Mrs Burgess burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com





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Market Harborough Street Art

Before Summer, students from across school took part in a competition launched by Harborough District Council and local businesses to decorate utility boxes around our local area. Out of over 100 entries, the lucky winners were Janey, Isobelle and Corey in Year 10 and Amber and Emily in Year 9. Over the past few weeks local artists have been transferring the winners' designs onto utility boxes on Walcot Road, Farndon Fields and Abbey Street. The artwork looks amazing and our students went out to sign their pieces this week, so please do go and have a look if you're out and about in Harborough. Well done to all the winning artists!





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After school Mandarin Lessons



Interested in learning Mandarin?

Want to try something new or earn extra qualifications?

Did you learn Mandarin at primary school and want to pick it up again?

The new Mandarin class will start in October.

To sign up please could any students who are interested e mail or see

Mrs Russell in the Languages Department.

(russellh@wellandparkacademy.com)



Monday lunchtimes 1.40 – 2.10pm with Mrs Waddington in L5
Bring your lunch – biscuits provided!



- **Are you interested in learning a new language?**
- **Have you done some Spanish and want to keep it up or improve?**
- **Do you want to gain a new skill, explore a new culture and have some fun in the process?**

Spanish is spoken on 3 continents, is the official language of 21 countries and is the 2nd most spoken native language in the world.

Anyone from year 7, 8 or 9 is welcome whether you have some Spanish experience or none at all. Please email Mrs Waddington at waddingtonk@wellandparkacademy.com to register your interest or just come along on a Monday lunchtime and give it a try!



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Course Dates and Times:


5 weeks starting
Wednesday
17th September
2025
6:30 to 8:00pm

Course Code:
25SN105P

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YEAR 11—PROM

It may seem quite early to start talking about Prom 2026 but if you ask the Prom committee, it is never too early.

The committee have already had a couple of meetings and have plenty of fundraising ideas. They have to raise all of the funds for their Prom themselves and they have a number of events already booked in for 2025/26.

Their first big event is Lubenham Scarecrow Festival (13th and 14th September). They are giving up their weekend to be there and will be having a book stall, a normal tombola and a bottle/can tombola. Donations of books and tombola prizes would be very welcome and we are hoping to have a fantastic weekend. Please pop over to Lubenham and support them—they will be in marquee 2.

The committee will also be serving refreshments at our Open Evening on Thursday 11th September 2025. We are looking for donations of cakes and wrapped biscuits (similar to Kit Kat, Club etc). Any contributions can be dropped into front reception,

If you, or anyone you know, has any suitable items do please drop them into school.

Mrs Burgess—Prom Chair



**Welland Park
Academy**
Learning For Life

Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 8th Sept 25

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	American	Asian	British	Italian	Chip Day
Option 1	Cheese Burger	Hot Chinese Chicken Wrap	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Chicken Breast Nuggets
Option 2	Mac 'n' Cheese	Sweet Thai Chilli Stir-fry	Broccoli Cheese Bake	Mediterranean Veg	Veggie Sausages
Sides	Potato Wedges Baked Beans	Firecracker Rice Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Roasted Vegetables	Pasta Shells Mixed Vegetables	Chips Peas
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping



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GIRLS

RUGBY




HAVE FUN. MAKE FRIENDS.
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 **Wednesday evening training**

 Under 14s 6:30-7:30pm
Under 16s and 18s 7:30-8:30pm

 Market Harborough RUFC, Northampton Road, LE16 9HF

 **Sunday afternoon games for all age groups**



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Drink Prices:

Aqua Splash small	£0.60
Aqua Splash large	£0.80
Juice Carton	£0.72
Radnor Fizz	£0.97
OMJ Can	£1.05
Water small	£0.60
Water large	£1.05
Milkshake Carton	£0.73

Snack Prices:

Cereal Bars (variety)	£0.80
Biscuits (pack of 3)	£0.80
Balconi Bar	£0.50
Jelly Pot	£0.91
Tray Bake / Cake	£0.93
Monster Flapjack	£0.97
Fresh Fruit Pot	£1.10
Fresh Fruit	£0.60

Lunch Prices:

Pizza—freshly made	£2.72
Sandwich	£2.16
Wrap	£2.38
Baguette	£2.61
Grab Bag	£3.65
Jacket Potato + 1 topping	£2.72
Extra topping	£0.66
Lite Bite (variety)	£2.72
Main Meal	£3.05
Meal Deal	£3.65
Panini	£2.72
Pasta Pot	£2.72
Salad Box	£3.05
Tray Bake/Cookie/Muffin	£0.93

Please note a Meal Deal includes a Main Meal and either a Tray Bake or a Hot Pudding.



Welland Park Academy Dining Room

Free School Meal Daily Allowance = £3.65
(Can be spent at breaktime or lunchtime)

Breakfast Prices:

Bacon Bap	£1.70
Sausage Bap	£1.70
Hash Browns	£0.83
Sauce Sachet	£0.22
Chicken Wings	£1.16
Chicken Bap	£1.88
Croissant (Fresh)	£0.91
Waffle (Hot)	£0.72
Sausage Roll	£1.16
Breakfast Pizza	£0.83
Prepacked Croissant	£0.91
Pancake & syrup	£0.55