



Newsletter Issue 18

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a particularly busy and enriching week at Welland Park Academy, with a number of exciting opportunities taking place both inside and outside the classroom. Our DT and Art trip visited Oxford earlier in the week, and I have heard nothing but glowing feedback about how much the students enjoyed the experience.

I was also delighted to attend the after-school badminton fixtures. The level of commitment and teamwork on display was fantastic, and our KS4 girls' team truly shone, they were dominant throughout and represented the school superbly. It was wonderful to see so many students taking part and competing with such enthusiasm.

This week we welcomed both the Progressive Masculinity workshops and the Relate workshops for our KS3 students. These sessions were incredibly enlightening, offering our young people valuable insights and space for reflection. I am hopeful that they gained a great deal from the experience and feel better equipped to understand themselves and others as a result.

Rehearsals for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* have stepped up a gear as we approach show week. From the sneak peeks I've been fortunate enough to see, it is going to be an epic production. On Tuesday morning we will be welcoming several of our feeder schools to a special final dress rehearsal, and I want to wish the cast the very best of luck for the performances next week. I cannot wait to see it. A reminder that there are a few tickets still available to purchase via our website.

You will have received my email earlier this week regarding our forthcoming lockdown/evacuation practice taking place next Friday morning, 30th January. Please remember this is only a practice, carried out in line with new government requirements. We will be asking students to take the procedure seriously; should a real situation ever arise, it is essential that everyone knows exactly what to do. As outlined previously, if the school were ever to enter a real lockdown, we would communicate with parents, and we would ask you not to contact the school so that lines of communication remain clear and open.

Finally, although I do not wish to end on a negative note, I must address the importance of respectful communication with our staff. We fully understand that concerns and frustrations can occur from time to time, but abusive language or aggressive behaviour towards staff is not acceptable under any circumstances. Where such behaviour takes place, calls may need to be brought to an end and communication paused in order to work towards a constructive solution. In cases where this behaviour continues, the school may implement a single point of contact system, with all communication directed through one designated member of staff to support clearer and more effective dialogue. Our staff work incredibly hard and always in the best interests of our students, and I kindly ask for your support in ensuring that communication remains courteous and respectful.

Warm regards

Pete Leatherland—Principal



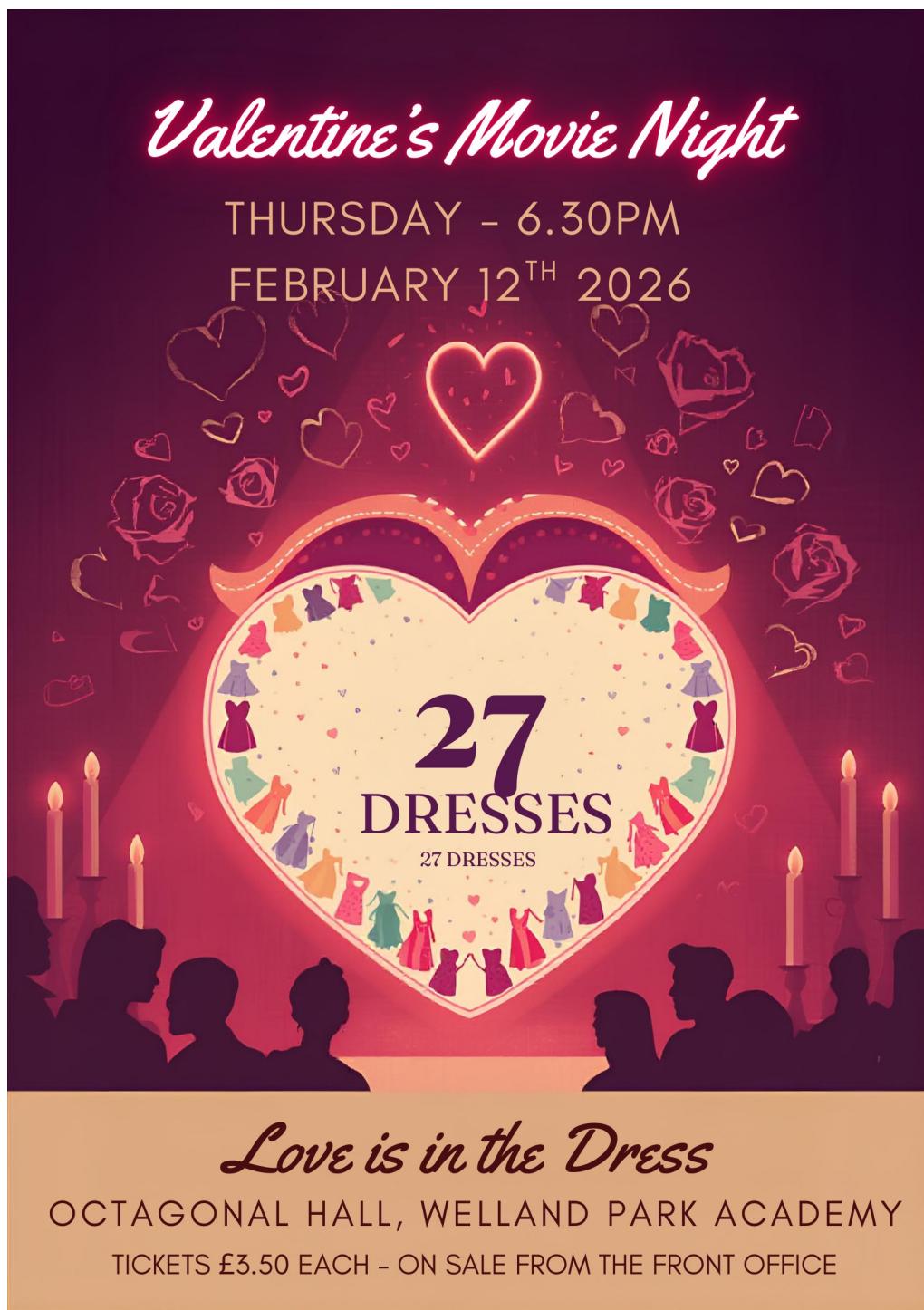


MOVIE NIGHT

Our first movie night of 2026 is a romantic comedy just in time for Valentines Day.

Tickets go on sale on Monday 26th January 2026 and are priced at £3.50 each.

Movie starts at 6.30pm—bring your own drinks and snacks





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EARLY MORNING FOOD AND DRINK PROVISION

VENUE: DINING HALL

REMEMBER—OUR EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST PROVISION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

ALL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS ARE £1 INCLUDING TOAST, CRUMPETS, CEREAL, PORRIDGE AND BAGELS

HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA AND FRUIT JUICE ARE 50P

CATCH UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE SCHOOL OR COMPLETE REVISION WORK AND ENJOY A DRINK AND SOMETHING TO EAT AT THE SAME TIME

A MINIMUM SPEND OF 50P MUST BE MADE

MUSIC LESSONS

After February half term, some of our fabulous peripatetic music teachers will have spaces for new students. Spaces are normally taken up very quickly if your youngster wants to learn an instrument or perfect their singing skills, please contact Mrs Towers, Head of Performing Arts

towersc@wellandparkacademy.com



There are spaces for the following teachers -

Violin

Piano

Clarinet/Saxophone

Flute

Singing



WEEK
COMMENCING
26TH JAN 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MAIN #1

Mexican Chicken
with Rice and
sides

Beef Lasagne with
Garlic Bread and
Salad

Roast of the Day

Chicken Curry with
Rice and naan

Chicken Nuggets with
chips and beans

MAIN #2

Vegan Chilli with
Rice and sides

Vegetable Ragu Pasta
with Garlic Bread and
Salad

Vegetarian Roast of
the Day

Sweet potato,
chickpea Curry with
Rice and naan

Vegetarian Sausage
with chips and beans

HANDHELD

Pizza, Panini's,
toasties & lite bite
of the day

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BOWLED OVER

Pasta Bowls
(cheese or
tomato)

Chicken Rice Bowl

Noodle Street

Pasta Bowls (cheese
or tomato)

Pasta Bowls (pesto or
tomato)

BAKERY &
PUDDINGS

Selection of cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies, flapjacks and hot puddings with custard

SUPER SPUDS

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR
BAKED POTATOES WITH A
VARIETY OF TOPPINGS FOR
YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!

**FRESH FRUIT, JELLY
& YOGHURTS
AVAILABLE EVERY
DAY**



ALLERGIES

PLEASE SPEAK TO A
MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU
HAVE AN ALLERGY & NEED
TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE
OUR FOOD DISHES.

POLITE REQUEST TO PARENTS

We would like to remind parents and carers of the procedures for students who require medication during the school day.

If your child is unwell or has a condition that means they may need over-the-counter medication—such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen—please ensure they come to school with their own supply. This should be dropped off at the Front Office, where it can be safely stored and administered if needed.

Please note that the school holds only a very limited supply of basic medication, restricted to a small stock of Paracetamol and Ibuprofen. We do not keep Calpol, cough medicines, or specific pain relief such as Feminax or Migraleve. Supplying your child's own medication ensures we are able to support them promptly and appropriately.



If your child has a health condition requiring prescribed medication—including antibiotics, strong painkillers, asthma inhalers, Epipens, or insulin—these must be brought into school and accompanied by a completed Medication Form. This form provides essential guidance to our office staff on when and how the medication should be administered.

Please also be aware that students should not carry medication in their bags, unless this has been specifically agreed in advance with Mrs Goulborn, our Lead First Aider.