



## Newsletter Issue 19

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been show week at Welland Park Academy, and what a show it has been! Our students have been absolutely amazing, delivering outstanding performances every single night. We are proud to share that we have received five-star reviews from audiences all week, and every performance has been completely sold out. As the curtain falls this evening, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the production. Your hard work, creativity and dedication have shone through. Well done to everyone.

On Thursday, Mr Askham took several students to De Montfort University as part of their preparation for the mock court case competition taking place in March for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. We were kindly hosted by the University's Law Department, who delivered sessions on questioning witnesses, understanding the legal framework of the case, and developing strong public-speaking skills. Students then moved on to the old courtroom in Leicester Castle to rehearse their trial — an amazing and atmospheric experience that brought the challenge to life. Thank you to De Montfort University for welcoming us, and well done to all students involved.

On Monday evening, the Year 10 Girls competed in the netball finals at Loughborough University. The team gave an excellent account of themselves, showing determination, teamwork and real talent. Unfortunately, they were narrowly beaten by a very strong St Martin's side who regularly play together outside of school. We are incredibly proud of the team — well done girls, and we have high hopes for next year!

This morning, at around 10.45am, we carried out a practice of our lockdown procedure. Thank you for your patience and understanding if you tried to call the school during this time. The practice went extremely well, and we are confident that students and staff know exactly what to do should it ever be required. Your support helps us ensure a safe and prepared environment for all.

Warm regards

Pete Leatherland—Principal



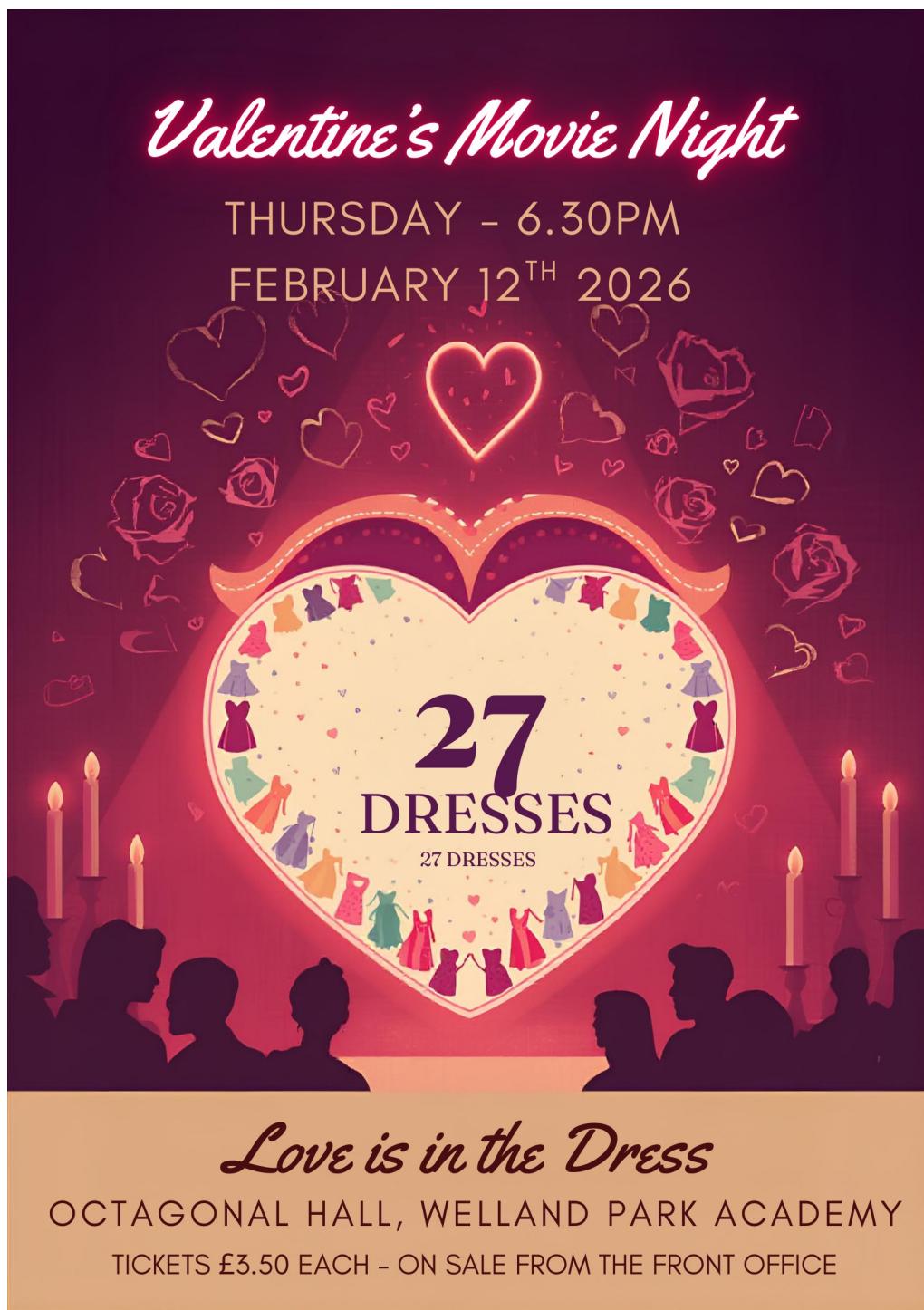


### MOVIE NIGHT

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





### **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](mailto:towersc@wellandparkacademy.com)**



**There are spaces for the following teachers -**

**Violin**

**Piano**

**Clarinet/Saxophone**

**Flute**

**Singing**



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WEEK  
COMMENCING  
2ND FEBRUARY  
2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Welland Park  
Academy  
Learning For Life

					
<b>MAIN # 1</b>	Beef Enchilada with Rice, salsa and salad	Chicken Souvlaki on a pitta bread with tzatziki 	Roast of the Day	Beef Ragu Spaghetti Bolognaise with garlic bread 	Pork Sausages with chips and beans
<b>MAIN # 2</b>	Vegetable Enchilada with Rice, salsa and salad	Greek Feta Salad with a pitta bread	Vegetarian Roast of the Day	Vegetable Lasagne with garlic bread	Vegetarian Sausage with chips and beans
<b>HANDHELD</b>	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day
<b>BOWLED OVER</b>	Loaded nachos	Pasta Kitchen (pesto or tomato & basil)	Noodle Street	Pasta Bowls (mac & cheese or tomato)	Noodle Street
<b>BAKERY &amp; PUDDINGS</b>	Selection of cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies, flapjacks, hot puddings & custard				
	<b>SUPER SPUDS</b> DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPINGS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!	<b>AVAILABLE EVERYDAY</b> FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS & JELLY		<b>ALLERGIES</b> 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.



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**GBRT JUNIOR FACTOR 2026**

Talent competition for young singers, instrumentalists, groups, song writers and composers

Open to anyone in school years 1-13 who lives within 20 miles of Market Harborough

Free to enter, prizes worth up to £250

Enter by 20th February at [www.gbrt.uk](http://www.gbrt.uk)

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### Mock Trial



In March students from Year 7, 8 and 9 are taking part in a mock court case competition. As part of their training we were hosted by De Montfort University's Law department, who delivered lessons on questioning witnesses, the law around the case we are studying and public speaking. We then moved on to the old courtroom in Leicester Castle to rehearse the trial which was an amazing experience. Thank you to De Montfort University for welcoming us and well done to all the students involved!

