



## Newsletter Issue 2

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been an incredibly busy one as we prepared for our Open Day and Evening on Thursday 11th September. As always, our students were the very best advert for our school. In my speech, I described them as our *unique selling point*, and they certainly did not disappoint. I would like to sincerely thank every single student who gave their time to support the school yesterday – your efforts were greatly appreciated by all staff and visitors alike.

This weekend, we also wish our netballers the very best of luck as they head off to Condoover Hall for a weekend of fun, excitement, and competitive netball. We hope they enjoy every moment of the experience and come back with lots of stories to share.


Prom 2026 committee members also have their first big fundraising event this weekend. Ably assisted by Mrs Burgess and Mrs Clipston they will be attending Lubenham Scarecrow Festival with a book stall and 2 tombola's. If you can, please do support them—they will be there on Saturday and Sunday.

The weather has been particularly unpredictable this week – glorious sunshine one moment and torrential rain the next! Many students have been caught out by sudden downpours, so I would like to remind families to encourage students to bring a raincoat or jacket in their bag each day. It's not easy to predict what the skies will do, but having a waterproof layer at hand is definitely advisable.

Finally, I am delighted to share some exciting news: we are in the final stages of launching our brand new school website. We had hoped it might be ready for Open Evening, but alas, that wasn't quite possible. However, I am thrilled with the developments we've made so far and look forward to sharing it with you very soon. I hope you will find it more accessible, more useful, and easier to navigate than our current site. I will let you know as soon as it goes live.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Pete Leatherland—Principal

 <b>Welland Park Academy Lunch &amp; Deli Menu</b> Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> September 25					
WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Tex-Mex	Indian	Best of British	Pie Day	Chip Day
Option 1	Hot BBQ Chicken Wrap	Chicken Tikka Masala	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Creamy Chicken & Leek Pie	Battered Fish
Option 2	Chipotle Sweet Potato & Lime Taco	Chickpea Rogan Josh	Vegetable Bake	Roast Vegetable Pie	Vegetable Burger
Sides	Slaw Salad	Yellow Rice Mixed Vegetables	Parsley Mash Roasted Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Sweetcorn	Chips Baked Beans
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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### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com)







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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](mailto: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](mailto:waddingtonk@wellandparkacademy.com) to register your interest or just come along on a Monday lunchtime and give it a try!