



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderfully busy week it has been here at Welland Park Academy. On Thursday evening, we were delighted to welcome our Year 9 students and their parents and carers to our Options Evening. Despite the awful weather, it was a truly lovely event. I had a great time speaking with many families about the exciting choices ahead for their children, and it was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and thoughtful discussion about future pathways.

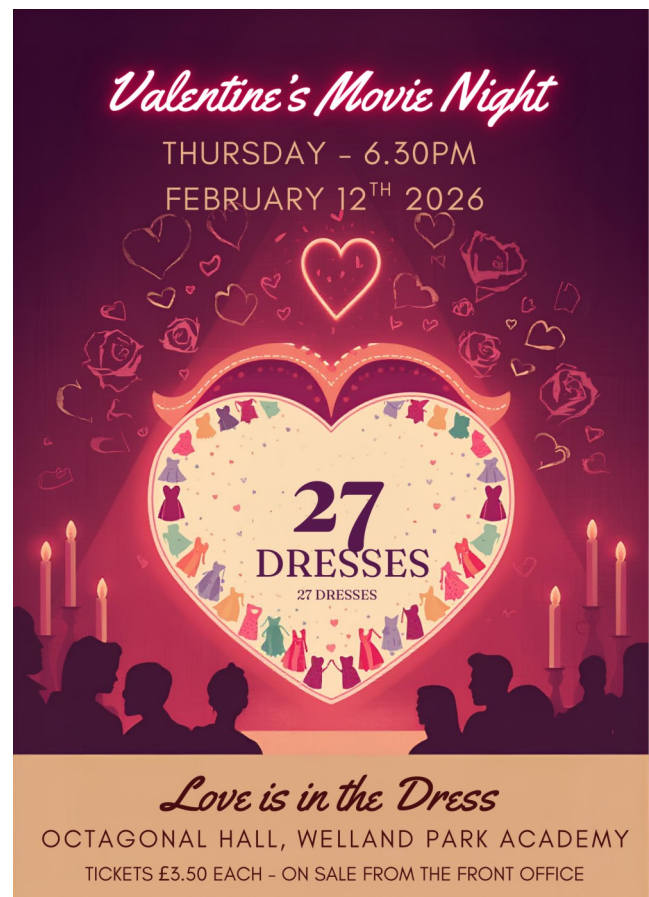
Tuesday was an exceptionally full day across the school. Our Year 10 students took part in Alzheimer's Awareness sessions delivered by an external speaker, as well as completing their First Aid training. The Year 7s enjoyed a Democracy session from the Parliament Education Centre, alongside Mind Wellbeing sessions and Mentors in Violence Prevention training, making it a very busy and enriching day for many of our students.

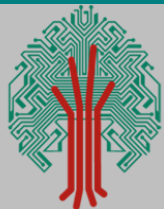
Next week is our final week before the February half term, which runs from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February. We hope all students enjoy the break when it arrives.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend, everyone.

Warm regards

Pete Leatherland—Principal



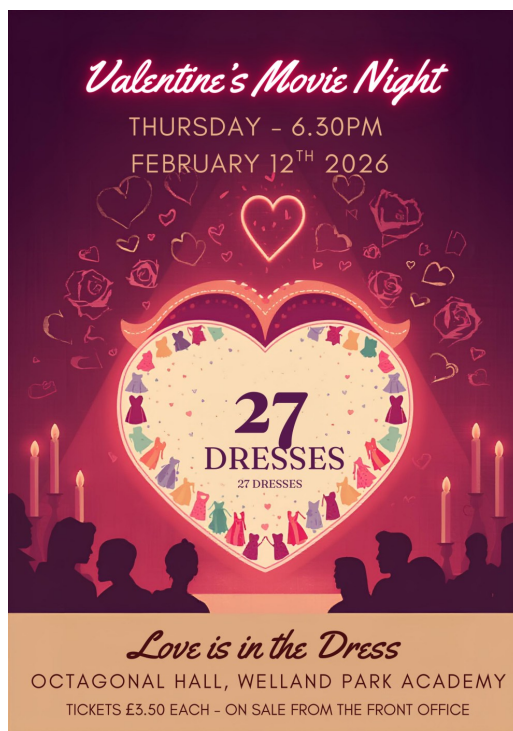


MOVIE NIGHT

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



STUDENT USE OF PHONES IN SCHOOL

This is a reminder that students may currently only use their mobile phones in school when permission has been given by a member of staff.

Recently, we have seen an increase in students contacting home directly when they feel unwell, rather than reporting to the front office. We kindly ask that all students present to the front office first so they can be assessed and supported before any contact is made with parents or carers.

Our trained first aiders are based in the front office and can ensure that any student who feels unwell is kept safe, comfortable, and properly monitored.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all students safe and well cared for during the school day.



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 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 9TH FEBRUARY 2026	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN # 1	Jerk Chicken with Rice and Sweetcorn Slaw	BBQ Chicken Tortilla with hand-cut wedges	Gammon Roast of the Day	Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice	Battered Chicken Fillet with chips and baked beans/sweetcorn
MAIN # 2	Curried Sweet Potato & Butterbean Stew with Rice	Vegetable Tortilla with hand-cut wedges	Vegetarian Bake of the Day	Chinese Vegetable Chowmein	Cajun Vegetable Burger with chips and baked beans/sweetcorn
HANDHELD	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
BOWLED OVER	Loaded Nachos	Pasta Kitchen Pesto/Tomato & Herb	Noodle Street	Pasta Kitchen Pesto/Cheese	Pasta Kitchen Tomato & Herb
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 & 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.

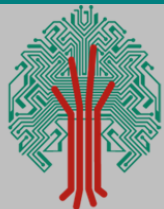
If your child is unwell or has a condition that means they may need over-the-counter medication—such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen—please ensure they come to school with their own supply. This should be dropped off at the Front Office, where it can be safely stored and administered if needed.

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 Feminal or Migralve. 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.





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!

