

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

What an incredibly short half term this has been — I can hardly believe that next week is the final week before the break! As ever, it's been a busy and exciting time here at WPA.

Our Year 11 students continue to make us immensely proud. Their commitment to revision sessions and “pre-exam jams” has been outstanding. Hearing them come out of exams saying, “We just went over that!” is hugely rewarding and really reinforces how valuable those sessions are. A quick reminder that students at WPA do not have traditional exam leave. We'll let you know when they no longer need to attend lessons, but for now, it's clear that the best place for them is in the classroom, receiving the targeted support that is helping them succeed.

Today, we marked **Mental Health Awareness** by inviting everyone to wear a *splash of green*. It was wonderful to see such a vibrant show of support from both students and staff. A special thanks to all those who donated or bought from the bake sale — we raised a fantastic **£106** for mental health charities.

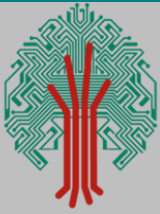
Finally, I have some bittersweet news to share. Today we say goodbye to **Mrs Kolbeck**, our much-loved German specialist, who is leaving us to pursue her dream career as a journalist. Since joining us in 2019, she has brought energy, enthusiasm, and warmth to everything she's done and will be sorely missed by students and colleagues alike. While we're sad to see her go, we're excited for her next chapter and know she'll remain part of the **Welland Park family**.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend — fingers crossed the sunshine continues! We look forward to seeing everyone back for the final week of the half term.

Warm regards,

Pete Leatherland—Principal



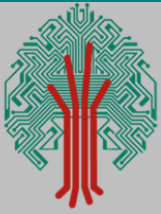


YEAR 11 PROM

Prom tickets are now on sale from the front office at break and lunchtimes.

We are also looking for donations of cans/bottles of pop or water. These will be used during the course of the evening. Any donations can be dropped off at the front office.





MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Thank you to all those who wore green, donated and bought cakes for our Mental Health Awareness Day. With your help we managed to raise £106.73 for the Mental Health Foundation.

This week we have had an assembly by our SENDCo Mr Paul highlighting what is available to students - mental health form activities; wellbeing club and LGBTQI+ on a Wednesday; Wellbeing Mentors drop in/board games and Kube youth counsellors on Thursday; a year 7/8 trip to a wellbeing event; boxing and basketball with former Leicester Ryders star Mo Walker and then a bake sale today.

Thank you everyone but special thanks to the Welland Park Wellbeing Mentors.





BASKETBALL FOR WELLBEING

We have been fortunate to have secured some sessions with Mo Walker, former MBA basketball player and Leicester Ryders player. Some lucky year 9 and 10s have been in sessions focused on self esteem, resilience and positive attitudes - and of course game time and technique!



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 19th May 25

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Asian	Tex Mex	Home Comforts	Best of British	Chip Day
Option 1	Chinese Chicken Wrap	BBQ Chicken	Cottage Pie & Gravy	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and gravy	Chicken Breast Nuggets
Option 2	Vegetable Curry	Vegetarian Chilli	Cheese & Potato Pie	Roast Vegetable Pie	Vegetarian Burger
Sides	Firecracker Rice Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges Coleslaw	Roasted Vegetables Green Beans	Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Chips Baked Beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Cheese & Tomato Panini Jacket & Topping	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **29th April – 10th June:** Leicestershire Police Hate Crime Talks (Years 8 & 10, running weekly)
- **19th May:** Parent & Carer Consultation Evening, 5–6pm
- **21st May:** Year 7 Progress Evening (in person)
- **25th May:** Fundraising Car Boot Sale 9am-12pm (contact Mrs Burgess if you would like a pitch)
- **3rd June:** Year 10 Financial Awareness Talk
- **10th June:** Second Year 10 Financial Awareness Talk
- **17th June:** Motivational Talk by Ruebyn Ricardo (Year 7)
- **24th June:** Summer Concert
- **26th June:** Year 11 Presentation Evening
- **27th June:** Year 11 Prom

STAY HYDRATED

As the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child has a water bottle that they can refill during the day. We have water stations throughout the school that can be accessed at break and lunch.

