



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

A Strange but Splendid Week!

What a unique week it's been here at WPA – a little quieter than usual, but full of energy, excitement and positive vibes all the same!

Monday and Tuesday saw us welcoming our newest family members during our Year 6 Transition Days. It was fantastic to meet them all, and their enthusiasm shone brighter than the sun (which is saying something given the heat we had!). Despite the soaring temperatures, our future Year 7s threw themselves into two days of fun, friendship, and engaging activities – a brilliant introduction to life at WPA.

Wednesday brought the return of Sports Day, and what an afternoon it was! Inter-form competition has truly come alive, with students proudly sporting their form group colours, cheering each other on, and waving homemade banners. The field was buzzing with excitement, and Mr Oakland's musical soundtrack kept spirits high. It was a joy to see such community spirit, healthy competition, and good old-fashioned fun. Some staff members also got involved with an 80m sprint in fancy dress.

The school has felt a little empty on Thursday and Friday, with many students off-site enjoying reward trips and our Year 10 students experiencing the world of work during their work experience placements. We're so proud of them for embracing this opportunity, and we can't wait to hear all about their adventures, lessons learned and moments of inspiration when they return.

Thank you for your continued support – whether your child was on-site this week or off exploring the wider world, it's been a week to remember.

Have a relaxing and sunny weekend,

Warm regards,

Pete Leatherland—Principal

A couple of photos from the Year 11 Prom last Friday.





## Where utility meets creativity by Andrew Reeves MH Wombles

This week, I had the absolute pleasure of leading the judging panel for Market Harborough Wombles art competition that saw over 100 incredible submissions - all aimed at one beautifully unexpected canvas - the town's utility cabinets.

Yes, those often-overlooked, slightly grubby boxes tucked into corners and car parks are about to get a serious glow-up!

We set the task of designing thoughtful reflections on community, identity, and nature, and the students did not disappoint! The entries demonstrated not only artistic skill but a strong connection to our town. We saw interpretations of Market Harborough's heritage, bold calls for environmental awareness, and joyful bursts of colour.

Creating the short list was not easy. Each piece brought something different to the table. Some were technically impressive, others emotionally moving—and many managed to be both. We prioritised works that had clear visual impact, and could transform a bland surface into something that sparks curiosity and connection.

Thank you for your passion and dedication!

The shortlist will now be sent to Virgin Media for their sign off and site selection. But we hope that by the new term, we will be unveiling the finished artworks and celebrating the winning designs with you.



The students listed below had their artwork selected to be used on Virgin Media boxes around Harborough. The artist who's going to paint the boxes and a member of the council came in to congratulate them today.

The winners are:

Emily Soper 8ZGA, Amber Burnham 8SOC

Janey Sheppards 9EOS, Cory Read 9GCO and Issy Shenton 9GCO.







## SCHOOL DIVERSITY WEEK

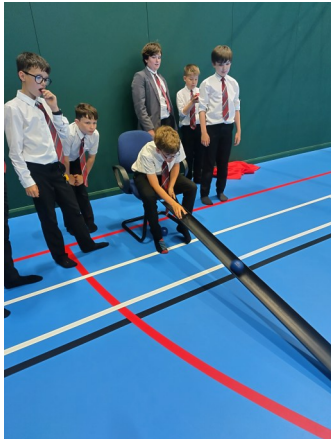
### “Celebrating Diversity with Boccia in the Sports Hall and more”

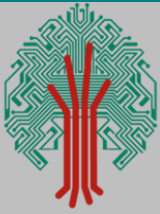
Last week we celebrated Diversity Week where we celebrated our differences. Race, colour, gender, sexuality and disabilities were acknowledged and championed.

During Diversity Week, our students had the exciting opportunity to play Boccia, a unique and inclusive sport designed for all abilities. Boccia is a precision ball game, similar to Bocce or Bowls, where players aim to throw their balls as close as possible to a target ball called the jack. It's a fantastic way to encourage teamwork, strategy and fun.

The sports hall was buzzing with activity as students took on the challenge of playing a new game, highlighting the spirit of inclusion and respect that Diversity Week promotes. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to enjoy a game that welcomes everyone.

Students also took part in a Diversity quiz throughout the week during registration. The quiz was aimed at testing their knowledge on a variety of key terms and ideas related to diversity in addition to how they could recognise and support their peers and communities to be kinder in supporting others. Congratulations to students in 8NHA and 9JSM for coming out on top and winning a prize.





## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRYING SOMETHING NEW?

Lucy Chaloner, a current Year 8 student, plays for this really supportive, inclusive football team who are very proud to share that they recently won **the Fair Play Award** at this year's FA League Awards!

### 📧 New Players Wanted – U15 Vixens Girls Football Team! 📧



*Are you (or someone you know) going into Year 9 or Year 10 this September and looking to join a brilliant girls' football team? Come and be part of the U15 Vixens at Borough Alliance Football Club!*

- 📧 Training at Symington's Recreation Ground
- 📧 Weekly training sessions
- 📧 Welcoming all abilities – whether you've played for years or just fancy giving it a go!

*We're a fun, friendly, and inclusive bunch who love football, support each other on and off the pitch, and always welcome new faces. Whether you're chasing goals or just want to build confidence and fitness, there's a place for you here.*

- 📧 Supportive coaches
- 📧 Great team spirit
- 📧 Loads of laughs (and goals) guaranteed!

To find out more, email the coaches on [dmccafferty@boroughalliance.com](mailto:dmccafferty@boroughalliance.com)

*We'll get back to you. Come and try a session – you'll be made to feel right at home!*

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-06/Harborough-HAF-providers-Summer-2025.pdf>

## Harborough HAF providers Summer 2025 - Leicestershire County Council

Harborough Families in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals will receive a HAF Code showing their eligibility to attend FREE HAF provision for up to 16 sessions over Summer, including activities and food.

[www.leicestershire.gov.uk](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk)





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **8th July:** School finishes for the Summer break



**@The Cube on Symingtons**

free activities for 11-16 year olds

**22<sup>nd</sup> July - Escape room**

**29<sup>th</sup> July - Arts and Crafts**

**5<sup>th</sup> August - Cooking** (let us know any allergies etc)

**12<sup>th</sup> August - Water one** (bring a towel!)

**19<sup>th</sup> August - BBQ** (bring your family too!)

**all sessions run 1-4pm**

email to book a space:  
[youthwork@thecubeyouth.uk](mailto:youthwork@thecubeyouth.uk)

scan qr code for consent form ->

Parent/Guardian Consent Form





**teen  
health**  
11-19 service



# TEEN HEALTH SUMMER!



Have some fun this summer with Teen Health! Spend time chilling out, get involved in our activities or take the chance to have a chat with our wonderful wellbeing officers.

ACTIVITIES	EVENT DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arts and Crafts</li><li>• Games &amp; Activities</li><li>• Snacks</li><li>• Information and advice</li><li>• Meet up with friends</li><li>• No referral needed!</li><li>• Open to all aged 11-19</li></ul>	<b>MONDAY 11TH AUG</b> <b>12-3PM</b> <hr/> <b>MKT HARBOROUGH</b> <b>FAMILY HUB,</b> <b>COVENTRY RD,</b> <b>LE16 9BX</b>

**FREE!**

Speak with your school's health and wellbeing officer to find out more, or visit our website using the details below:



For more information or to make a referral to the Teen Health 11-19 Service visit

[www.teenhealth.org.uk](http://www.teenhealth.org.uk)