

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another exciting and positive week here at Welland Park Academy. The Iceland Trip is back, and what an incredible experience it's been for our students! They've returned full of stories, memories, and enthusiasm after exploring the stunning landscapes and unique culture of Iceland. The photos look absolutely fantastic, and we'll be sharing them on the school website as soon as possible, so keep an eye out.

Today, our school turned yellow in support of *YoungMinds* and their important work for children's mental health. We're delighted to announce that as of 10am this morning, we had already raised an amazing **£890**, with donations still coming in. It's not too late to contribute if you'd like to – thank you to everyone for your generosity and support.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us in the Octagonal Hall last night for our *Welcome to Year 11* evening. Mr Jerred, Mrs Horne and the Heads of Core Subjects shared valuable insights on how to best support Year 11 students through this important year. It was fantastic to see such strong engagement and partnership between home and school.

On Tuesday, we were honoured to welcome **Dr Camille London-Miyo MBE** from the *Stephen Lawrence Research Centre* at De Montfort University. Dr London-Miyo delivered an inspiring session to staff on promoting diversity and inclusion across the curriculum. She shared practical strategies to help ensure equity and belonging for all members of the Welland Park family – a message that truly resonated with us all.

Next week is the final week before half term, and it's set to be a busy one with **Year 11 Parents' Evening** on Wednesday and our **biennial Careers Fair** for all KS4 students on Thursday. Please check the school website for further details.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. Have a fantastic weekend.

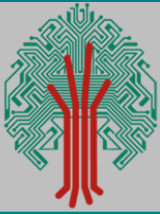
Warm regards,

Pete Leatherland—Principal



GERMAN EXCHANGE TRIP

A little reminder to all Year 10 German students that the deadline to register interest in the German Exchange is this Monday (13th October)

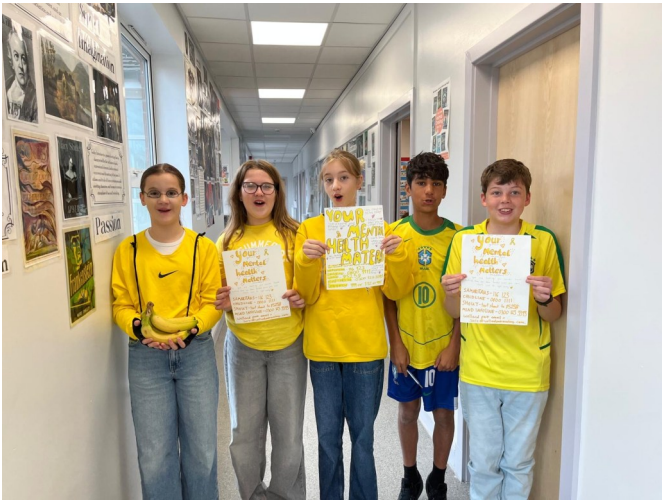


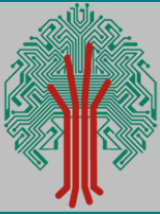
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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Today we held a non uniform day with the emphasis on wearing yellow as part of our support for World Mental Health Day and Young Minds.

Staff and students proudly wore yellow. A huge shoutout to Mrs Gerald for organising the day. We have so far raised a fantastic £890.51





Stephen Lawrence Research Centre Talk

On Tuesday we welcomed back Dr Camille London-Miyo MBE NPQH, who spoke to staff as part of our programme of staff training. Camille works for the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre, which is part of De Montfort University and somewhere that our students visited last year. They were so inspired by what they saw that we invited Camille back to speak to our Year 8's and now to staff.

Camille spoke to us about promoting diversity and inclusion across the curriculum. She also shared strategies to ensure equity for all members of the Welland Park Family. It was a fantastic talk, truly inspirational and helped us to reflect on our internal practices. We look forward to continuing our work with Camille and the Stephen Lawrence team again in the near future.



Making the Journey to School Safer, Greener, and More Enjoyable

We're excited to share that the Student Council has been working closely with **Active Travel Revolution** and **Harborough District Council** to explore ways to make the journey to and from school safer, healthier, and more enjoyable for everyone.

As part of these efforts, all students now enter school through the **back gate**, which takes them through the beautiful **Welland Park**. This small change has had a big impact — not only is it a calmer, more scenic start to the day, but spending time in nature is known to reduce stress. It's also helped ease congestion on Welland Park Road, making the area safer for everyone.

To build on this progress, the Student Council would love your support in considering a few more small changes that could make a big difference:

🚗 Car Share

If you're driving, why not share the journey with another family? Fewer cars mean less traffic and less pollution.

🚶 Walk When You Can

Walking is great for both physical and mental health. If possible, leave a little earlier and enjoy a relaxing walk to school. If you need to drive, consider **dropping students off a short distance away**, such as at **The Commons Car Park**, so they can walk the last part through the park. Alternatively, consider cycling or scooting to school.

🚌 Take the Bus

If you live in **Desborough, Rothwell, or Braybrooke** and are interested in a school bus option, please get in touch with:

📧 info@hbcoaches.co.uk



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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 23rd 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 23rd 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

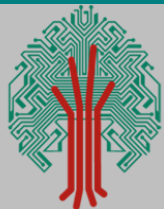




**Welland Park
Academy**
Learning For Life

Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 13th October 25

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Tex-Mex	Indian	Home comforts	Best of British	Chip Day
Option 1	Hot BBQ Chicken Wrap	Chicken Tikka Masala	Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy	Chicken breast Nuggets
Option 2	Hot BBQ Vegetable Wrap	Chickpea & Spinach Curry	Roast Vegetable Pie, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Quorn Cottage Pie & Gravy	Veggie Sausages
Sides	Hand-cut Wedges Sweetcorn	Yellow Rice Kachumber	Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Broccoli	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



STUDENT SUPPORT

Educate Against Hate is bringing you news of a special offer from **Yipiyap**, giving **12 months free access to the Peerscroller** digital platform.

Peerscroller is designed to provide young people with a go-to source of reliable, relatable information – and now includes new content on extremism, conspiracies, misogyny and mis/disinformation.

Where do young people turn when they've got questions about the world?

When you've grown up with a smartphone in your pocket, there's never a shortage of information. But in the attention economy, whoever shouts the loudest gets heard.

And as social media and generative AI present a constant barrage of high-engagement, low-quality content, the danger for Gens A and Z is no longer to be uninformed – it's being *misinformed*.

Enter Peerscroller

Peerscroller is the digital platform that gives young people a go-to source of reliable, relatable information – and one that they'll actually want to use.

Delivering short, TikTok-style videos presented by young people, Peerscroller gives learners clear, credible information on the topics that matter most in their lives. Whether it's spotting fake news, understanding healthy relationships, or managing mental health, the content feels fresh and relevant because it's delivered in the format they already love.

Every video is fact-checked and mapped to the PSHE and safeguarding frameworks schools and colleges already trust. So content feels authentic and approachable to learners - without compromising on accuracy.

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