



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the October half-term break. It's been a busy and exciting week here at Welland Park Academy, and I'm pleased to share some of the wonderful things happening across our school community.

We've finally completed the seating installation in the Octagonal Hall, and it looks absolutely amazing. Assemblies resumed on Thursday, and once the final touches are in place, the hall will be an incredible space for live theatre and performance. We're already looking ahead to showcasing it during our annual musical in January, which promises to be a fantastic event.

On Thursday, I had the privilege of accompanying Mr Askham and several of our students into the town centre to support the Royal British Legion's poppy collection. We were truly blown away by the generosity of the public, and it was heart-warming to see our students engaging so positively with members of the community, all in support of such a worthy cause. We'll be out again next week, so please do come and say hello – and don't forget to bring your spare change!

We are delighted to announce that 2 of our year 11 students are published poets! They both participated in the international Foyle Poet of the Year competition. More than 10,000 poets aged 11-17 submitted over 28,300 poems into the 2025 competition. Young people from 135 countries took part from as far afield as Uzbekistan, Fiji, Vietnam and Sri Lanka, as well as the four corners of the UK. The winners were chosen by Colette Bryce and Will Harris. Silas has been named as one of the top 15 award winners and Niamh is one of the top 85 commended winners. Will Harris, a renowned poet and one of the judges, wrote "I can't wait to see how these brilliant writers continue to transform our world". What a fantastic achievement from both of them — congratulations!

We are very keen for our students to explore democracy in action, which is why we continue to champion student leadership and support initiatives like the local Youth Council. With that theme in mind, I've also been asked to share an important message from the Market Harborough Neighbourhood Forums. They are calling for a minimum of 1,600 signatures from residents by 25th November to trigger a Community Governance Review. This is about ensuring Market Harborough has strong, community-led leadership and a voice in shaping its future direction and priorities. Please do consider supporting this initiative.

Finally, I hope you've seen our recent Facebook post asking for support for an urgent appeal for Jamaica. As a school and a community, we want to help families who have been displaced or left without homes due to the recent hurricane. We have an opportunity to support Mel Thomas, a retired officer from Leicestershire Police, who is organising aid for those in urgent need. Thank you so much for any support you can offer.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – and if you're celebrating, have a safe and spooky Halloween!

Warm regards

Pete Leatherland—Principal



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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





About Mentors in Violence Prevention:

As you may be aware, the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme is being delivered in Welland Park Academy. MVP is a bystander intervention which equips young people to **safely** recognise, challenge, and prevent violence, bullying and discrimination. Through peer leadership, students are supported to take an active role in building safer, more respectful school communities. If you would like anymore information about MVP, please click [here](#).

This week we were really lucky to have year 10 and 11 students delivering a lesson during citizenship to year 7 and 8 students on the theme of 'Unhealthy relationships/Challenging unkind behaviour.'

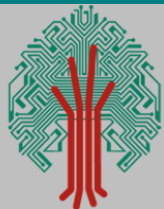
If your child took part, we are very proud of them and it will look great on a CV! There is a survey for those who took part, could you please let me know if you opt out of them completing it and encourage them to complete it.

Mrs Pendell



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 3rd November 25

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Indian	Tex-Mex	All Day Breakfast	Best of British	Chip Day
Option 1	Chicken Tikka Masala	BBQ Chicken	Sausage & Bacon	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Chicken Nuggets
Option 2	Sweet Potato Curry	Vegetarian Chilli	Veggie Sausage & Mini Omelette	Creamy Vegetable Pie	Vegetarian Burger
Sides	Yellow Rice Peas	Hand-cut Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Hash Brown Bites Baked Beans	Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	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



URGENT APPEAL: SUPPORT FOR JAMAICA

After the worst hurricane in its history,
Jamaica needs our help.

Thousands of families have lost homes, power, and access
to basic supplies. We are collecting essential items
to send directly to those affected.



Toiletries

Shower gels, soaps, moisturisers, shampoo & conditioner



Dental care

Toothbrushes & toothpastes



Hygiene & health

Antibacterial gels, female sanitary items, baby wipes,
nappies



Emergency supplies

First aid kits (or any new first aid items), torches & batteries



Pet care

Bags or packets of dog or cat food (tins are very heavy)



Non-perishable food

Pot Noodles, cereal bars, and other lightweight instant
foods

EVERY ITEM MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Please bring donations to Welland Park Academy
by 4th November 2025

Let's come together to support our friends in Jamaica. 🌱❤️

PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS THAT YOU CAN DONATE INTO SCHOOL BY TUESDAY 4TH
NOVEMBER 2025.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED ON FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025 AND TRANSPORTED
TO JAMAICA.

MANY THANKS

Welcome to the Year 10 Head Student Team!

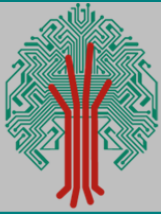
Before the half term break, we were pleased to welcome three students to the Head Student Team; Ava Foster, Elionna Ndlovu and Roni Shapiro. They did extremely well in a very competitive selection process and join the Year 11 team of Finn Atkinson, Hugh Russell and Christian Nyamhenga. Here are their introductions:

My name is Ava and I'm so pleased to be part of the Head Student Team. I want to introduce student-nominated awards for achievements in and out of the classroom in order to promote kindness and friendship. These will be known as 'Student Shout Outs' Outside of school, I dance and perform in a theatre group. At school, my favourite subjects are French and German.

My name is Elionna and I have been granted the honour of being Head student. I really enjoy sports especially tennis and athletics. I go to a few sports clubs outside of school including rugby, football, and tennis. My favourite subjects are PE, Biology and Mathematics. I have been working very hard to make sure every student feels valued, seen and heard no matter their culture or their religion. Furthermore, I am going to introduce the 'Cultural workshop' to give every student the opportunity to learn and acknowledge the diversity in our community.

My Name is Roni and I'm pleased to introduce myself as part of the Head Student Team. The ideas that I would like to implement in our school are lunchtime clubs and competitions for subjects other than sports clubs, e.g., an inter-form mathematics competition, chess club, and a STEM challenge. These would be run by older, more experienced students such as the year 10s or 11s so that they could help younger students and grasp a better understanding of the subject themselves. I enjoy lots of extra-curricular activities such as the school musical last year and music lessons in which I am learning the piano and the drums.





A personal Remembrance Story



Over the half term break, one of our students, Grace O'Connell visited the gravestone of Percival Franklin Frederick Fear. He is Grace's great, great grandfather's eldest brother and is buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in southern Cologne. It was an incredibly overwhelming experience for the family and one which the family feel very proud to have done.

He has been buried in Cologne for over 100 years and Grace and her family were the only living descendants to have visited him.

He was born in London in 1893 and served throughout WWI. He was captured by the Germans at Missay on 27th May 1918, and died three months later as a prisoner of war in the auxiliary military monastery in Coblenz, Germany.

This was on 5th September 1918, at the age of just 24, just two months before the end of the war.

He was private 30806 in the 11th battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers.

The inscription on his gravestone says: "Sleep on dear one in your foreign grave. You live in our hearts at home."