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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic week it has been at school, and with so much more excitement just around the corner, I am delighted to share all the wonderful news and updates with you!

First and foremost, show week is finally upon us! Next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, we are delighted to be showcasing our school musical, *The Little Mermaid*. This production promises to be an absolute extravaganza of colour, music, and incredible talent. Students and staff have been working tirelessly behind the scenes on set design and costumes, and the result is truly spectacular. If you've secured your tickets, you're in for an absolute treat! I, for one, cannot wait to see it all come together.

This week in assemblies, we've been privileged to welcome Rev. Andy Murphy, who has been with us daily to speak about the values of Christianity and the footprints we leave behind – both environmentally and emotionally. His messages have been thoughtful and poignant, encouraging our students to reflect on how we show kindness and respect in our daily interactions. These themes align beautifully with our core values of Respect and Kindness, linking to our ongoing focus on being an Active Bystander – encouraging our students to stand up, speak out, and challenge inappropriate behaviour, language, and actions. It has been truly heartening to see these important conversations take root in our school community.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Year 9 students and their families to our Options Evening. What a fantastic turnout! The evening was buzzing with excitement as students explored their subject choices and shared their career aspirations. It was such a privilege to meet so many of you and to hear about the bright futures our students are planning. Watching the interaction between staff and students filled me with immense pride – the engagement and enthusiasm of our Year 9s were simply outstanding. I have no doubt that this year group will go on to achieve incredible things.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where students can flourish. Let's continue to encourage kindness, respect, and ambition through achievement in everything we do.

Wishing you a restful and happy weekend! Warm regards,



Pete Leatherland—Principal



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	Monday	Tuesday	CHINESE NEW YEAR 2025	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Mexican	American	Chinese New Year	British	Fun Friday
Option 1	Chilli Con Carne	<u>Cheese Burger</u>	Chinese Chicken Curry	Roast Chicken & stuffing	Chicken Breast Nuggets
Option 2	Sweet Potato Chipotle Taco	Mac 'n' Cheese	Sweet & Sour Vegetables Stir-Fry	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetable Burger
Sides	White Fluffy Rice & sweetcorn	Hand-cut Wedges & coleslaw	Chinese Rice & Hoi Sin Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables & gravy	Chips & Baked beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Hot Chinese Chicken Wrap	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping



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Follow the Science Department on Instagram!

The Science Department now has an Instagram account dedicated to celebrating the work of our students, revision tips, science in the news and jokes!

We will also be focussing on careers in science, the skills needed for them and courses available to study when you leave Welland Park Academy.

Search 'science_wpa' to follow along and keep up to date!

UNIFORM UPDATE

During the cold weather a number of students have asked about wearing a jumper under their blazer.

We do not have a 'uniform' jumper but students may wear a plain grey, v neck jumper if they wish.

These can be purchased from stores such as Asda, Sainsburys, Matalan, M&S and John Lewis.

Our Pastoral department have been issuing tights and socks to those youngsters who were not wearing the correct items or had damaged what they were wearing etc but unfortunately the stock of free items we had has now run out.

From Monday 20th January 2025 we will now be passing on a charge for replacing tights or socks

Tights will be £2.00 per pair

Socks will be 0.83p per pair

The charge for these will be added to Parentpay