



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you all well!

This week, I wrote to all parents and carers regarding the Netflix drama *Adolescence* and shared advice and support resources available for parents. I would like to publicly thank those of you who have gone out of your way to contact the school to express your appreciation for this resource. I know we all found this a particularly chilling topic that resonates with us all, and your messages of support and thanks were greatly received.

Last Friday, for Comic Relief, we raised a staggering £814.91! Well done to everyone who contributed and supported this wonderful and worthy cause. Your generosity and enthusiasm never fail to amaze me.

This week, we have been running a range of exciting events as part of our RESPECT WEEK, organised by our Assistant Principal, Mr Askham. One highlight was a fascinating and insightful talk from Dr London-Miyo of the Stephen Lawrence Foundation at Leicester University, who spoke with our Year 8 students about diversity and racism. Dr London-Miyo discussed the inequalities we face in society, and it was an incredibly valuable experience for everyone involved.

In addition, our tutor groups have been enthusiastically participating in a litter collection competition across the school site. The community spirit has been truly inspiring, with students from all year groups coming together to support this initiative. The site looks amazing thanks to everyone's efforts—well done to all involved!

We also held our first 'Time for Talking' event this week, an initiative created by one of our Student Leaders, Finn Atkinson. Here is Finn's report on the event:

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I walked around to the different forms to see how the students were finding it. The feedback that I got was that the beginning was a bit awkward due to the age gap, but the prompts helped to make it less awkward and after that it was very interesting talking to people younger or older than them. Overall, I think 'Time for Talking' was a success due to many of the students saying they would like to do it again. I think that both year groups stepped out of their comfort zone and took part enthusiastically, which produced some good conversations between students that would never usually talk to each other."

Finally, we had a number of our students represent the school at the Rosslyn Park Rugby event in London. From all accounts, those who attended had an amazing time at this fantastic event, showcasing some high-quality rugby. Well done, Team Welland!

Thank you all once again for your continued support and encouragement. It truly means so much to us. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Pete Leatherland—
Principal





BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY



MOVIE NIGHT

Our next movie night is Tuesday April 1st 2025.
We will be showing the new Bridget Jones film—
Mad About The Boy.

Doors open at 7.00pm and the film will start at
7.15pm.

Bring your own refreshments.

Entry is £4 per person

CAN YOU FIND THE GOLDEN TICKET?

**EVERY CHOCOLATE BAR HAS A SPECIAL WRAPPER
AROUND IT**

SOME ARE MORE SPECIAL THAN OTHERS

PRIZES RANGE FROM £5 TO £20

**POP ALONG TO THE FRONT OFFICE AT BREAK OR
LUNCH AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND A WINNING BAR**



Do you have any special memories of attending Welland Park Academy? We will be celebrating our 90th birthday in April and we are hoping to produce a small history book to be put into our proposed time capsule. If you have anything you think would be interesting to someone in the future, please either pop them into the front office where they can be copied or send an email to Mrs Burgess—
burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com



Year 11 LEAVERS HOODIES

I can't believe it is already time to start collecting the orders for Year 11 Leavers Hoodies.

All orders should come back to Mrs Burgess in the front office. The deadline for orders is **8th April 2025**.

There will only be 1 order placed so please ensure you get yours to me in time.

Maths Success!

Recently, Welland Park students in Years 10 and 11 participated in various Maths challenges.

60 students in Years 10 and 11 attempted the Intermediate Maths Challenge. A fantastic 41 students achieved either a gold, silver or bronze certificate.

Aran Roberts in Year 11 was the best in the school and achieved a gold certificate, along with Evelyn Souter, Thomas Walls, Josh Lynch and Ewan Harrison Payne.

The best student in Year 10 was Ira Eldridge, who also achieved a gold certificate.

The Year 11 students mentioned also competed in the Pink Kangaroo Challenge this week because of them doing so well in the Intermediate Challenge. We await their results!

Mr Loasby also took four students to the City of Leicester College last week to participate in the Year 10 Maths Feast, organised by the Advanced Maths Support Programme. Emily, Maisie, Frazer and Louis did fantastically well and won two out of the four rounds!

Well done to all of the students! The Junior Maths Challenge is on the 1st May so we look forward to many more certificates from Years 7 and 8!





RESPECT WEEK

This week, students have been focussing on the core value of Respect. This is a crucial part of the school's core values, along with Achievement, Perseverance and Kindness. The students were focussing on respecting others as well as the environment.

Stephen Lawrence Research Centre

We were proud to welcome the SLRC into school on Monday to speak to our Year 8 students about the impact racism has on our society. The team spoke about their own personal experiences of racism, the murder of Stephen Lawrence and the work that the centre does with local communities. It was an extremely powerful presentation and continues the close link we have fostered with De Montfort University.

Litter Picking

A big focus for Respect Week was respecting our environment. We had an amazing turnout from students who wanted to volunteer to collect litter and help improve our school site. They did an amazing job- well done to everyone involved!

Time for Talking- Organised and reported by Finn Atkinson

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Cultural Visit to Leicester

On Friday, students visited the Jain Temple in Leicester to gain an insight into the wide range of religions within our community. Students also visited the Newarke Houses museum to gain a better understanding of the story of our nearest city. All these activities, combined with assemblies on Ramadan, made for a successful week which was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff.



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 31st March 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	American	Indian	Best of British	Pie Day	Fun Friday
Option 1	Hot dog with crispy onions	Chicken Ruby Murray	Roast Pork & stuffing	Creamy Chicken & Leek Pie	Chicken Breast nuggets
Option 2	Veggie Hot dog with crispy onions	Chana Masala	Cauliflower Cheese Bake	Mushroom Pie	Veg & Cheese Country Bake
Sides	Hand cut potato wedges/ Coleslaw	Yellow Rice / Kachumber	Roast potatoes / mixed vegetables & gravy	Creamy mash / roasted vegetables & gravy	Chips / Baked Beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar	Tuna Melt Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese & Onion Panini Jacket & Topping	Roasted Veg Panini Jacket & Topping	Cheese Panini Jacket & Topping



ADOLESCENT DOMESTIC ABUSE WORKSHOP



Calling all Parents / Carers!

Are you a **parent or carer of a teen**? Want to learn more about what **signs to look for** when it comes to abuse in their relationships?

Do you want to feel more **confident** in helping your teen navigate **relationships** in a **healthy** way?

If so, join us at one of our **free** workshops:

→ **Thursday 22nd May 2025**, 6pm - 8pm
@ Highfields Centre, Leicester, LE2 ODS

→ **Wednesday 24th September 2025**, 6pm - 8pm
Online via Microsoft Teams

To register for a workshop,
Please contact info@go-getta.org.uk
or call/text 07956 668 955



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PRE-LOVED TEDDY DONATIONS

We are looking to raise money for local dementia charities by selling pre-loved teddies to primary school aged children, and through doing this our aim is to also help spread awareness about the cause!

If any families have pre-loved teddies now unused, we are kindly asking for any donations to the school.

Please drop any clean teddies into the front office by the Easter holidays, thank you!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Student Leadership Team are collecting teddy bears to help them with their support of local dementia charities.

If you are having a clear out and have any stuffed toys that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the front office.

Thank you!



Amazing results for young mathematicians

Six children from local Primary Schools have won awards in the bonus round of the annual Primary Mathematics Challenge event, hosted at Welland Park Academy.

Back in November, about 60,000 children from all over the UK from years 5 and 6 took part in the Mathematical Association's 25th year of the 'Primary Mathematics Challenge'. A total of 4,500 children made it through to the bonus round, with just 264 of these managing to achieve the top gold award.

Emma Aslett, Welland Park Academy teacher and Ahead 4 Numbers business owner, invited local primary schools to send their best mathematicians and problem solvers to be trained for the challenge last November.

Eleven local primaries took up the offer this year and a total of 80 children took part in the challenge. 11 children made it through to the bonus round which is the most that have got through in the five years that Emma has been running the event. After some more intense training with the children that made it through, the bonus round challenge was a great success with over half the children securing awards.

Emma said, "I was so excited when I found out that so many children had made it through to the bonus round. The most we have ever had in the past is five. I had great fun training the children for the event and I know they had as much fun as me too.

"It is a lot of hard work organising the event each year, but it is totally worth it. The best part of my job is to watch young mathematicians thrive and enjoy learning and problem solving. It is so interesting observing how their brains tackle problems in different ways. I have been working with our gold award winner, Sebastian, for a few years now and he is a remarkable young mathematician. I would like to thank Welland Park Academy for once again funding and hosting the event."

Sebastian said, "It was my first Maths Challenge. It was quite difficult and I was very nervous because I wanted to do well. Emma was very reassuring and it was a blast; I am already looking forward to doing it again next year."

If you would like to see how you would get on with the challenge, past papers and solutions can be found on the website: www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk

The maths challenge event will return to Welland Park Academy later this year.

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