



Newsletter Issue 1

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to Welland Park Academy this week. Although it has been a shorter first week due to the Bank Holiday, the school has quickly returned to life and it has been lovely to see classrooms full of learning, laughter and purpose once again.

Students have settled back into routines extremely well and I have been impressed by the positive start they have made. There is a real sense of focus around the school and it has been fantastic to see our young people reconnecting with their friends, teachers and learning.

Over the summer, we have completed several significant improvements to our site. Most notably, our two new toilet blocks are now fully operational. This project was something I was keen to address when I first joined the school, as the previous facilities did not meet the standards that our students deserved. The new facilities are bright, modern and provide equal provision for both boys and girls. They look fantastic and I hope that all students will take pride in them and treat them with the care and respect they deserve.

Another exciting addition has been the new dining canopy. This has already transformed our lunchtime provision and enabled us to rethink how food is consumed across the site. Students are now asked to eat in designated areas only, namely the canteen, under the dining canopy and on the outdoor terrace. Food is no longer permitted in the playground areas. This change has been introduced in direct response to feedback from students and staff, who regularly raised concerns about seagulls and the rather unpleasant issue of bird droppings landing on people during social times. It was a frequent topic of conversation when I spoke with students around the school and I am pleased that we have been able to take practical action to address their concerns.

As with any significant change, there have been a few teething issues as students and staff adjusted to new routines at break and lunchtime. However, the flow around the site has improved considerably over the course of the week and we now seem to have found a rhythm that is working well for everyone.

Looking ahead, our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 10 September. This is a hugely important event for the academy and an opportunity to showcase everything that makes Welland Park Academy such a special place to learn. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers who are supporting the event by allowing their children to take part. Whether students are acting as tour guides, helping in departments or speaking to prospective families, their contribution is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in helping our young people succeed, and I am looking forward to another successful year as we continue to work together to ensure every child can persevere, achieve, show respect and demonstrate kindness.

Pete Leatherland—Principal





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YEAR 11—PROM

It may seem quite early to start talking about Prom 2027 but if you ask the Prom committee, it is never too early.

The committee have already had a couple of meetings and have plenty of fundraising ideas. They have to raise all of the funds for their Prom themselves and they have a number of events already booked in for 2026/27.

Their first big event is Lubenham Scarecrow Festival (12th and 13th September). They are giving up their weekend to be there and will be having a book stall, a normal tombola and a bottle/can tombola. Donations of books and tombola prizes would be very welcome and we are hoping to have a fantastic weekend. Please pop over to Lubenham and support them—they will be in marquee 2.

The committee will also be serving refreshments at our Open Evening on Thursday 10th September 2026. We are looking for donations of cakes and wrapped biscuits (similar to Kit Kat, Club etc). Any contributions can be dropped into front reception,

If you, or anyone you know, has any suitable items do please drop them into school.

Mrs Burgess—Prom Chair



WEEK
COMMENCING:
- 7TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



**Welland Park
Academy**
Learning For Life

MAIN # 1

Mexican Beef
Burrito



Chinese Chicken
Curry with rice



Pork Roast of the Day

Greek Chicken Gyros
with flatbread and
salad with a mint
yoghurt dressing



Chicken burgers with
chips and beans

MAIN # 2

Vegetable
Burrito

MEXICAN FOOD

Vegetable Chow Mein

Roasted Vegetable
Lattice

Sweet Potato with
flatbread and salad

Vegetarian burgers
with chips and beans

HANDHELD

Pizza, Panini's,
toasties & lite bite
of the day

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BOWLED OVER

Nachos

Pasta Kitchen

Noodle Street

Pasta Kitchen

Pasta Kitchen



**BAKERY &
PUDDINGS**

SUPER SPUDS

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR
BAKED POTATOES WITH A
VARIETY OF TOPPINGS FOR
YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!

**AVAILABLE
EVERYDAY**

FRESH FRUIT,
YOGHURTS & JELLY



ALLERGIES

PLEASE SPEAK TO A
MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU
HAVE AN ALLERGY & NEED
TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE
OUR FOOD DISHES.

Selection of cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies, flapjacks, hot puddings & custard