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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we were delighted to welcome our Year 7 families to our annual Meet the Tutor Evening. The event provided parents and carers with an opportunity to meet their child's Form Tutor, discuss how their child has settled into secondary school, and gain an insight into their learning so far. Families were also able to look through exercise books from core subjects and see the progress students have made during their first few weeks with us.

The evening was extremely positive and enjoyable, and it was wonderful to see so many families engaging with their child's education. This year, we trialled a new format and location within the school for the event, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The new arrangement worked exceptionally well, and we look forward to continuing with this format in the future.

Following the completion of the Local Authority's consultation on school term dates, we have now been able to finalise our term dates through to 2030. These are available to view on our website within the Parents section, allowing families to plan well in advance.

Next week, a number of our Year 8 and Year 9 students will be heading off on the Battlefields Trip, our first residential visit of the academic year. Educational visits provide invaluable learning opportunities beyond the classroom, and we look forward to hearing about their experiences and seeing the photographs from what promises to be a memorable trip.

Preparations are also gathering pace for this year's school musical, *Sister Act*. Rehearsals are well underway, and the cast and production team are working incredibly hard as they begin to bring the show to life. Sunday rehearsals will commence in the coming weeks, demonstrating the dedication and commitment of everyone involved. The excitement is certainly building, with some of our talented performers even rehearsing their singing and dancing during breakfast in The Morning Hub this week.

Finally, I am delighted to share the exciting news that construction of our new five-classroom teaching block will begin on Wednesday 30 September 2026. This represents another significant milestone in the ongoing development of our site and our commitment to providing the very best learning environment for our students. The new building will enhance our facilities for both current and future generations of students, and we are excited to watch it take shape over the coming months. Investing in our school and ensuring that our students and wider community have access to high-quality facilities remains a key priority, and this project marks the next chapter in our journey of continuous improvement.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and we wish our students, staff and families a wonderful weekend.

Pete Leatherland—Principal

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POP IN AND GRAB BREAKFAST, A HOT CHOCOLATE, AN ICED COFFEE OR A FRUIT JUICE BEFORE SCHOOL .

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, RELAX AND PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE DAY.

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School Menu w/c 28/9/26

Day	Main Option	Vegetarian Option	Sides	Bowled Over
Monday	Beef Lasagne	Vegetable Lasagne	Garlic Bread & Salad	Pasta
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken Tortillas	Mexican Vegetable Tortillas	Garlic & Herb Wedges & Salad	Nachos
Wednesday	Roast Pork	Veggie Roast Lattice	Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Topped Curly Fries
Thursday	Chinese Chicken Curry	Chinese Vegetable Rice	Rice & Green Beans	Pasta
Friday	Pork Sausages	Vegetarian Sausages	Chips, Peas or Beans	Pasta

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We may only be near the end of September but when it comes to fundraising, the planning has to start early. I am already thinking about Christmas and the first thing that needs organising is the annual Christmas Market trip and this year we are going to London! This is a little different to previous years as this trip is not specific to one market. London has so many to choose from.

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 6th December and will arrive in London at around 10.30am. It will leave London at 5.30pm and return to Welland Park Academy at approximately 8.00pm giving you around 7 hours to explore London.

The coach will drop passengers at a set location and then you can make your own way to whichever market or shopping area you plan to visit.

There are plenty of options for everyone – you can create your own itinerary!

For full details and payment information, please email burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com

Nicki Burgess – WPA Fundraising Lead

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Well-being Newsletter 2026–27

The South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership has developed a series of monthly newsletter inserts for parents and carers for the upcoming academic year. These inserts aim to give families a clear introduction to health and well-being, with links to useful websites, helplines, and further sources of support.

This year, we are again including a *Community Noticeboard* section to highlight local events and share health information.

We are collaborating with health services and local experts on the development of the resources.

Copy and paste the link below into your browser.

https://www.wellandparkacademy.co.uk/assets/Documents/Parents/Wellbeing/Active-Travel-October-2026-Newsletter.pdf