

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week at Welland Park Academy, with exciting developments both on and off site.

We are delighted to announce that Welland Park Academy has once again been awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools. This nationally recognised accreditation is presented to schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to promoting and supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of students, staff and the wider school community. Achieving the award again is a testament to the ongoing work of our staff, students and families in creating a positive, supportive and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and remain committed to placing wellbeing at the heart of everything we do. Many thanks to Mrs Gerald and her team for gathering all of the evidence. We will share more details once we have received the report.

Building work on our new five-classroom block recommenced this week. It is incredibly exciting to see progress being made once again, and we look forward to watching the project take shape over the coming months. We will continue to keep our school community updated as the work progresses.

Meanwhile, a group of our Year 8 and Year 9 students have been on their History residential visit to the battlefields of France and Belgium. During the trip, students attended the moving Menin Gate Ceremony and proudly laid a wreath on behalf of the Academy at the Thiepval Memorial. They have conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout the visit, showing great respect and maturity, and have been outstanding ambassadors for the school.

Today, many of our PE students have set off for an activities weekend at Condover Hall in Shropshire. We wish them every success in their tournaments and hope they have a fantastic weekend filled with teamwork, challenge and fun.

Looking ahead, our Iceland residential trip departs next week. We look forward to sharing updates and highlights from what promises to be another memorable experience for our students.

Yesterday also marked the beginning of Black History Month. This year's national theme, *"Honouring Our Communities"*, celebrates the often unseen contributions made by everyday people, including teachers, nurses, volunteers and transport workers, whose efforts have helped shape our communities. Throughout October, students will take part in a range of assemblies and learning activities designed to explore and celebrate this important theme.

Finally, thank you to all of our Year 11 families who attended our Welcome to GCSE Evening last night. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers in attendance as students begin their exam journey. The strong support shown by families is invaluable, and we know it will make a significant difference as our Year 11 students prepare for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Academy. We look forward to sharing more exciting news with you in the coming weeks.

Pete Leatherland—Principal





Keeping Students with Allergies Safe

The safety and wellbeing of our students remains a top priority, and we are continuing to strengthen our support for students with allergies across the Academy.

As part of this ongoing work, we have increased allergy awareness signage around the school and have recently installed an emergency anaphylaxis kit station in the Dining Hall. This provides quick access to emergency medication should it ever be required.

Since returning in September, all staff have received training on recognising and

responding to allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. In addition, our First Aid team has completed specialist training in the use of adrenaline auto-injectors, ensuring they are equipped to respond swiftly and effectively in an emergency.

These measures form part of our commitment to creating a safe, inclusive environment where every student can feel confident, supported and able to thrive.

WEAR IT YELLOW
FOR
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
Friday October 9th 2026

We will be fundraising for
YOUNGmINDS
fighting for young people's
mental health

This is a non-uniform day
but wear a splash of yellow
if you can!

Better
mental health
brighter
futures

Donations can be made via
ParentPay or in cash to
your form tutor.

Small
actions
make a
big difference



**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.**

MEET UP WITH FRIENDS BEFORE SCHOOL!

THE MORNING HUB

GOOD FOOD GOOD VIBES GREAT START!

OPEN EVERY SCHOOL DAY | 7:30am - 8:30am

EVERY DAY INCLUDES...

- PAIN AU CHOCOLAT**
- CROISSANT**
- TOAST**

DRINKS

- COFFEE / ICED COFFEE
- TEA
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- JUICE
- SQUASH

DAILY SPECIALS

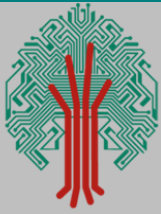
- MONDAY MUFFIN MONDAY**
SAUSAGE PATTY IN A MUFFIN
- TUESDAY TOASTIE TUESDAY**
CHEESE TOASTIE OR CHEESE & HAM TOASTIE
- WEDNESDAY WAFFLE WEDNESDAY**
WAFFLE WITH TASTY TOPPINGS
- THURSDAY TACO THURSDAY**
HASH BROWNS IN A WRAP
- FRIDAY FRUITY FRIDAY**
PANCAKES WITH TOPPINGS

EAT WELL. HANG OUT. TAKE ON THE DAY!

PRICES START FROM 50P

GOOD FOOD GOOD VIBES GREAT START!

Welland Park Academy				
School Menu w/c 5/10/26				
Day	Main Option	Vegetarian Option	Sides	Bowled Over
Monday	Marinated Chicken	Marinated Vegetables	Rice, Coleslaw & Salad	Nachos
Tuesday	Cheesy Beef Cottage Pie	Cheese, onion & potato Pie	Vegetables & Gravy	Pasta
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Veggie Roast Lattice	Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Topped Curly Fries
Thursday	Chicken and Leek Pie	Roast Vegetable Pie	Potatoes and Vegetables	Pasta
Friday	Pork Sausages & Chips	Vegetable Sausages	Chips, Peas or Beans	Pasta



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

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