



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, our **Year 11 students** began their first round of mock exams. We are incredibly proud of their exemplary attitude and behaviour throughout, even when navigating today's heavy rain showers.

On **Thursday**, we were delighted to welcome the **South Leicestershire Schools Sports Partnership** into school. They delivered a fantastic **well-being session** for primary schools in the local area. Eight schools attended, and students took part in a wide range of interactive activities focused on mental health and general wellbeing. It was wonderful to see them supporting themselves and each other, while also enjoying the opportunity to explore the facilities at Welland Park—and, of course, plenty of snacks!

A huge thank you to **Hussein Khan and his team**, as well as all the teachers and students who contributed to making this event such a success.

Today a group of enthusiastic Key Stage 3 students swapped their usual lessons for the newsroom, spending the day creating their very own newspaper. From brainstorming story ideas to drafting articles and designing layouts, the students demonstrated impressive journalistic flair and creativity.

Working together in teams they showed excellent collaboration skills—sharing responsibilities, supporting one another and ensuring every voice was heard. The determination to meet deadlines and produce high quality work mirrored the efforts of professional journalists and the results are something they can be truly proud of.

The finished newspaper will be available to read next week, offering a fascinating insight into the issues and stories that matter most to our students. Keep an eye out—you won't want to miss the chance to see the brilliant work of our future reporters!

Finally, we held a **non-uniform day** today to raise funds for **Children in Need**. Unfortunately, some of our planned fundraising activities had to be postponed due to the weather, but these will now take place on **Monday**, when we hope for better conditions. Despite this, we are thrilled to share that we have already raised **£883.50** so far!

Thank you for your continued support in making these events possible.

Have a great weekend with hopefully better weather.

Warm regards

Pete Leatherland—Principal





IT'S COMING.....

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 23rd November and will arrive in Manchester at around 10.30am. It will leave Manchester at 5.30pm and return to Welland Park Academy at approximately 8.00pm giving you around 7 hours to explore Manchester.

Now in their 26th year, Manchester's Christmas Markets have become legendary, drawing millions to the city centre. With over 300 stalls spread across ten locations, visitors can enjoy seasonal treats, mulled wine, and a wonderful festive atmosphere. Whether you're after handmade gifts, craft items, or delicious food, the markets cater to all tastes and ages.

Craft and gift stalls will trade from 10 am to 8 pm, while food and drink stalls will serve from 11 am to 9 pm daily.

The city will be decked out with festive lights, creating the perfect backdrop for your Christmas selfies. Look out for giant walk-through baubles, the iconic Manchester bee, and Santa Claus himself, perched high above St Peter's Square, keeping track of who's been naughty or nice.

For those who love ice skating, Skate Manchester's covered rink returns to Cathedral Gardens. Whether it's raining or snowing, you can enjoy a magical skate under twinkling lights to the sound of festive music so if you are feeling energetic you can get your skates on and whizz around the ice rink.

There are plenty of options for everyone!

The trip will take place on Sunday 23rd November 2025 and the cost is £25 per person. This is a Fundraising Group organised trip so please feel free to invite family and friends. For further details please email Mrs Burgess burgessn@wellandparkacademy.com





FESTIVE PUDDING CLUB

Our previous Pudding Club events have been very successful so we are organising another!

Do you like desserts and cake; bingo; quizzes; karaoke and having a bit of a laugh?

Could this be an alternative to a Christmas night out for you and your family or friends?

If the answer is yes to any of those things, come along to our Jingle and Mingle on Friday 12th December 2025.

If you have not been to a Pudding Club event before it is quite simple - you get to play bingo, participate in a quiz and, if you fancy yourself as a bit of a singer, have a go at Karaoke - all whilst eating as much cake and dessert as you like. The cake and desserts are provided but you may bring your own drink.

We would suggest the event is suitable for ages 16 and over.

Tickets are available from the front office and are priced at £5 each.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Christmas Pudding Club

KARAOKE
BINGO
DESSERT

FRIDAY, 12TH OF DECEMBER
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

Octagonal Hall
WELLAND PARK ACADEMY
WELLAND PARK ROAD

TICKETS ON SALE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE
£5 PER PERSON



Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu
Week commencing 17th November 25

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Asian	Tex-Mex	British	Italian	Chip Day
Option 1	Hot Chinese Chicken Wrap	BBQ Chicken	Roast Loin of Pork, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Sausages
Option 2	Thai Green Vegetable Curry	Vegetarian Chilli	Vegetable Pie	Mushroom Lasagne	Veggie Burger
Sides	Firecracker Rice Peas	Hand-cut Garlic & Herb Wedges Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
Authentic Italian	Authentic Italian Pizza and Pasta Bar				
Hot Deli	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping	Panini Jacket & Topping



VAPING Newsletter

What's a vape?

Vapes are battery-operated devices that heat a liquid until it becomes a mist. It's initialised by inhalation, (sucking on the vape), the mist is then breathed in. Vapes are recommended for adult smokers only to help them quit smoking. They are not meant for long term use and they were never designed for young people.

NOVEMBER 2025



Why are young people vaping?

- **Flavors & Appeal:** Sweet, fruity flavors like bubblegum and cotton candy attract teens and mask nicotine's harshness.
- **Peer Pressure:** Vaping is trendy and promoted on social media, making it socially acceptable.
- **Lack of knowledge:** Young people don't realise the impact vaping can have on their physical/mental health.
- **Stress Relief:** Young People use vaping to cope with stress or anxiety due to the short-term calming effects of nicotine.
- **Nicotine Addiction:** Young people don't realise they're addicted to nicotine and that it has a bigger impact on children and young people's developing lungs and brains.

What are the risks?

Mental Health

Research shows that nicotine addiction can affect your mental health and that it can impact on your learning, memory, and attention. It can lead to long-lasting changes in cognition (thinking), attention and memory.

It can also lead to mood disorders like depression and anxiety.

Illegal Vapes

Illegal vapes do not follow government guidelines or UK regulations. When tested they have been found to have higher nicotine concentration levels, and contain high levels of lead, nickel and chromium. Young people are buying illegal vapes because they are cheap and can be bought in places where they are less likely to check for ID.

Risky Behaviour

Young people are buying vapes through friends of friends, so are unaware if the vapes are UK regulated. Young people are using and sharing each other's vapes. Young people that vape maybe more likely to go on to use regular cigarettes or other illegal substances.

DID YOU KNOW?



A quarter of 11 to 15 year-olds have tried vaping and nearly 1 in 10 (9%) secondary school pupils vape frequently.

source NHS England October 2024

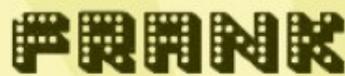


BBC Newsround look at why are people Worried About Young People Vaping? Watch it here!



Advice & Support

There is lots of advice and support available if you're worried about a young person vaping. Click on the logo to head straight there.



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teen health
11-19 service



QuitReady work with young people aged 12-17 years to ensure that they have the help, support and advice they need to quit smoking or vaping. Click **here** to complete a Young person referral form.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week takes place from the 10th to 14th November. The theme for this year is "Power for Good", and it will kick off with Odd Socks Day on the first day to celebrate uniqueness.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has lots of advice and support if you're worried about bullying. Find out more [here](#)



KEY DATES

- Anti-Bullying week 10-14th Nov
- Remembrance Day 11th Nov
- Trans Awareness week 13-19th Nov
- World Kindness Day 13th Nov
- National Self Care Week 13 Nov-23rd Nov



LET'S GET SOCIAL!





Rotary Young Musician Competition



RIBI **YOUNG**
MUSICIAN COMPETITION

Ages • Junior: up to 10 years
• Intermediate: 11-13 years
• Senior: 14-17 years

Music is the international language and Great Britain and Ireland is home to some of the most talented young musicians in the world.

Young people can share their gift of song or mastery of a musical instrument in Rotary's Young Musician competition.

Here is your opportunity to demonstrate your musical talent.

Participants will get the chance to experience performing on a public stage and receive feedback from experienced and musically qualified judges, plus it offers a great chance for future collaboration with fellow musicians.

Entrants can be either a vocalist or instrumentalist

Finalists have an opportunity to play in a theatre to an audience

Categories:

When there is more than one person in an entry, the age of the eldest person shall decide which age category they may enter.

- Solo instrumental
- Solo vocal
- Ensemble Instrumental (2-5 players)
- Ensemble Vocal (2-5 players)
- Musical Groups (6 or more players)
- Choirs (6 or more singers)

The closing date for entries to district 1070 competition is

1st January 2026

All instrumental and vocal soloists are eligible for the RGBI regional Finals



See Rotary District 1070 website for competition rules and entry forms

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=938490&DistrictNo=1070>

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