

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Another Busy Week at Welland Park Academy

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome 60 primary school pupils for an exciting STEM day led by our very own Mrs Hallybone. Our young visitors embraced their inner scientists as they explored what it means to think, design, and problem-solve like real engineers. A highlight of the day was the challenge to design, build, and test their own lunar rovers. It was fantastic to hear pupils enthusiastically discussing how they might “*adjust their axles*” or “*reduce friction in moving parts*” as they headed home with their creations. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Hallybone, Mr Bell, Miss Beal, and our brilliant Year 9 students for delivering such an inspiring and memorable experience.

We are also incredibly proud of Ethan and Jazz in Year 10, who have been representing the school in the Young Enterprise competition over recent months. Competing against teams largely made up of Year 12 students, they rose to the challenge with confidence and professionalism. This week, they presented their business idea at the County Finals to an audience of over 50 people, including a panel of judges. We are thrilled to share that they were awarded **Best Teamwork**—a fantastic achievement and thoroughly well deserved.

Congratulations must also go to Ava in Year 10. Having only started learning German in Year 9, she has successfully secured one of just 36 places nationally on the prestigious German Pupil Course. This two-week programme in Germany offers a unique opportunity to experience the language, culture, and daily life first-hand. We wish Ava every success and hope she has an unforgettable experience.

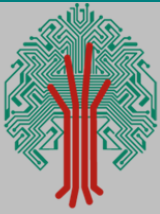
There has also been plenty of fun across the school this week, with Heat 2 of our ever-popular *Masked Singer* competition taking place. Staff and students alike have been thoroughly entertained, and excitement is building ahead of the grand final on **Tuesday 5th May**.

Today, we were pleased to welcome Neil O’Brien MP, who spoke with our Year 10 students about his role and the importance of democracy. Students gained valuable insight into life in Parliament and the work carried out both locally and nationally. Our student leadership team also had the opportunity to ask thoughtful and challenging questions on a range of issues, making this a truly enriching experience for all involved.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Pete Leatherland—Principal





Time is flying by and it is already time to start getting excited for the Year 11 Prom.

Prom tickets went on sale this week and we have already sold quite a few.

Tickets can be purchased from the front office at break and lunchtime.

The Prom Committee are very grateful for all of the support from parents over the year with our fundraising events and as we move into the final few weeks we have one final shout out for donations.

Our last request is for cans of pop or bottles of water. These are put into large ice buckets for students to help themselves to during the course of the evening.

If you are able to donate any at all, please pop them to the front office .

The countdown is on!!!

AS THE WEATHER STARTS TO WARM UP, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE FOR DURING THE DAY





PRIMARY STEM DAY

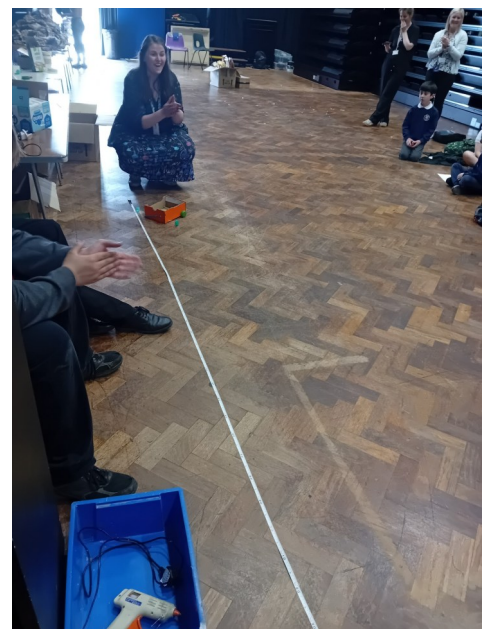
Welland Park Academy invited all of our feeder primary schools to an exciting STEM workshop ran by Physics and STEM Lead Mrs Hallybone, Science teacher Mr Bell, laboratory technician Ms Beal, and an incredible team of Year 9 student helpers.

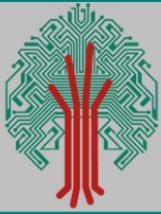
We were joined by just under 60 mini-scientists from Little Bowden, Great Bowden and Farndon Fields schools, as they explored what it means to be a scientist and how they could design, built and test their own lunar rovers! The room was filled with a great buzz as students turned recycled boxes, milk tops, wooden dowels, elastic bands and hot glue into self-propelled prototypes of space vehicles. The winning team's rover travelled an impressive 3m with just 5 winds of an elastic band.

Staff who visited the Octagonal Hall throughout the day highlighted how focused students were on tasks and their excitement at test time. Mrs Hallybone said "It was amazing to see how quickly students got into the task and tackled a lot of complicated engineering problems, from sequencing their construction to securing elastic bands so that they would withstand high forces when stretched.

The Year 4s were a credit to their schools, behaving very respectfully to our staff and site while also being sensible with potentially dangerous equipment. We are so proud of our WPA Year 9 volunteers who helped spark creativity, assist builds and show the visiting students how they can aspire to be when they get older.

The real highlight was how resilient students were when some rovers didn't move, they loved thinking about how problems could be overcome to fix designs and celebrated everyone based on their efforts, not their outcomes. Many students took their rovers home and could be heard talking about how they were going to "adjust their axels" or "work to reduce friction in moving parts". I hope that we get to welcome them to Welland Park again in the future, how lucky I would be to teach them one day!"








WEEK COMMENCING:-
4TH MAY 2026
15TH JUNE 2026
6TH JULY 2026



Welland Park Academy
Learning For Life

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN # 1	Jerk Chicken with Rice and Sweetcorn Slaw 	BBQ Chicken Tortilla with hand-cut wedges 	Gammon Roast of the Day	Chinese Chicken Curry with Rice 	Battered Chicken Fillet with chips and baked beans/sweetcorn
MAIN # 2	Curried Sweet Potato & Butterbean Stew with Rice	Vegetable Tortilla with hand-cut wedges	Vegetarian Bake of the Day	Chinese Vegetable Chowmein	Cajun Vegetable Burger with chips and baked beans/sweetcorn
HANDHELD	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day
BOWLED OVER	Loaded Nachos	Pasta Kitchen Pesto/Tomato & Herb	Noodle Street	Pasta Kitchen Pesto/Cheese	Pasta Kitchen Tomato & Herb

Selection of cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies, flapjacks and hot puddings with custard!

BAKERY & PUDDINGS

SUPER SPUDS

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

FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURTS AVAILABLE EVERY DAY



ALLERGIES

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

EARLY MORNING FOOD AND DRINK PROVISION

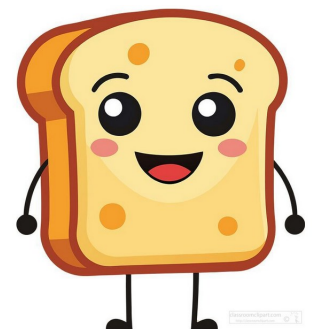
VENUE: DINING HALL

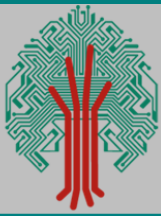
REMEMBER—OUR EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST PROVISION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

**ALL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS ARE £1 INCLUDING TOAST, CRUMPETS, CEREAL, PORRIDGE AND BAGELS
HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA AND FRUIT JUICE ARE 50P**

CATCH UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE SCHOOL OR COMPLETE REVISION WORK AND ENJOY A DRINK AND SOMETHING TO EAT AT THE SAME TIME

A MINIMUM SPEND OF 50P MUST BE MADE





THE GRAND FINAL—5.6.26!!



ANOTHER FAVOURITE IS COMING
BACK FOR THE SUMMER TERM
ON TUESDAY 5.5.26 ICE LOLLIES
WILL BE ON SALE IN THE
OCTAGONAL HALL AT THE START
OF THE MASKED SINGER FINAL
AND THEN IN THE MAIN YARD

ice lolly sale

LUNCH TIMES – IN THE MAIN YARD

30 – 50P PER ICE POP

Tuesdays & Thursdays
starting 5th May





A PLEA FROM THE MARKET HARBOROUGH HYGIENE BANK

Hygiene poverty is a hidden crisis holding people back from school, work and opportunities for the future. 1 in 10 children in the UK have skipped school often through fear of bullying due to hygiene issues.

We have worked closely with Welland Park Academy since we set up our local branch in 2021. WPA is a very caring and inclusive establishment that shows great interest and support for the people of Market Harborough. WPA works in partnership with the Hygiene Bank and it is also a collection point for hygiene products that are then distributed anonymously within our local community.

The cost of living crisis is biting hard and our stocks are diminishing at a rapid rate. We are asking if you would be able to donate a hygiene product such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo or shower gel to the school collection point which is located in the foyer.

Every item that is donated is appreciated and used to help people that require support. We also collect and distribute household products such as washing up liquid, bleach, toilet cleaner etc.

The Hygiene Bank would like to thank everybody who has supported us with contributions because we are a small local charity that provides an essential service to our local community. We are based in Market Harborough and support families within Market Harborough.



SINGING LESSONS

We are delighted to have a third singing teacher joining us in the Music Department from September 2026. This is due to the increased demand for singing lessons we have in school.

If your child would like singing lessons from September, please email Mrs Towers, ideally before the end of this half term, so that she can discuss further details with you.

towersc@wellandparkacademy.com





One of our ex-students has set up a coffee shop in Market Harborough and is closing to the general public 1 afternoon per week to give youngsters a different kind of place to study if they want to.

**AFTER
SCHOOL
'POWER HOUR'**



**A QUIET PLACE TO
STUDY FOR YOUR
GCSES, ALEVELS AND
UNI WORK.**

TUESDAYS, 15:30 - 17:00

**FREE CUPCAKE WITH
ANY DRINK PURCHASE.**

**AT MIMI'S CAFE,
FAIRFIELD ROAD.**



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