



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been one of those weeks where you really feel the sense of purpose across the school, and that has been especially clear in the way our Year 11 students have approached the start of their GCSE exams. I have been genuinely proud of them — not just for their effort in the exam hall, but for the calm, mature way they have carried themselves around the school. These are big moments in their lives, and to see them showing such perseverance and determination says a lot about them as young people.

At the same time, we continue to move forward with improving the day-to-day experience for all of our students. Our new girls' toilet facilities in the main building are now very close to being ready, with just the final touches taking place before what we hope will be an opening at the end of next week. This has been something I was really keen to prioritise when I joined the school, and seeing it come to life has been incredibly pleasing. It looks fantastic, and more importantly, it is part of a wider commitment to ensuring that all students feel comfortable, respected and well looked after in their environment.

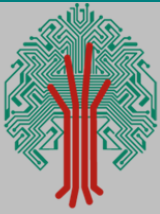
We have also focused this week on making social times even more positive for students. In response to what they have told us, we have installed additional basketball hoops on the yard, doubling what was available before, and introduced table tennis equipment. It has been great to see students making the most of these — spending time together, being active and enjoying their break times. These small changes can make a big difference to wellbeing, and that is something we remain firmly committed to.

Finally, I wanted to recognise the students who have been out representing the school at athletics meets over the past few days. They have done us proud, not only in their performances but in the way they have supported one another and represented the school with such respect and positivity. I always find these moments particularly special, and I look forward to sharing the official results with you soon.

Thank you, as always, for your support. It makes a real difference.

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.

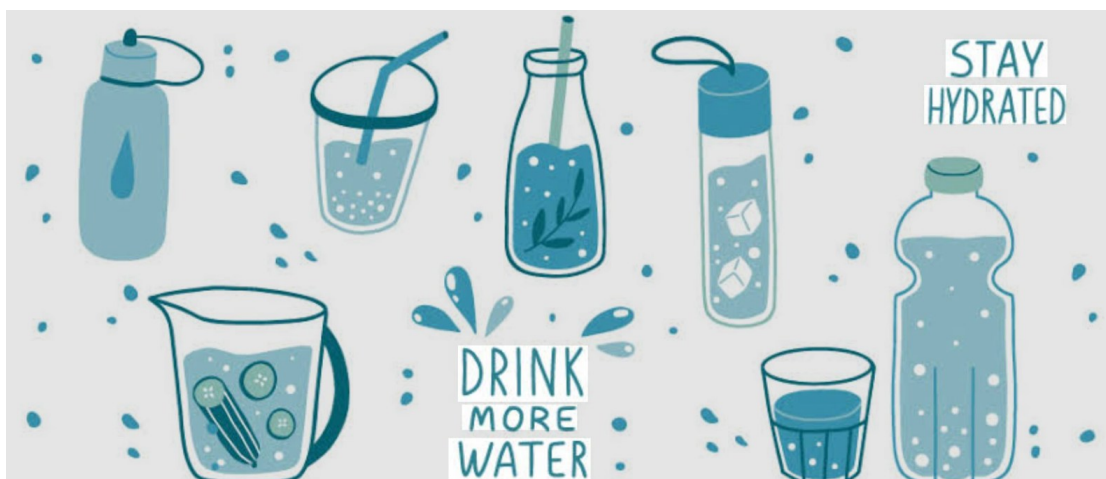
The Prom Committee are very grateful for all of the support from parents over the year with our fundraising events and as we move into the final few weeks we have one final shout out for donations.

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





Congratulations to Rhys in Year 11, who completed a tandem skydive at the weekend to raise funds for his upcoming Cambodia expedition with Camps International this summer.



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Have a look around it.

Family Hubs
Leicestershire

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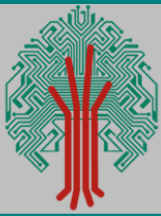
Welcome to Family Hubs Leicestershire

There's a new website in town

The Family Hubs website has been designed to help families, young people, and communities throughout Leicestershire navigate information and advice.

Discover what support is available to you, find local events and news, and explore opportunities to volunteer in your community.









familyhubsleicestershire.org.uk



WEEK COMMENCING:-
27TH APRIL 2026,
18TH MAY 2026,
8TH JUNE 2026,
29TH JUNE 2026



Welland Park Academy
Learning For Life

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN # 1	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Lamb Keema Curry with rice and naan bread 	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 Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Spinach & Dhal Naan Wrap	Roasted Vegetable Lattice	Sweet Potato Falafel with flatbread and salad	Vegetarian burgers with chips and beans
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	Pasta Kitchen	Curried Rice Bowls 	Noodle Street 	Pasta Kitchen	Pasta Kitchen 

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

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.

EARLY MORNING FOOD AND DRINK PROVISION

VENUE: DINING HALL

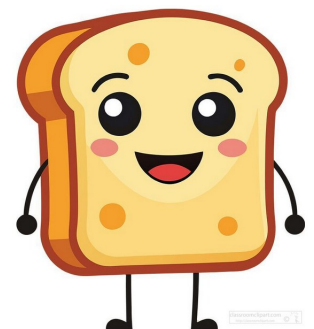
REMEMBER—OUR EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST PROVISION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

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





SEND 11-16
MILD-MODERATE NEEDS

YOUTH GROUP


A SPACE FOR MAKING NEW FRIENDS,
CHILL AND ENJOYING A RANGE OF
ACTIVITIES

Every Tuesday
**18:00-
19:30**

MARKET HARBOROUGH FAMILY
HUB, COVENTRY RD, MARKET
HARBOROUGH LE16 9BX



Please note a referral form must be completed by scanning the QR code as this group only runs on a referral basis.
Walk-ins will not be admitted entry.



Wednesday 1st July 2026

5:45-7pm
Online

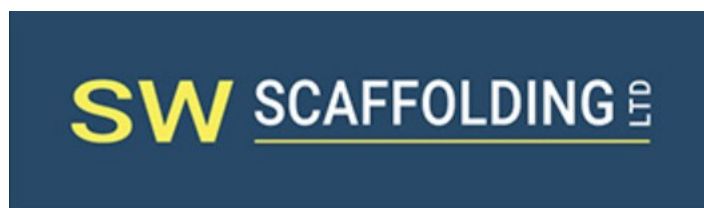



Parental Support Session:
Confidence, Aspiration, Resilience & Positive Connections Supporting boys and young men to develop healthy, positive masculinities

Who is this session for?
Parents and carers of boys and young men who want to better understand the messages about masculinity their children are receiving and gain practical tools to support healthy, positive development at home.

About the session
This parental support session takes an aspirational approach to masculinity. It focuses on confidence, resilience and positive relationships and is delivered by practitioners who are also parents, with a clear understanding of the pressures families face today.

TO BOOK ONTO THIS SESSION:
[BOOKING LINK](#)



SW Scaffolding are looking to hire 2 apprentices:

Office apprentice

Full time labourer - Scaffolder to go through the apprenticeship scheme. Hard working.
Physically fit.

Full training will be given including college course qualification

Candidates must be able to get to Brixworth daily

Contact: susie@swscaffoldingltd.co.uk for further details



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.



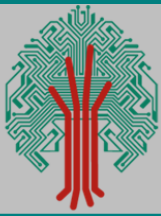
SINGING LESSONS

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





UKMT Junior Maths Challenge Success

We are delighted to share the fantastic results from this year's UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Maths Challenge.

A total of 132 students from Years 7 and 8 took part in the competition, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience, and impressive problem-solving skills. Their hard work has been rewarded with an excellent set of results:

- 11 Gold Certificates
- 25 Silver Certificates
- 41 Bronze Certificates

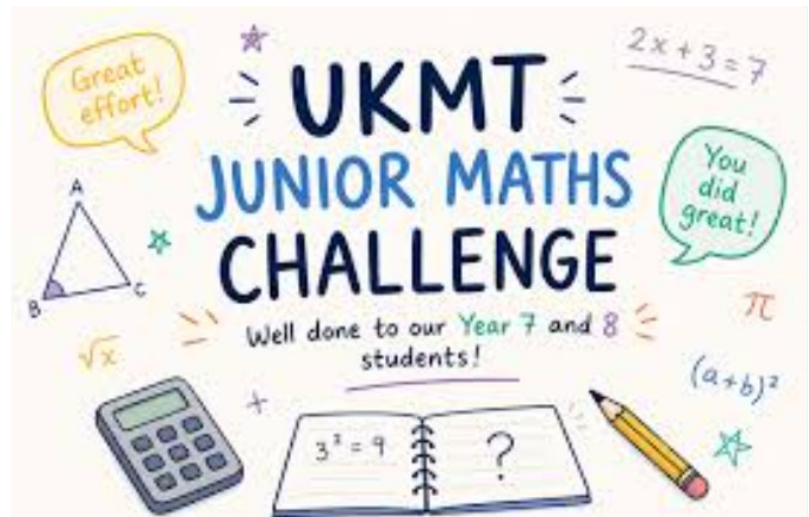
Gold Certificate winners:

Year 8 celebrates 7 winners

Beatrice, Poppy, Ava, Stanley, Harvey,
Amanda, Willem

Year 7 celebrates 3 winners

Isabelle, Mia, Louise



We were also pleased to support a prospective Year 6 student, Sebastian, who will be joining WPA in September. He achieved an outstanding score of 108, the highest score across all of our participants – a truly phenomenal performance and a wonderful indication of the talent we can look forward to welcoming next year.

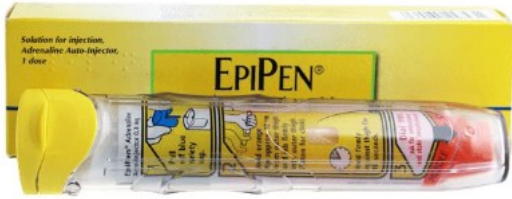
In addition, 9 of the above students have qualified for the Junior Kangaroo follow-on round, which will take place on 9th June. This is a significant achievement, as only the highest-performing students nationally are invited to participate.

We are incredibly proud of all students who took part and represented the school so positively. Their commitment to tackling challenging mathematical problems is commendable, and we wish our Junior Kangaroo qualifiers the very best of luck in the next round.





REMINDERS



If your child has an Epi-pen or an inhaler, please ensure that we have a spare one in school that can be held in the front office. Please also check that it is in date.

We are seeing an increase in the number of youngsters that need antihistamines during the school day. If your child needs this medication, please drop some off at the school office.



We hold a very limited supply of paracetamol and ibuprofen in school. If your child regularly needs painkillers or anti-inflammatories, please leave some in the school office that can be accessed when necessary.

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT CARRY ANY MEDICATION OTHER THAN AN EIPEN OR INHALER

Head Lice – What Parents Need to Know

Head lice are a common issue for school-aged children and their families. They are small insects that live in the hair and spread through close head-to-head contact. Importantly, head lice are not linked to poor hygiene and can affect anyone.

The key sign is an itchy scalp, although not everyone will experience itching. The only reliable way to confirm head lice is by finding a live louse, usually by using a fine-toothed detection comb on wet, conditioned hair.

Treatment is straightforward and can be done at home:

- Use a detection comb and wet-comb the hair carefully (repeating regularly over two weeks).
- Alternatively, use a pharmacy-bought lotion or spray, following the instructions carefully.

Check all family members and treat anyone with live lice on the same day.

Head lice are harmless and do not spread disease, but prompt treatment helps reduce spread. Children do not need to stay off school once treatment has started.

We encourage families to check hair regularly and act quickly if lice are found. If you have concerns or need advice, your pharmacist can help.



MFL Update

French Breakfast



On Tuesday 120 Year 7 students took part in a French breakfast event. The morning offered a chance to sample some classic French specialities, including croissants and pain au chocolat. This links with the curriculum which has been covered in French lessons this term.

The event was not only a culinary success but also an important opportunity to build excitement for language learning. During the breakfast, Mrs Gerald spoke to students about the upcoming French trip, which is launching this week for all Year 7 French students.

Overall, the French breakfast was a fantastic way to bring language learning to life and celebrate the start of an exciting new opportunity for Year 7.

The German breakfast for Year 8 is on Monday so watch out for photos of that next week!



MFL Trips 2027

This week we have launched the Opal Coast and Rhineland trips 2027 for current Year. Details of both trips have been sent to Year 7 parents and the deadline for deposits to register for the trip is Sunday 31st May.

MFL Trips 2026

We are getting excited about the upcoming trips to France and Germany with Year 8. We are holding the Parents Meeting for both trips on Thursday 4th June. Rhineland at 6pm and Opal Coast at 6.45pm in the Octagonal Hall. If parents haven't uploaded passport and medical information yet, can they please do so and if there are any problems accessing the portal please get in touch with Mrs Russell. russellh@wellandparkacademy.com