

AUDITIONS!

Tues 5th July 2014
6th Form Theatre
3.20pm

**WILLY WONKA
AND THE
CHOCOLATE
FACTORY**

Please collect a script
and learn it BEFORE
your audition!

A script can be collected
from Miss Spencer
or Miss McDonough

GOLDEN TICKET

MR JAVED'S SPANISH SPORTS DAY VICTORY FOR THE 3RD YEAR RUNNING!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

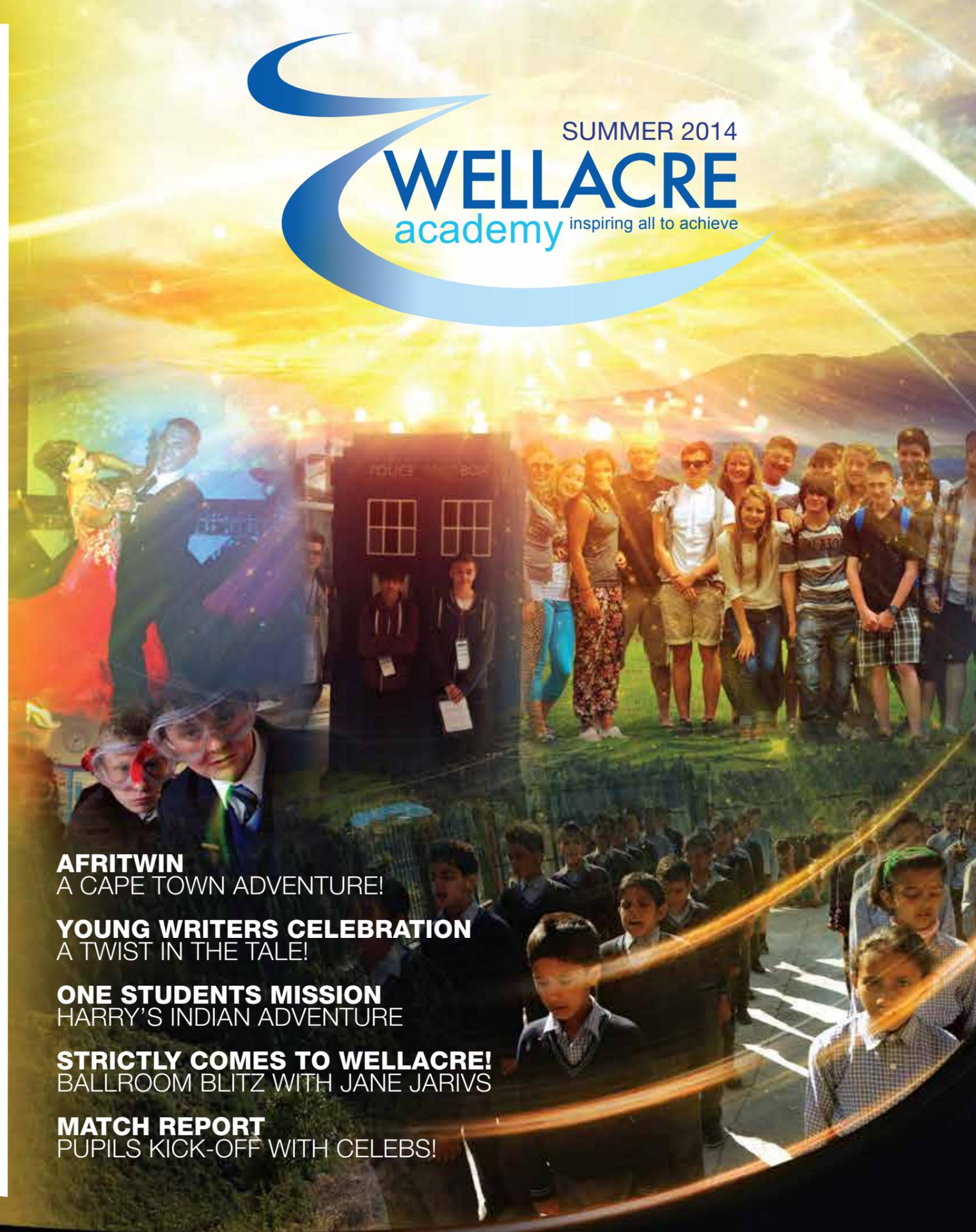
- Sunday 22nd June - 10 am**
Summer Fair on the School Field
Year 7 Football Tournament and Stalls
- Wednesday 25th June - 6 pm**
New Intake Evening
Welcome to all our new Year 7 Parents/Carers and students
- Monday 30th June**
STEM week Transition Events for our Year 5 Primary Feeder Schools
Year 10 Work Experience Week
- Thursday 3rd July - 8.40 am - 3.00 pm**
New Intake Day for current Year 6 students
- Monday 7th July**
Year 12 Futures Week
- Wednesday 9th July - 6 pm**
Sports Award Evening
- Thursday 10th July**
Year 7, 8 and 10 Community Cohesion Super Learning Day
WW1 Centenary Celebrations
Own Clothes Day £1 contribution in Memory of Billy Molden
Year 9 Science and Industry Day
- Wednesday 16th July - 6 pm**
Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) Awards Evening
- Thursday 17th July**
Whole School Trip Day- with Learning Directors and Achievement Tutors
- Friday 18th July**
School closes for Summer break at noon
- Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August 9.30 am - 3.00 pm**
Year 6 into Year 7 Summer School
- Thursday 14th August**
A Level Results Day 6th Form
- Thursday 21st August**
GCSE Results Day
- Wednesday 3rd September - 8.45 am - 3.00 pm (Staggered return to school)**
Welcome to Year 7 and Welcome back to Year 10
- Thursday 4th September - 8.45 am - 3.00 pm**
Welcome to Year 12 and Welcome back to all year groups except Year 13
- Monday 8th September - 8.45 am - 3.00 pm**
Welcome back to Year 13
- Thursday 11th September**
Year 7 Parent Information Evening 6 - 7 pm
- Thursday 18th September**
Year 8 & 9 Parent Information Evening 6 - 7 pm
Year 10 & 11 Parent Information Evening 7.15 - 8.15 pm
- Tuesday 23rd September**
Student Photograph Day
- Thursday 25th September 6 pm**
Open Evening
- Friday 26th September**
Year 5 boys Roald Dahl Day for Transition
School closed for Wellacre students



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GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

Class 8S student Jack Killen won Gold in the Boys 100 metres Freestyle event at the English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA), North West Division, Individual Championships, at Bolton, on February 15th.

Jack was Wellacre Academy's only representative at the event, winning both his heat and the Year 8 category. He led from the start and improved his entry time by a massive 7 seconds, to win in a new personal best time of 1 minute 08.56 seconds.



The previous weekend, Jack also took 1st place in the Boys 13/14 year old age group 200 metre breaststroke event, at the Flixton Swim Team long distance meet. In a thrilling race at Urmston Leisure Centre, swimmers were neck and neck throughout the 8 lengths of the 25 metre pool, Jack touched first in a time of 3 minutes 11 seconds to win by 0.2 seconds. Jack's medal haul was completed with silver in the 200 metres Backstroke, bronze in the 200 metres Freestyle and bronze in the 200 metres Individual Medley event.

Despite carrying a shoulder injury sustained playing football, he competed in the Flixton Swim Team sprint meet on May 17/18, in the 13/14 year age group. Up against boys in year 9 and year 10, Jack still achieved silver in the 50m and 100m back, and bronze in the 50m fly, 100m breast stroke and 100m individual medley. Once recovered from injury he can resume full training.

We continue to celebrate with and offer support to Jack in his outstanding achievements.

BMX EXTRAVAGANZA

This term, some of our Year 10 students were fortunate to enjoy the National Cycling Centre, where they were treated to an hour on the track. They developed a series of skills relevant for their practical performances.

The students demonstrated what a fantastic and determined group of young adults they are, with impeccable behaviour they attempted the large rhythm sections, attacked the berms and took on the starting hill with confidence and success. In the same day there was also a big moment for one student, who successfully rode a two wheeled bike for the first time.



Even the staff enjoyed their hour of fun, as Mr Duffy took to the track like an Olympic natural, Mr Mannon sent waves through the buildings as he tumbled (gracefully and manly) from his bike and Mr Glover watched on, in awe, as there wasn't a bike to match his outfit.

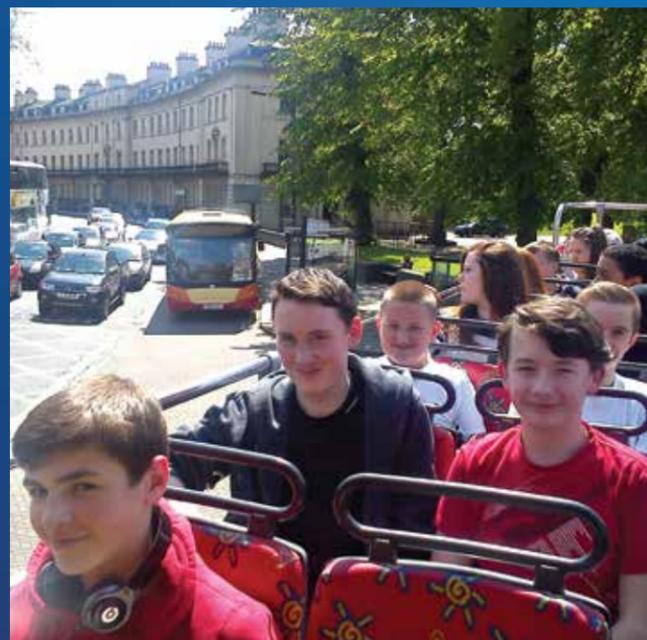
The success of the trip has encouraged more pupils to try the centre again and also ask if more trips can be made. We will be hoping to offer such trips out across the whole Academy next year.

YEAR 9 VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK, WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY

In May 5 year 9 pupils got the chance to see what life at a top 'Russell group' university was like. The day kicked off with a really interesting Psychology lecture, followed by a tour of the campus.

Year 9 also gave some current university students a grilling about what life is really like at university. After lunch pupils got the chance to see the historic city of York on an open top bus and heard lots of interesting stories and legends about York.

It was a fantastic opportunity which was enjoyed by all. Matt Bullman, 9R said 'The experience has changed the way I think about university. Before going on the trip, I didn't really think that it would be that useful to go to university, but now I am really considering going.'



SHOWCASE OF TALENT AT WELLACRE

Wellacre students have been showing their talent and creativity at our annual Exhibition Evening that took place in mid June.



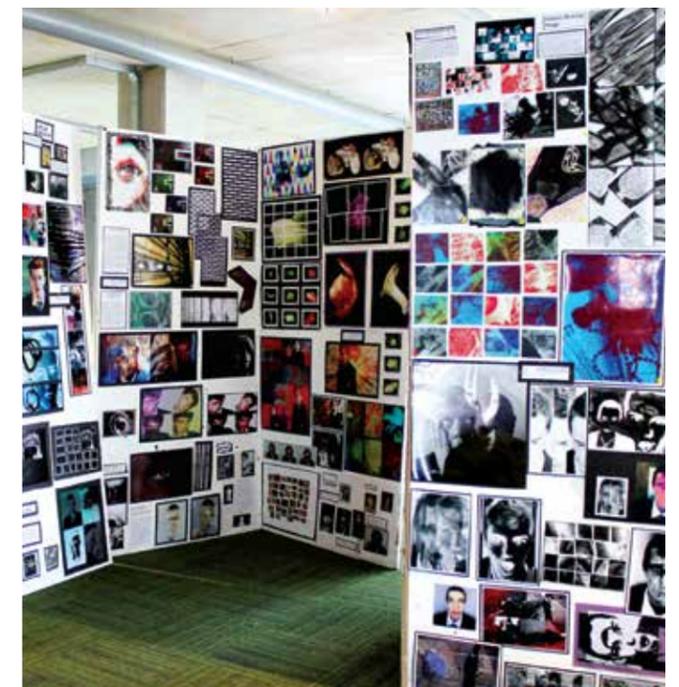
The sixth form space was the epicentre of superb expression and talent in a variety of disciplines.

Graphic Design and Product Design students exhibited a number of prototype creations as well as a brilliant and eye-catching display of logos, typefaces and symbols.



Our Technology department proudly presented pieces produced by students from the Construction and Engineering ranks including some fascinating project work which detailed the journey taken stage by stage.

The work of Art and Photography students this year has been outstanding and to look around the work that was expertly hung in our galleries proved to be awe inspiring for our very welcome guests.



The work was not only expressive but was hard hitting in many cases demonstrating real passion and opinion conveyed very artistically and cleverly to the lucky viewer.

Media showcased a number of excellent short films that were captivating to the appreciative and visibly moved audience. All of the wonderful visual sights were complemented by some brilliant and electrifying live performances by music and performing arts students.

The evening was a huge success and Mr Todd, Head of Sixth Form said "I send out a huge vote of thanks and a sense of wonder to all of the talented exhibitors who have contributed to this event. It is a pleasure to see the results of such talent and dedication. I'm thrilled, utterly thrilled and so were our guests."



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It only seems like yesterday when we were welcoming our Year 7 and Year 12 students into the Wellacre family. I can't quite believe another academic year is nearly over!

I hope you enjoy reading our final Newsletter of the year. It has been another busy and productive term with lots still to come including our annual Community Cohesion Day and Science and Industry Day, STEM week, Sports Awards Evening, Key Stage 3 Awards Evening and finally our Year Group Rewards Day.

Wellacre staff and students have raised well over £3,000 this year for our chosen charities which is a huge achievement. Well done to all. Our Year 9 students are currently preparing for the Youth Philanthropy Institute final in July, where the winning team of students will be awarded £3,000 for their chosen charity.

As I write my final update for the year, the whole Academy is awash with colour and sports fever as we prepare for our annual sports day. A Full Sports Day analysis will be reported in the Autumn edition.

I have been working closely with our newly elected Executive Student Council Team. They are already seeing an impact around school, with free fruit and salad available every break and lunch time and a new queuing system for the canteen has also been put in place. The 'voice' of our students is very important to us. We have made a significant investment into the training and development of our student leaders with over 40 students working towards an accreditation in student leadership from the SSAT.

The exam season is finally over for our GCSE and 6th Form students and I am sure they will have done themselves proud. I look forward to seeing them all on results day in August.

On the 3rd July we will be welcoming our next cohort of Year 7 students into Wellacre. It is always such a privilege to be part of watching them mature and develop over the next seven years. The term officially ends on Friday 18th July at 12.15 p.m. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great and relaxing summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in September. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Miss M. Wicks
Principal



AFRITWIN

When you think about it, it is amazing. Two years ago, visiting South Africa seemed a lifetime away, the distant future. It is even more amazing to think it is now over.

From the moment the twins made contact, and arrived in England we knew there was a huge bond, a huge group of friends. We learnt about one another and different cultures and life-styles. Those two weeks of their visit to the UK in June 2013 flew by. But visiting South Africa, you have to see it to believe it...

We arrived in Cape Town during a heat wave. It was amazing when compared to back home! We settled in at the hostel and cooled down in the pool then we were off to Table Mountain. The views were stunning, seeing the Sun Set over Robben Island, the moon rise over CapeTown, bursting into nightlife, I have never seen a better view. Seeing Cape Town's waterfront is something else. Posh shops, delicious cafes (on which many Rands were spent) and then a visit to 'Robben Island'. This is an experience none of us will forget. The barre-n island, with the notorious prison. Seeing Mandela's cell was so surreal. The view of Table Mountain from the island was fantastic.



There was much more fun and interesting activities, the list is endless, but before we knew it we were on the plane to Durban. We were met by the Twins with a huge cheer. It was so good to be back with the them. That night was spent at a holiday resort in Durban and the next day we had a great time at Ushaka Marine World. Durban was different, warm seas and a very humid atmosphere. The beaches however were beautiful. Like in the UK we socialised with both our group and the twins, it was so good to be with them!

Later that day we had a long drive to Newcastle in KwaZulu Natal. The mini bus was filled with chatting, singing, messing around and sleeping. However, I couldn't wait to meet my Twins family, Susan, Dons, Mianè, Bobby and Lady the dogs, and Trompee and the other 4 cats. I met Dons at Ferrum High School, was taken to their home where Susan had arrived home from Voutreckers which us the South African Scouts. This was one of the best parts meeting the family, after all this time, the exchange really had begun for me!



We spent the next few days at Ferrum meeting the Twins peers, and at Chelmsford High School, supporting the school which needs so much but receives so little from the Authorities. Seeing these poor kids, walking miles to school, not walking in school shoes to keep them clean, wearing their uniform with pride and the respect was so different from home. It was a culture shock. We made many friends who we would keep meeting throughout the week.

As well as work, there was play. We visited many sights, such as the long walk to freedom, a tradition Zulu dance in Madadeni and water sports on Chelmsford Dam.. We were able to explore Newcastle more and enjoy a Wimpy!!! We also visited a lion farm, which ended rather badly for me...

South Africa was the best experience in my life. Leaving a place and a family has never been harder, but it has made me work harder so maybe one day I can go back. Afritwin is a must do trip, I would recommend to anyone, thanks to the work of Mrs Eagling, Mr Wise and the South African staff too. They really made it a special once in a life time experience. In one word, "amazing".
By **James Brothwood, Year 9**

LANGUAGES TAKE YOU FURTHER!

Over the last academic year, a number of year 10 pupils studying French have taken part in a variety of fun languages events at the University of Manchester and MMU, designed to encourage pupils to continue studying a language at A-Level and beyond.



Here are a few of the activities that pupils took part in: subtitling a video clip in French, watching a French film at the Cornerhouse cinema, meeting university students who are currently studying a language at degree level and getting the opportunity to learn another foreign language.



YOUNG WRITERS CELEBRATION

A celebration breakfast was held for the 56 pupils from Years 7-10 that have had short stories and poems published. An impressive 56 pupils wrote short stories for the 'Twist in the Tale' competition and 8 of those were also successful in a poetry competition called 'The Poetry Games'. The 100 word stories ranged from an entertaining take on Cinderella where her wig fell off in front of the prince to a more disturbing take on Little Red Riding hood where the girl becomes a serial killer! We were delighted to see their work published in Young Writers' anthologies that are available for all to read in the school library.



Here is just one of the many superb entries:

THE ENORMOUS TURNIP

by **Alexander King Year 7**

Once upon a time, a poor starving old woman and her frail husband planted a turnip seed in a desperate attempt to provide dinner. Patiently, the little old woman tended to it and watched it grow until it was gigantic. Gasping, heaving and panting, she tried to free the turnip from the earth's clutches, but she couldn't manage it alone. So she called for help from her husband. No luck. Eventually, once the entire village were involved, the turnip began to shift. POP, imagine their surprise when the world began to drain like a colossal bathtub.



COYO WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 11th June the Academy welcomed 4 Construction and the Built Environment professionals to deliver an exciting and engaging workshop. We also invited several girls from local schools to work with our year 10 Design technology students.

The day began with the students identifying their skills to establish which role they would take through the course of the day. This included architect, surveyor, landscape designer, brand researcher, marketing manager, sustainability manager and the director.

The aim of the task was for the teams to design an eco-classroom and pitch their ideas to the judges at the end of the day. The students completed several activities with the professionals and then returned to work collaboratively with their groups to share their finding to ensure their design worked as a package.

The results were extremely impressive with beautiful drawings, imaginative branding and expertly produced land surveys.

Each group nervously presented their ideas not only to a room full of 70 peers, teachers, professionals but in front of the camera and panel of judges. The standard of presentation was incredible and students from all schools contributed to help their teams pitch their ideas to win the trophies. Judging wasn't easy to say the least and after several minutes of deliberation the scores were revealed!

The winner's trophy went to the RAVES (Reliable, Available, Versatile, Economical, Sustainable) team who presented a fabulous and unique design featuring a roof top garden, glass dome, rainwater harvesting and geothermal heating system. The brand of the company carried through all aspects of the design demonstrating excellent management and collaborative working. Well done to the team Chloe Daly, Kirsty O'Brien, Austin Chan, Timothy Roberts, Dean Douglas, Dumisani Machazire, Craig Wright, Joseph Clark, Tamara Fawcett.

All students participated excellently and gained an insight to the roles and responsibilities of several members of the design and construction team. A huge thank you goes to for making the day such a success.

ONE STUDENT'S MISSION: GEMS BY HARRY MERRELL YEAR 7

For those with a long enough memory (and a large enough stomach) thank you for buying nearly £100 of cakes and enough raffle tickets to fill gym 2. And thank you also for making GEMS (the Garhwal English Medium School) our Year 7 charity of the year.

In the Easter holidays I went to GEMS, a school in Uttarkhand in Northern India. It is 2000m above sea level and that's 700m higher than Ben Nevis! I stayed in a village called Sainji and there at school I met some truly wonderful people.

GEMS has 200 pupils in it from age 3 to 14 (mind you, there was a lad who was 20 in Year 8!) and I took part in every aspect of school life; lessons, games, playtimes and lunchtimes too. There were some parts of school life that were very different and some that were very similar too.

The friends I made in the village were the same friends who went to school too. In maths we learned fractions and decimals, science was all about plants and basic chemistry, geography was tectonic plate movements whilst English grammar was basically English grammar but tricky! But it was the lessons about Hindi that had me both confused and fascinated. However, the friends I made helped me to learn some basic phrases: **हैलो है। पाँटर वर्ष मैं है और मैं अपना नाम 7. आप कैसे है? उपवधियाँ अच्छी है।**

Any ideas what that means? Well, it means "Hello, my name is Harry and I am in Year 7. How are you? Good bye."



Luckily, all the children in the village spoke not only Hindi, but also Jaunpuri and English too. Their school believes that to get the most chances in life, the children need to be able to speak English and most of their lessons are taught using English as the main language.

And that's where the money that we all raised comes in. The £200 that was raised has gone towards books for the school, both reading books for their library and text books for the children. The Headteacher was amazed that such a huge amount of money could be raised by our school and wants to say thank you to everyone who helped. So from her to you: "THANK YOU" or "DANYAVARD"



And that's where the story so far ends, but it's only the end of the chapter, not the end of the book. I'm going to go back again to India next April and two of the teachers who taught me will be coming to England to find out what life in English schools is like too. I wonder what they will make of our country?

A few months ago, India was just a name on a map. But now, it's become a fascinating world full of friends, experiences, happy memories and opportunities. I can't wait to find out more!!



First of all, India is very BIG! The hills are bigger than our mountains, the food is much healthier than in our canteen, but the facilities are not as advanced as ours and if we ever played each other at cricket, they would always win. And it's hot! Very hot! But only a month earlier they had to close the school because of snow!! And six months before that, the whole area was effected by torrential rains and flash floods – and we thought the weather in Manchester was bad! But, this is all part of life in India.

But once you get past the obvious differences, there are so many things that we have in common.... a love of sports, homework, families, friendship, enjoyment of being at school and most of all being as one with each other.

The friendliness of the people I met was quite amazing and within a day I was playing games, making cricket bats, playing more games, building dens, visiting houses, going to a mela (a big party), dancing at weddings and having my arm covered in mehndi patterns! It was non-stop from the moment we arrived until the moment we left.

STRICTLY COMES TO WELLACRE ACADEMY

A strictly come dancing style show with all the sequins and glamour that are associated with the television programme came to Wellacre to wow an audience of dance fans in a fundraising event at the Academy.

Latin and Ballroom national and regional finalists from Jane Jarvis dance school, who are also Wellacre students, put on a dance extravaganza to rival the BBC production and raised over £1000 for the school's AFRITWIN project.



iTECH DESIGN

Mrs Lunn (Leader of Computing) took 4 year 9 students to the first ever iTech Design Your Future event held at MOSI where they were able to participate in a range of activities and meet specialists from many different STEM related careers. Mrs Lunn and James Thomas were really buzzing about the Hot Wires activity.

Calan Harvey was too cool to participate in the electricity simulator (bike that produced energy) even though he has a passion for BMX's but was later enthralled with programming the robots. Joshua Jones gathered a wealth of knowledge from his questioning of graduates from the BBC and Conor Astle enjoyed playing on consoles from across the ages.

A great day was had by all!!!

WELLACRE STAFF TAKE CENTRE STAGE

On the 4th April 2014 Wellacre Academy held their first of many charity days, which ended with a staff v all-star celebrity football match. With the pitch and atmosphere to match any Derby day, the teams walked out to the famous Champions League music.

The staff, who were under-prepared and overweight started poorly against a youthful and fit celebrity team; it was a good strike from Casualty and Doctors star Daniel Jillings that opened the scoring after just 10 minutes.

With the celebrity team camped in Wellacre's half the pressure got to Mr Casey whose rash challenge on Waterloo Roads star Cell Spellman resulted in the referee awarding a penalty. Looking like 2-0 was on the cards ex Liverpool goal keeper turned PE Teacher Mr Cameron made an excellent save from Shane Ritchie Jnr to keep the score 1-0. Geography teacher Mr O'Dowd then immediately navigated his way to goal scoring a fantastic solo effort; 1-1 and game on. However, that was short lived when Shane Ritchie Jnr made it 2-1 just before the break.



Tough words and tactical changes from Captain Mr Duffy at half time worked immediately with ex Burnley striker now 1st team Elite 6th Form Coach Mr Eastwood finishing coolly making it 2-2. The celebrities pushed hard for a third and they nearly got it when Mr Todd conceded a penalty. However, this only brought the best out of Mr Cameron who made yet another fantastic save. Mr Duffy under pressure from Cell Spellman, who had a great game, could have given away a 3rd penalty but the referee missed a clear kick to Cell's shins.



Soon after, Mr Glover picked up the ball in midfield; some 30 yards from goal saw Mr Mannion off his line. With a sweet strike Mr Glover lobbed the stranded Mr Mannion to make it 3-2; cue the mini pitch invasion from the amazed fans. The home team never really looked back from that spot of magic and looked the better side. Mr Linton, who has represented Northern Ireland at youth level, had torn the celebrities apart in the 2nd half put in a perfect cross in to the penalty area. Mr Duffy controlled the ball well under pressure from Hollyoaks star Nico Mirallegro then placed the ball in the bottom right corner to seal off a great 4-2 victory for the staff.

