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bringing out the *best* in boys



WELLACRE CELEBRATES YEAR 11 SUCCESS

In November, we held our annual Presentation Evening, welcoming back our previous Year 11 students to celebrate their fantastic academic achievements.

Presentation Evening is an opportunity to acknowledge an important milestone in the lives of our students as they successfully progress beyond Wellacre, either into further education or employment.

It is also a wonderful way to refresh friendships, helping to strengthen our community further by highlighting our continued support for all our student leavers.

Proceedings began with Harry Quick, our new Head Boy giving his inaugural speech, introducing himself as the newest member of a select group of Wellacre prefects.

Next, our Principal, Miss Wicks provided a strong focus of celebration and thanks for the evening through a rousing welcome speech. Elaine Johnson (Chair of Governors) also provided a supportive and enthusiastic message to our students on behalf of the Governing body.

Finally, Rik Waddon - British road and track cyclist, an inspirational athlete and two time silver medal winning Paralympian, provided a lasting and uplifting message of overcoming personal challenges and never giving up.

During the ceremony and to rapturous applause, numerous Year 11 leavers were invited on stage to claim various awards for excellence.

Special thanks, awards, trophies and shields were then received by selected students for exceptional academic, educational and personal success.

Later in the evening and after receiving The Principal's Award, outgoing Head Boy Cameron Lamont officially handed over to Harry Quick, the current Head Boy. He warmly offered his advice, support and encouragement to Harry and the Year 11 leadership team.

Wellacre would like to thank all students, parents/carers, special guests, governors and staff who attended, to wholeheartedly support our 2016 Presentation Evening and wish GOOD LUCK to all our Year 11 Leavers!

YEAR 7 COMPLETE ACTIVITY TRIP TO CONDOVER HALL



As part of our commitment to Year 7 transition, Wellacre plans an activity packed trip to Condover Hall in Shropshire, helping our students to make new friends and build confidence in themselves and as part of a new team.

On the way we also visited Lyme Park to take part in some orienteering, walking in

the beautiful grounds and exploring the historic buildings before enjoying a picnic.

During the 3 days our students experienced a huge range of activities including; kayaking, survival skills, circus skills, climbing the gladiator wall, problem solving games, giant Cluedo, campfire songs with a talent show and a late movie!

Our students and staff had a fantastic time together whilst helping to build the newest year group community at Wellacre.

We would like to send our thanks to all who made our visit to Condover Hall and Lyme Park such an energetic and enjoyable time.



OPEN EVENING 2016

In September, we welcomed prospective students, their parents/ carers and our local community to visit, explore and sample all that we can offer.

Our Principal, Miss Wicks, gave an insightful opening speech. Creating an atmosphere of discovery by encouraging discussion and conversation, especially with our students and teaching staff.

Each of our Faculties presented imaginative, interactive and fun

sessions to enable the guests to experience, first hand, the three core values at the heart of all that we do.

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We would like to thank everyone for attending and supporting this evening.

Our Open Evenings and Open Days are an excellent opportunity to obtain further information about our curriculum, educational pathways, enrichment offers and our exceptional facilities.

Please contact the school if you would like a personal tour during our normal school day.



HORRIBLE HISTORIES A HIT AT WELLACRE

Our new students took part in a series of fun learning activities, with each Faculty focusing upon a specific event and moment in History.

Upon arriving in our Maths department students were transported back to days of Caesar learning the ways in which roman numerals helped influence our use of mathematics today. From here students were escorted to the Creative Arts and Media department and the Royal Court to explore the pivotal events of the Tudor Monarchy, crafting their own Tudor Rose insignia and taking part in Shakespeare's 'Henry VIII'. The English department offered a glimpse into the smoky world of the Industrial Revolution, where students read about the Victorian era and described the great inventions of this age. Science and Humanities combined to link the themes of Disease, Infection and Vaccine, presenting a history of The Bubonic Plague and the science behind the vaccines developed, to combat this and other infectious diseases. Activities concluded with a final making session in our Technology department. Students asked to design and put together World War 2 era gas masks. The type of masks that they may have been expected to carry during the 'Blitz' of the early 1940's.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At Wellacre we firmly believe in providing our students with every opportunity for continued progression and a deeper engagement with their education.

Student Leadership is a central strand of continued student achievement, enabling confidence building to raise aspirations and recognise the talent of all our students. Each Leadership role embodies and promotes our core values of Honesty, Respect, Aspiration, Resilience and Pride.

Throughout each of our five year groups we offer various Student Leadership roles to provide a valuable opportunity for personal, communication and advocacy skill growth. Our Leaders are supported to develop their ability to work within a team, helping to provide our student body with an organised voice to inspire our learning community.

All Student Leaders will receive -

Bespoke training and skills based workshops.

Opportunities to extend their leadership skills and be part of a wider school team. Gain recognition and qualification by undertaking the SSAT Student Leadership

Accreditation Programme

Reward and recognition for all that you do.

We believe that the skills and experience gained by our Student Leaders will help to enrich any future applications for further study and strengthen career prospects.

Interested students are requested to apply in writing by describing their experiences and skills they feel will enable them to fulfill their chosen role and state their intentions if selected. Particular note is made to what each applying student hopes to gain from this role.

After an enthusiastic response, Wellacre underwent the process of selecting two students for the Student Leadership roles (Principal Ambassador and Subject Leader) with Miss Wicks, Principal, conducting interviews before final selection.

Principal Ambassadors will have the responsibility to speak at key school events, such as Open Mornings, Evenings and at Governor presentations. They will be part of a Governing body and meet with the Head Boy to share and reflect upon their learning experiences at Wellacre and will have opportunities to do public speaking.

Subject Leaders serve on a panel of subject consultants and meet periodically with Programme Leaders. They will be encouraged to use their specific subject interest and expertise to help support their chosen faculties and curriculum during school events. They will also be expected to contribute agenda items to student executive meetings.

WELLACRE CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

WELLACRE CELEBRATES!

We officially opened the Christmas festivities, with the school production 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', which was performed over three consecutive evenings.

This year, we encouraged our students to not only take part in the performance, but to also help create, build and develop, an exciting and engaging school production.

Since September, the students have worked extremely hard during lessons, lunchtimes and after school to rehearse, research, design and perform their rendition of the Joseph production. This was all made possible with the expertise and guidance of our Teaching and Support staff (Miss. Spencer, Leader of Creative Arts and Media, Miss. McDonough, Leader



of Drama, Miss. O'Neill, Leader of Humanities and Mr. Stout, Creative Arts and Media Technician). The students helped to plan the various stages of the musical, from audition and rehearsal to performance, promotion and technical stage production.

The students have continued to meet each upcoming challenge together, creating and building an enormous sense of Community, whilst learning new skills and making lasting friendships.

Wellacre would like to congratulate all those involved for once again, presenting such an enjoyable and exciting Christmas Production.

We are immensely proud of the hard work and effort shown during the making and performing of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.



WELLACRE STUDENTS CHARITABLE CHRISTMAS!

It was the season of giving and goodwill this Christmas at Wellacre.

Year 9 students helped launch a Reverse Advent Appeal for Christmas.

During December, our Year 9 students organised a collection for their chosen charity - [Stretford Foodbank](#), helping to provide 167 emergency food parcels.



To do this, students ran a Reverse Advent Appeal for Christmas and encouraged fellow students to donate an item of food or basic household goods each day, instead of receiving a chocolate from their calendars.

After an overwhelming response, all goods and items were sorted into boxes ready for a festive delivery. Mrs Irwin Leader of RE, accompanied four Year 9 students - Ryan Jesson, Tom Jones, Sam Fletcher and Louis Gingell as they travelled to [Stretford Foodbank](#) to deliver their packages.

Upon arriving our students remarked, 'It was good to see how the Foodbank works and where it is. We couldn't believe how generous the public are and how many people use the Foodbank weekly'.

The Foodbank were 'delighted to receive these

goods, especially at this extremely busy time of year' and warmly thanked our students for their contribution, hard work and support.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students chose to support [Cancer Research UK](#) for their Christmas Charity by organising a lunchtime 5 a side football tournament and cake sale.

The football tournament was both very well



attended and supported, with form groups deciding on their best teams, challenging each other and aspiring to be the most successful on the day. The eventual winners were Adam Youd FC and the tournament raised £100.

The cake sale took place at break time and proved extremely popular, with cakes selling out faster than anticipated! The total raised from the sale was £50

Our students have used this project to not only raise money, but to also develop their team working skills. Building a community with a common aim has provided our students with an opportunity to work together towards a common and compassionate goal.

As part of our commitment to Primary transition, Wellacre ran a surprise raffle draw during the recent Christmas production

of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - by hiding a special ticket under each of the seats of the recent Primary School visitors!

The prize included 3 tickets to accompany Wellacre Year 7 students and Mr Casey, Assistant Leader of Transition, for the annual panto visit, to see Aladdin at the Manchester Opera House.

The Christmas prize winner was Tyler from Acre Hall Primary School and his tickets were presented to him by Wellacre's star actor 'Harry Merrell', who took the lead as Joseph in our recent production.

"I really enjoyed Aladdin, it was brilliant! Thank you Wellacre for the tickets!"

Tyler, Acre Hall Primary School.

We would like to thank Tyler and his family for accompanying us to the Opera House and hope that his introduction to life as a student at Wellacre, will inspire him to become a student in the future.

Last but by no means least - on the final day of term we decided to celebrate the festive period by holding a sponsored CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY in aid of charity.

The staff and students raised £500 for '[Save the Children](#)' - a brilliant effort! For a small donation students and staff were encouraged to wear their best Christmas Jumper. This added to the festive atmosphere at our Year 7 Carol Service and it was a fun way to end the year and all whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause.



WELLACRE DRAMA STUDENTS ATTEND BLOOD BROTHERS AT THE LOWRY

In November, Mrs Tickle, Head of Drama, organised for Year 11 Drama students to visit the Lowry Theatre on Salford Quays to attend a performance of *Blood Brothers*.

Despite the Winter weather, our students eagerly enjoyed this moving show, enthusing afterwards about the fantastic acting and stage production.

In their follow up lessons, the students reflected upon their visit with Miss McDonough and discussed the ways in which they felt it had extended their knowledge of theatre, performance and production.

WELLACRE AT MOSI

In October, students were invited to spend a day at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) where they attended the 'Seeing Sounds' workshop to gain a better understanding of the key principles of sound and sound waves.

As part of their current Science curriculum, KS3 students have been studying sound and how they can visualise it with Mr. Badawy, KS3 Leader of Science.

The workshop provided a fun and enjoyable way to deepen students' Science knowledge, whilst taking part in a range of interesting challenges and interactive experiences within an outstanding museum environment.



HUMANITIES EXPERIENCE AUSCHWITZ & BIRKENAU



During the half term break Mr Bittles (Leader of Geography) and Mr Gillan (Teacher of Geography) travelled to Auschwitz-2 Birkenau in Poland to visit one of the Holocaust Sites to gain further insight into this harrowing event in human history.

Both teachers have subsequently used this research trip to enrich their lessons about this tragic time and location. Their experiences have provided our students with a valuable learning opportunity to enhance their understanding of the terrible human cost of the Holocaust.

STUDENTS RECEIVE GOLDEN CAREERS ADVICE

As recent recipients of Inspiring Gold IAG Award (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Quality Award) we introduced the updated Career pathway at the November parents evening.

With a number of Colleges, trainers and businesses in attendance students gained a valuable insight, through an introduction and discussion of their possible future learning and employment opportunities.

During the evening, our 6th Form Enterprise students took the opportunity to present their new product, selling 'Bumble Honey'.

They were also on hand to discuss the recent start-up challenges they had experienced as they began their journey from idea, to market research, to the saleable product.

Wellacre would like to thank all of the guest employers and apprenticeship providers for helping to inspire our students. In attendance: Kellogg's, STEGTA, Salford City College, Trafford College, Connexions, Young Enterprise, Amnis Education, Urmston Grammar.

'We want to equip each and every Wellacre student for the next stage in their life, ensuring that they leave the school inspired, fulfilled and confident'.



WELLACRE **SEND** OPEN EVENING **SEND** INFORMATION, ADVICE AND NETWORKING EVENING



In November, Wellacre held a Special Educational Needs Department (SEND) Open Evening for parents and carers.

We offer this evening as an informal way to introduce our Learning Support and Inclusion Department and Teams, presenting the support pathways available to the students.

Mrs M Critchlow, our Assistant Principal for Safeguarding and Inclusion and Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENDCo) and Mrs J Potts, Assistant SENDCo, organised a visit to key Learning Support and Inclusion areas of the

school, providing further information, leading discussion and gathering important feedback from our visitors.

We also view this evening as an opportunity to encourage networking between parents and carers of students with additional needs, helping to build new avenues of support.

Parent and Carer feedback:

"The support provided by the SEN Team is excellent".

"One of the reasons we were happy for our son to come to Wellacre was the experience, knowledge and interest supporting pupils with SEN".

"Very impressed with the level of information available and dedication of the staff".

"Our son is extremely happy at Wellacre and we are happy with what he has achieved".

"I am very glad of the SEN provision at Wellacre".

Wellacre would like to thank everyone who attended the SEND Information, Advice and Networking evening.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017

Monday 23rd January

Year 11 Mocks Begin

Thursday 26th January

Year 9 Options and Careers Evening

Friday 27th January

Holocaust Memorial Day

Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day
Speak and Listen Day

Thursday 9th February

Year 10 Parents/Carers Evening

Friday 10th February

Last day of half term
Ski Trip Leaves for Austria
(Arrives back on 18th Feb)

Monday 20th February

Wellacre Re-Opens

Thursday 2nd February

World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March

Year 10 Visit Manchester University

Thursday 16th March

Year 8 Parents/Carers Evening

Thursday 23rd March

Year 11 Revision and Parents/Carers Evening

Friday 31st March

Last day of Term

Tuesday 18th April

STAFF INSET DAY

Wednesday 19th April

Wellacre Re-Opens for students

Thursday 18th May

Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening

Friday 26th May

Last day of Term

Monday 5th June

Wellacre Re-Opens

Monday 12th June

Healthy Eating Week

Tuesday 13th June

Sports Day Year 7 - 10

Monday 19th June

My Money Week

Thursday 22nd June

STEAM Exhibition

Monday 3rd July

Work Experience Week

Friday 21st July

School closes for Summer Holidays

WELLACRE - INSPIRING FITNESS, WELLBEING AND TEAMWORK



Inspired by the recent success of England National Rugby Union Team and Head Coach Eddie Jones, our own team, undefeated in 13 matches has recently begun to develop and organise 3 teams to train and compete in the sport.

Supported and encouraged by Mr Wise, Cover Manager and Mr Bowen, Teaching Assistant (both experienced amateur players), Year 7, 10 and 11 students have trained after school during the winter months to learn and appreciate this fast paced game. Taking part in regular matches, students have enjoyed success against other schools in Trafford, providing a growing interest in this exciting game.

Furthermore, to inspire our keen young rugby enthusiasts, we are currently exploring the possibilities to set up and take part in a Rugby Union League with other 'developing rugby schools' in 2017.

Wellacre would like to thank Mr Wise



and Mr Bowen for their hard work and continued commitment to the fitness and wellbeing of our students.

The schools Wellacre have competed against to date are; Ashton on Mersey, Sale Grammar, Altrincham College of Arts, Wellington Road, Altrincham Grammar and Stretford High School.

We look forward to more exciting competitions this year.

WELLACRE INSPIRES SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS

Wellacre students competed in the Trafford Schools Cross Country Championships 2016. Taking place on a wet Winter's day at the Crossford Bridge Sports Ground, Sale.

The event was organised by Mr Linton, Assistant Leader of PE and supported by the Wellacre PE Department. Mr Duffy, Teacher of PE and Year 13 students who helped to set up the course on the day and Mr Glover, Leader of PE collected the results.

The Championship was open to all schools within Trafford, organised into 18 teams, and with over 500 competitors taking part. Wellacre had 3 teams of runners from Years 7, 8/9 and 10/11.



During the race, Mr Linton and his team encouraged all participating students to strive for their best. Wellacre boys worked exceptionally hard together, supporting each other to motivate achievement both as individuals and also as a team.