

WELLACRE

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update

This week's highlights

Welcome back! The start of the new school year has been really positive. Students look smart in their uniforms, are well equipped for learning, have displayed excellent attitudes to learning and respectful conduct towards other students and adults in the Wellacre community. **Thank you for your efforts with uniform and equipment. Please continue to reinforce our expectations at home. It really does help us to help your son.**

Tutor group photographs have been taken for the House noticeboards. Incidentally, the school photographer is in school to take **formal photographs for Year 7, Year 10 and any new students in other years, on 20th September.** These will be available to purchase and information will be sent to you in due course.

All year groups have had a **welcome back assembly** this week and have been **reminded of the Wellacre values that we all try to exemplify in our everyday norms.** We are pleased with how students have responded so positively to the new mobile device policy. Thank you for your support with the implementation of this policy. It will continue to be enforced with clarity and consistency by all staff.

A huge **4,326 achievement points have been awarded this week;** well done to all those students who have worked so hard to make such a positive start to the school year.

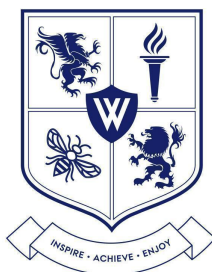
Today, students have had a special form time activity where they have reflected on the death of Queen Elizabeth II and considered the legacy of her reign. We will await further information to schools regarding how we can align with national acts of remembrance as the country begins its official period of mourning. I will of course inform you in due course should those affect our normal routines.

Arbor-Parent/Carer and Student Access

Thank you for your patience as we continue our hard work behind the scenes to iron out the expected issues associated with the migration to a completely new information system.

92% of parents and carers have already used the link sent to their email address to create an account. Please check your spam folder if you haven't had the email and contact us if there is an issue.

We are now asking you to support us in ensuring that your son creates an Arbor account this weekend. This will enable him to see the assignments (independent learning) set by his teachers. **Please do not worry if your son has missed the submission of any home learning as many students have not had the means of access up to this point. This is due to issues with student email accounts we have now resolved.**



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All students have been sent the URL below via their school google account. Log in and click on the URL link in the email. Students then need to click the ***First Time logging in?*** link to **reset their password**.

<https://wellacre.uk.arbor.sc/>

Please could you make sure that this action is completed this weekend. We will run off a report on Monday to establish which students have still not created their account.

Parking and Site Access

Please could I remind all parents and carers that they **should not park on zig zag lines outside school and be considerate in where they stop, so as not to cause congestion for students arriving and leaving the site**. Many of our students cycle to and from school and it can be dangerous when their line of sight is impaired by parked cars.

In the interests of student safety, please could I also remind you not to drive onto site unless you have an appointment or you are dropping off a child with mobility issues. Likewise, cars are not allowed to drive onto site between 3pm and 3.10pm (4pm-4.10pm on a Wednesday), as the students leave the site en masse. Those with mobility issues will have been issued with a 5 minute early pass and those parents can use the designated car parking spaces. Thank you in anticipation of your full support.

Lockers

We are pleased to inform you that **we are allocating lockers to students for a small non-refundable charge of £5 for this academic year**. We have a limited number of lockers available for hire and these are allocated along with a key on receipt of payment. This year priority will be given to students that have mobility difficulties, alongside those who cycle to school, to enable them to safely store their helmet and bike accessories. Any remaining lockers are then offered to other interested students, upon receipt of payment.

There is a list of criteria and terms and conditions of hire that students are required to adhere to and these can be found by clicking on the link below

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WlaepcOUqQxy-693NslCYhq2xZNWJKRjoisTHsE85jk/edit>

Please complete and submit the form above if you would like to hire a locker.

Instrumental Lessons

At Wellacre, we offer instrumental lessons for the following instruments:

- Drumkit
- Electric and acoustic guitar
- Singing
- Piano
- Brass
- Woodwind



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- String

Your son's music lessons will take place during one lesson every week.

If your son is interested in taking instrumental lessons, you can register directly from the Trafford Music Service website: <https://uktrafford.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Invoices will be sent from music.service@trafford.gov.uk to notify you when payments are due.

If any parents/carers need any further information, please email Miss Quinn, Teacher of Music at squinn@wellacre.org

Open Evening

If you have younger boys in Y5 or Y6, or indeed friends with boys in those years, please be aware that it is **Wellacre's Open Evening on Thursday 22nd September 2022 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm**. They can book a slot via this link on the school website. Only one slot needs to be booked per family.

<https://www.wellacre.org/join-us/open-events/open-evening-2022/>

Wellacre will close to all students at 2pm on that day in order for cleaning and preparations to be made.

We are looking forward to welcoming the parents/carers of our **new Year 7 students at 'Meet the Tutor' Evening on Thursday**. Please make sure you have booked a slot via the link sent to you earlier this week.

As always, please contact us at admin@wellacre.org if you have any questions or concerns and we will always do our best to help. We do appreciate your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal