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24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~24th February 2023

I hope this letter finds you well. There has been a distinct Spring feeling in the air this week and even some sunshine for the students to enjoy in PE lessons and at break times. It has been lovely to see it. Some boys are now starting to shed their winter coats and are finding the school jumper and blazer provide sufficient warmth for their day. Please make sure your son always comes to school in his jumper and blazer; pride in our appearance, our work and our school is one of our core values.

On Wednesday, the **Teens and Toddlers** group completed their programme and will receive their certificates at a ceremony in March. Well done to those students. The **STEM group** made a site visit to Luxfer in Swinton the same day to further their project work.

Today, the **Y11 RE group visited a mosque** to widen their knowledge and understanding for their GCSE studies.

House Pancake flipping and House Chess have also taken place this week-well done to all participants.

We had some lovely feedback this week from an Irlam Road resident. Three of our Y9 boys have been so kind to her and her husband who has dementia. The students' parents have been informed and we are all really proud of the profound impact their small acts of kindness have had on this local couple. **Well done Jacob, James and Dylan.**

Important information for 28th February 2023

We have been keeping a keen eye on the news before confirming arrangements regarding the proposed strike by the NEU (National Education Union), affecting the north west region next week. There may be progress and the action might be paused but as it stands, the action is due to go ahead on Tuesday. Following careful consideration, **we can only open the school partially** on Tuesday, as detailed below:

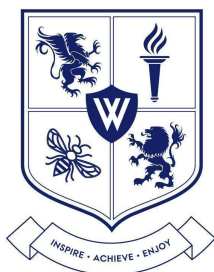
- 1. All students who are in Year 11;**
- 2. The students in Year 10, who are part of the Cambridge National Sports Studies course, will attend school in groups at allocated times to complete the compulsory off site Orienteering activity.**

All students in Year 11 must attend school as usual, on time, in full school uniform. They need to bring revision resources to support independent study in the event that their usual teacher is absent. Students will be supervised studying independently in this event. The canteen will be available as normal for all Year 11 students. The attendance mark for the day counts towards their attendance and any sickness absence must be reported in the usual way please.

The parents/carers of students in the Year 10 Cambridge National Sports Studies groups have been sent a separate letter. Students should arrive at school at the time allocated to their group and gather in the main reception building. They should leave school when they return. Students who are normally in receipt of a free school meal can collect a packed lunch to take home with them. Students need to wear the kit outlined in the letter.

All other students, in all year groups, can access home learning on 28th February, which is hosted by Google Classroom. Every subject will have relevant work to complete, which is aligned to the curriculum followed in school and prepared by our teachers.

[A Guide to Accessing Learning via Google Classroom .pdf](#)



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A copy of this has already been shared with students.

I will of course update you if the situation regarding industrial action changes in the meantime. **Thank you for your continued support during this period of disruption in schools.**

Year 11 External Examinations

Information for the final examinations can be found via the links below. We will be providing more support and details for parents and carers at the **Year 11 Strategies for Success Evening on Thursday 9th March 6-8pm which will be held on site.** More information will follow.

[Year 11 Art Exam timetable 2023.pdf](#)

[Summer 2023 Provisional External Examination Timetable.pdf](#)

Year 10 Progress Evening-Thursday 2nd March 4.30-7pm

Following parent/carer feedback, via a survey at the start of the year, Progress Evenings continue to be virtual this year as this was the preference of the majority.

Please could Year 10 parents/carers take the time to complete and submit this short form as your feedback is important to us. When you submit your responses, you will be provided with the School Cloud link you need to make appointments for. Thank you in advance.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhtdUo7-QHG05QwIhdI865YaWSO0LGbi_85QVI5iY_IsWJyq/viewform?usp=sharing

World Book Day-Thursday

Everything is in place for this year! Our aim is to spend as many minutes as possible reading.

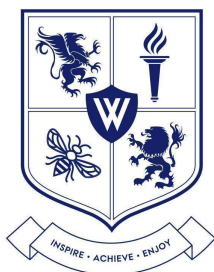
KS3 will be taking part in a **readathon** which we would like students to be sponsored for, although there is no pressure to do this.

Regardless, we will all be logging how many minutes we read for over the first week in March. There will be **extended reading opportunities for KS3 students** in all of their subjects during this week. Any monies collected as part of sponsorship can be paid on the Parent Pay website and will go towards purchasing new stock for our library. Please sponsor your son if you can. Forms will be provided to students this week. Happy reading!

Trafford Thrive

The latest newsletter can be found here and has a **focus on eating disorders and body image.** Please have a read.

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFbT9JySrY/vacF2IEr3gJeZU-Z5MgiFA/view?website#4>



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Year 10 Internal assessments

The formal assessments will take place from **Monday 6th March 2023 - Friday 10th March** in the school hall. More information can be found via the links below. Students should be preparing at home so that they put themselves in a position to achieve well.

[Year 10 Internal exams timetable for parents March 2023.pdf](#)

[Year 10 assessments letter for parents March 2023.pdf](#)

Cycling

Unfortunately, we received another email from a **concerned resident** this week about some of our students' cycling, particularly around Derwent and Woodsend Crescent Roads;

'A few weeks back a group of boys completely cut the corner turning into Derwent while pulling wheelies. I was literally so close to knocking them off their bikes as they were coming round a blind bend on the wrong side (my side).'

The complainant was understandably concerned. Please can I ask that you speak to your son if he cycles to school and **reinforce the highway code and the need for common sense**, for his own safety and that of others. Thank you.

Parking

Those of you who pick students up will know that I always try to be at the gates at the end of day. I have asked several times that parents/carers do not double park, park on grass verges or park on the zig zag lines, as the congestion it causes is dangerous for our students and delays public transport on Irlam Road. The situation has not improved. **The school has now sought support from Trafford Council and GMP to address it as my priority is your child's safety. Please show you care and park elsewhere.**

I hope you all have a good weekend. Many thanks for your ongoing support. If you have any queries, please email admin@wellacre.org and we will always try our best to help.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal