

# WELLACRE

7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Principal's Update~7th October 2022

I hope this letter finds you well.

### This week's highlights

Year 11 students have undertaken assessments this week in the hall. Their behaviour, focus and resilience have been excellent. Feedback from teaching staff will identify areas of strength and weakness. It is really important that this provides the platform upon which **all students should build proactive, independent study in the weeks ahead**. When students are focussed in lessons, and consolidating learning at home, they will know and remember more as they approach the final exams. **Year 11 progress evening for parents and carers is Thursday 9th December**. Before then, a report will be issued which will form the basis of those discussions.

Year 7 students have settled well into their new classes and **demonstrated real independence** in finding their way to new classrooms.

Tours for prospective students and their parents/carers have taken place this week and we have received lovely feedback from our visitors about the **positive learning environment in classrooms and the quality of students' responses**.

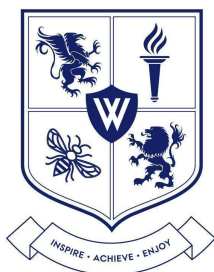
**Trafford Thrive** held their coffee morning this week and they will start working with a new group of Year 7 students next week.

Year 7-10 students started the **resilience programme** in Tutor Time this week. They will explore how to develop the habits which will help them to fulfil their potential, with the support of their Tutor.

Year 7 students had an Anti-Bullying virtual assembly this week from the **Anti-Bullying Alliance**. The RESPECT lesson which followed explored how children and young people can act collectively to ensure the wellbeing of all, including those who may be more vulnerable.

### Requests for absence in Term Time

Education Regulations clearly state that Head Teachers/Principals may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. **Any parent/carer wanting to take their child out of school during term time must make this request to the Principal. From Monday 7th October 2022, we are asking you to complete the google form to do this (link below)**. This link will be added to the attendance and punctuality section of the school



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website for ease of access. We must be in receipt of this request well in advance. **Please do not report sickness absence or medical/dental appointments using this form.**

## Link to the new form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfk\\_U8pBeNEg9AYbnJxcNskf-SR11sSmTPMn2Wo\\_dNFMvPnGtg/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfk_U8pBeNEg9AYbnJxcNskf-SR11sSmTPMn2Wo_dNFMvPnGtg/viewform?usp=sharing)

Each application is looked at on an individual basis and you will be informed by letter of the outcome within 5 school days. **Please note, it is highly unusual to grant leave of absence during term time.** Any leave taken without permission will be classed as unauthorised absence and a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued.

The Attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found here

[https://www.wellacre.org/index.php/download\\_file/view/4812/147/](https://www.wellacre.org/index.php/download_file/view/4812/147/)

Please look at our term dates when booking family holidays and special events. **The term dates for 2023-2024 are already on the school website** to support your forward planning:

<https://www.wellacre.org/parents-carers-and-students/term-dates-calendar-and-school-day/>

## Access to site on a Wednesday

We appreciate that parents/carers and wider family members want to watch students play in sporting fixtures on site. In fact, we encourage it. However, school does not finish until 4pm on a Wednesday and the driveway isn't clear until 4.10pm. **Consequently, we cannot allow unsupervised access to any visitors when our students are here for safeguarding reasons.** Please do not come onto site until 4.15pm on a Wednesday and this includes driving onto site when the students are leaving the premises in such significant numbers. I do appreciate your support with this. We will be reminding our away supporters of the same.

## School Nurse newsletter

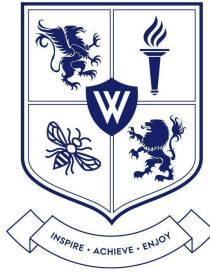
Please find the School Nurse Team's newsletter for the Autumn Term.

■ [TLCO Trafford SECONDARY School Nurse Newsletter \(A4\) 1.pdf](#)

## A message from Grace and Rebecca, our Trafford Thrive School Mental Health Practitioners

Please see the link below for a digital/interactive leaflet produced by the Trafford Thrive Team for World Mental Health day on Monday. This will be shared with all students via Arbor.

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFNUtqqwEM/TWKsnqeMYP4iua-YwOPSjg/view?website#2:what-would-be-different-about-the-world-if-mental-health-was-a-global-priority.-think-about-what-we-can-do-to-help-it-to-be-that-way>



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As always, please contact us at [admin@wellacre.org](mailto:admin@wellacre.org) if you have any questions or concerns and we will always do our best to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Sharrock'.

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal