



WELLACRE

28th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~28th November 2022

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We have enjoyed the sunshine today despite another very wet week.

Some of this week's highlights

On Monday, hundreds of students enjoyed watching the World Cup game. There were many happy faces and some very exuberant celebrations. However, students also exploited the **controversies around the World Cup in Qatar**, particularly with regard to the treatment of migrant workers and the rights of LGBT+ people and women

Well Wanging results are in-well done to all the enthusiastic participants!;

- 1st - Pankhurst
- 2nd- Turing
- 3rd - Lowry

Top 3 throws across the school:

- 1 - Harry R - 20m
- 2 - Nathan L - 19.4m
- 3 - Cody E - 17.7 m

Well done to the **Anti-Bullying Competition winners** who enjoyed pizza and Fifa with Mr Dougherty on Thursday.

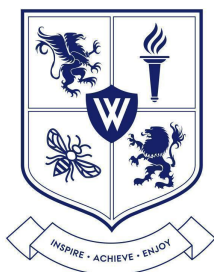
- Brady 7.6
- Miles P 7.6
- Jaidyn R 9.2
- Billy P 9.3
- Finley W 8.5
- Jack H7.4

Well done to the Lowry form, **7.5, for achieving 99% attendance** this week.

All students were given the opportunity to submit responses to a **student voice questionnaire** this week.

On Wednesday, the students and staff who will go on the **Ski Trip** in March continued with their lessons at Chill Factor.

On Thursday, last year's **Year 11 returned for the presentation of GCSE certificates, subject awards and special prizes**. It was lovely to welcome the students and their families back to school. A special



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note of thanks to Mr Pemberton, Mrs Lyons and the support and site staff for their hard work in planning a really successful event. Well done also to our Head Boy, George for his fantastic welcome speech.

Miss Quinn and Mrs Bates also accompanied the Choir to sing at the 'Christmas at the Venue' Event in Urmston. We are really proud of the students whose families also enjoyed the event. **Please can I remind our parents and carers that you are all welcome to join us at St John's at 7pm on Monday 12th December 2022 for the Carol Service. Mince pies afterwards too!**

On Friday, the **Year 10 GCSE Geography students** completed a field work activity at Salford Quays. They worked very hard and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mr Baker and Mrs Doolan for the opportunity.

Year 11 Progress Evening-Action required

Year 11 parents and carers are reminded that this event is on **Thursday 9th December 2022 from 4.30pm to 7pm**. As explained in a previous letter **it will be held remotely, via School Cloud**, in line with the majority of parental responses to the recent survey. It is really important that parents/carers engage with this **important opportunity to discuss their child's progress, both strengths and areas for improvement**. Formal examinations are only weeks away and students must be building momentum, through their efforts in class and at home, to fulfil their potential.

You will be able to make appointments by clicking on the link below after 8.30am on Monday 28th November. The facility to make appointments will close at 1pm on 8th December.

<https://wellacreacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Visibility for our cyclists

I received a lovely email this week from a concerned local resident who, whilst noting the confident, sensible cycling of one of our students and the fact they were wearing a helmet, was concerned that they were barely visible. **Please can I remind all our cyclists that they must have white front and red rear lights lit, and their bike must also be fitted with a red rear reflector and amber pedal reflectors.** We want all our boys to be safe on what are busy roads locally. Please make sure that your son is safe.

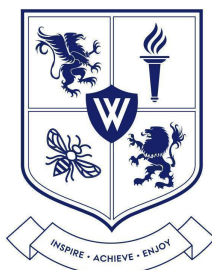
Christmas Card Competition- a reminder!

We are looking for a **winning Christmas card design for 2022!** The theme reflected in the winning design should be around togetherness/companionship at Christmas. The design must be:

- A5 size on white paper or a digital design saved as a pdf or jpeg
- Bold colours in pen or paint if on paper

Student entries should be dropped off at the Office and digital entries can be submitted to tquinn@wellacre.org by the deadline of **Monday 28th November 2022**.

The winning entry will be printed as the Wellacre Christmas Card for 2022 and the student will receive a £10 voucher.



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Reverse Advent


This year we will again be supporting **Cyril Flint Befrienders** charity. They aim to tackle loneliness within our local elderly community by gaining volunteers and offering a free face-to-face befriending service.

We have worked with Cyril Flint before by donating Christmas presents to the elderly and they also attended an arts performance back in June. Our support has given a lot of positivity to the elderly service users.

For those new to Wellacre, or those who just loved Beryl's video, please watch the clip below which demonstrates the **positive impact of our partnership**.

[Cyril Flint Befrienders - Beryl edit.mp4](#)

Please see the poster below for information about how everyone can get involved in bringing much needed Christmas cheer to our elderly community. Please also note the size of the donations we are looking for so we can fit them in the gift bags.

 Reverse Advent Poster 2022.pdf



Thank you in advance to Mrs Irwin for leading our Reverse Advent Appeal.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all well for the week ahead. As always, we are here at admin@wellacre.org if you need any support and we will always do our best to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal