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27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~27th January 2023

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Some of this week's highlights

We published the **Spring newsletter** this week via social media. Please take time to have a read. It is full of stories about students' achievements. Thank you to Mrs Quinn for all her work on this.

📎 Newsletter Jan 2023.pdf

Year 11 students have had their **internal assessments** this week. As usual, their conduct has been exemplary in the hall and has been commended by the invigilators. I hope this continues next week.

A group of Year 7 and Year 8 students, along with Mrs Barnes and Mr Lewis, went to the **University of Sheffield** on Wednesday as part of The Scholars Programme. Today, the PhD Tutor was in school to begin work on 'Through the Looking Glass: An introduction to Literary Theory.' We wish the boys every success in their studies and look forward to their graduation.

Courtney Fry, former Olympic and Commonwealth boxer was in school this week in his role as a **Youth Sports Trust** Ambassador. He led the **Active in Mind** programme with a group of Year 9 and Year 10 students, some of whom utilised their training to support mentoring sessions with KS3 students. Courtney was extremely complimentary about the students and praised their listening skills in particular.

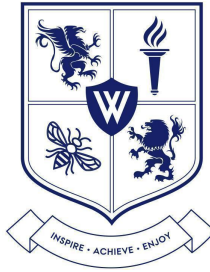
On Thursday afternoon, Mrs Irwin took four students to Sale Waterside to join in the **Holocaust Memorial** Service. The theme was '**Ordinary people**'. Students took part in Tutor Time reflections today. The resources are here if you are interested. 📎 Copy of HMD-2023.pptx

The **GCSE Food and Nutrition** students completed their practical assessments on Thursday and Friday. A vast array of dishes were created and the students and staff were understandably proud of their efforts. Well done boys!

Year 9 Parent and Carer Feedback

Thank you to all those who took the time to submit their feedback over the past week. I really appreciate it. Any concerns raised will be followed up and those who wanted to thank individual teachers will have their comments passed on. Once again, **we are proud of the hard work of staff, our amazing students and the support of our parents and carers which is reflected in your responses**. In summary, parents and carers fed back that:

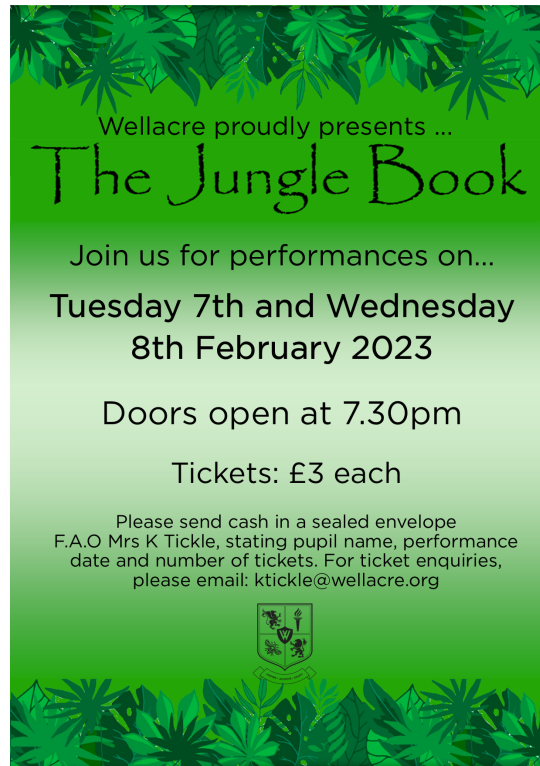
- 97% of students are happy at school
- 97% feel safe at school
- 97% feel their any concerns are dealt with properly
- 100% agree we have high expectations for their child



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- 97% believe their child is supported to achieve well
- 97% believe we are meeting or exceeding their expectations.

Jungle Book



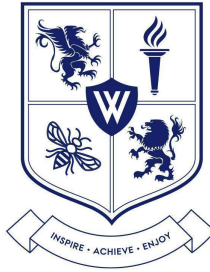
Please **show your support** and buy tickets if you haven't already done so. The cast, crew and choir have worked so hard for many weeks in preparation for the performances.

Progress Evening: Calendar changes

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the ski trip is leaving a day earlier than planned. This means six staff with Year 10 classes would not be available for the evening. Therefore, it would not be feasible to hold the evening on the planned date of 9th February. **Year 10 Progress Evening will now be held on Thursday 2nd March and Year 8 Progress Evening will now be on Thursday 30th March.** Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Wednesday 1st February: NEU Strike Day

I sent a letter out on Tuesday evening regarding the arrangements for this day. The parents/carers of all students who are expected in school on Wednesday have been contacted directly via Arbor. **They should attend school in uniform from 8.45am to 3pm. The canteen will be open as usual. All other students stay at home and will need to access relevant work for each of their timetabled lessons on Wednesday via Google Classroom.** The letter is here again for your convenience. Thank you for



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ongoing support during this period of disruption.

■ [Important Information 24th January 2023.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

Vaccinations and Immunisations

The **Y9 DTP and MEN vaccinations** take place in school on Tuesday 31st January for those students whose parent/carer has already consented.

On Friday 3rd February, the **nasal flu immunisation** will be administered to those with consent. Consent can be given via this link <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=136378&Type=FLU>

The link will close on **01/02/2023**.

Mental Health

Today is **Parent Mental Health Day**. Trafford Thrive in Education has produced this resource to share with you all which I hope you find useful.

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFWyK5Swwc/BVE-qSfYKigUrulfbw8Ejw/view?website#4>

The **Lily Jo Project** will be hosting a free live discussion of chapter one of a brand new book '**Talking To Children About Mental Health**' which was written for parents, teachers, youth workers and anyone in a position of care or interested in the future of mental health.

The focus will be the impact of social media, with some simple and practical tools to support mental health and relationships.

When? February 9, 2023

Time? Lunchtime 12:00 to 13:00 (GMT) and after school 16:00 to 17:00 (GMT) (both sessions will be the same, you can choose which one suits you best)

Where? Online

To sign up, simply fill out this form to be sent an invite

https://mailchi.mp/thelilyjoproject/workshop090223?utm_source=Schools+Mental+Health+Support&utm_campaign=1cd9f40c5c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_04_26_12_10_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fd1e3b5348-1cd9f40c5c-586358218

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