

# WELLACRE

21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Principal's Update~21st October 2022

I hope this letter finds you well. On a walkabout of school this afternoon, it was an absolute pleasure to see and hear students working hard in their lessons.

### This week's highlights

We have had over 30 visitors this week for **Transition Tours**. It was lovely to welcome them on site and they all commented on how focussed students were in lessons and how quiet the corridors were!

Mrs Irwin took a group of students to the **Trafford Youth Conference** on Thursday. Students participated in several workshops and enjoyed their day.

The **House Basketball** competition took place this week. Results were as follows:

**Year 7** 1st- Pankhurst 2nd- Lowry 3rd- Turing

**Year 8** 1st (joint)- Pankhurst and Turing 3rd- Lowry

**Year 9** 1st- Lowry 2nd- Pankhurst 3rd- Turing

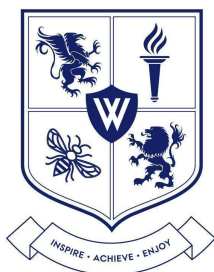
**Year 10** 1st- Turing 2nd- Pankhurst 3rd- Lowry

Year 11 only played this afternoon so I will include that result next time. Well done to all the students who took part. The **House Spelling Bee** competition also took place this week. Results will follow. I believe the word which stumped most students was onomatopoeia. Those planning to take part next year should take note!

The **Staff Half Term Heroes** draw took place today. Prize Winning 'heroes' were:

- Mrs Ashburn nominated by Mr Seggie
- Mr Ward nominated by Mr Baker
- Mrs Scully nominated by Mrs Lynch
- Mr Thomson nominated by Miss Harrison
- Mrs Hartley nominated by Mrs Lalley

Pankhurst students have completed the **staff appreciation slips** for this half term so 207 of those will be in staff trays for their return to school. The students have written really thoughtful comments of appreciation for teaching and support staff. Well done to them.



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**Mr Wise**, Cover Manager, spent his last day with us today and his retirement plans include lots of international travel. He had a very warm send off from colleagues and students. I want to thank Mr Wise for the contribution he has made to Wellacre over the last 12 years, in role and with regards D of E, South Africa exchange and as CCF Contingent Commander. We wish him good health and much happiness in the future.

## Progress Evenings 2022-23

**We are interested in your views regarding our Progress Evenings** (Parents' Evenings) this year. Covid forced schools to make alternative arrangements to discuss childrens' progress remotely. Despite the challenges in moving to new ways of working, there were some positives. In many cases, parental engagement with school was much stronger when progress evenings were not held on site as it was easier for many families juggling busy working and home lives to fulfil appointments. We have had a 'Meet the Tutor' evening on site already this year and although feedback was excellent, there were delays as appointments overran and we do appreciate the impact this has on everyone.

**In order to help us best meet the needs of our parents and carers, please fill out this really short snapshot survey by Monday 7th November 2022.** The findings will be considered when planning for Progress Evenings this year.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GWcCEgVzn6J0ZFTn5PGeCPgh-4vV7Z5QhstQq0AADcE/edit>

## PE Kit

We are really proud of our students' enthusiasm and participation in statutory PE lessons. However, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our expectations of all students.

**Students must bring their Wellacre PE kit to every lesson.** This is listed below by way of a reminder, alongside our two uniform providers in case you need to purchase any items. The link below also provides information regarding the importance of bringing kit even when students have a note from a parent regarding injury/illness. There is always a role which can be assigned to all students in such circumstances as the PE curriculum allows.

<https://www.wellacre.org/parents-carers-and-students/uniform-expectations>

In the unlikely event that a student fails to bring the correct kit, please note the following:

- **The student will be provided with a clean PE kit which they will be expected to wear for the lesson.** The loaned kit must be taken home, washed and returned to school within a week. Students will be given a verbal reminder of the importance of attending lessons fully equipped.
- If the problem persists, **contact will be made with home to procure your support.**



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- **Ultimately, students will be sanctioned for their failure to bring their kit in line with our expectations.** It is unacceptable for students to substitute their own items of choice for the Wellacre kit. This is inequitable and undermines the principles behind a uniform policy for all.

If you are experiencing any difficulties at all in providing a Wellacre PE kit for your child, please get in touch at [admin@wellacre.org](mailto:admin@wellacre.org) and we will do what we can to help.

## Privacy Notices

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how our school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. The links to privacy notices are below for your information.

[https://www.wellacre.org/files/2116/4666/8462/Privacy\\_Note\\_for\\_Parents\\_and\\_Carers\\_February\\_2022.pdf](https://www.wellacre.org/files/2116/4666/8462/Privacy_Note_for_Parents_and_Carers_February_2022.pdf)

[https://www.wellacre.org/files/4216/4666/8485/Privacy\\_Note\\_for\\_Students\\_Feb\\_2022.pdf](https://www.wellacre.org/files/4216/4666/8485/Privacy_Note_for_Students_Feb_2022.pdf)

## Cost of Living

The current Cost of Living crisis means times are difficult – and getting more challenging for everyone. Trafford Council has teamed up with partners to offer help to those individuals and families who need it most. Information about events the council have organised, along with their top tips on how you can save cash, can be found below.

■ [Save Money and Get Ready for Winter flyer 17th to 20th October 2022.pdf](#)

## Key dates for Autumn 2

Monday 7th November -School re-opens for Autumn Term 2 on a Week B.

Tuesday 15th November-Year 8 HPV 1st Dose of Vaccination - School Nursing Team.

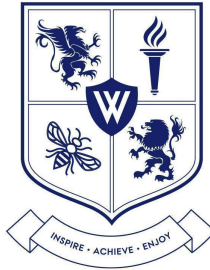
Thursday 24th November- Awards Evening for Year 11 Leavers 2022 6:00-8:00pm.

Friday 25th November-Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Salford Quays.

Wednesday 7th December-Ski Trip Parent Information Evening in the school hall 4:30-6:30pm.  
Ski Equip Clothing Company in attendance.

Thursday 8th December -Year 11 Parents' Evening 4:30-7:00pm.

Friday 9th December-Year 11 Geography Field Trip – Salford Quays.



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Monday 12th December-Carol Service at St. John's Church 7:00-8:00pm.

Thursday 15th December-Autumn Interim Reports published.

Friday 16th December-Christmas Celebration Day. School closes early for Christmas break at 12:15pm.

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their support this half term. I would also like to thank all the Wellacre staff who have worked really hard to support our students and families. A big well done too to Miss Aslam, Mr Eaton, Miss Harvey, Mr Clare, Mrs Ashburn and Miss Harrison who have completed their first half term at Wellacre. They have settled in exceptionally well and we are delighted to have them in our team.

Our office staff do not work over half term so please do not contact them expecting a response over the break. We will, as always, do our best to help you via [admin@wellacre.org](mailto:admin@wellacre.org) when school reopens.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term break.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal