



May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome to the May edition of the Wellacre SEND newsletter

### Year 11 GCSE Examinations / TA Support

Year 11 students will be taking their GCSE examinations between May and the end of June. Students in Year 11 who have **Access Arrangements** in place, will take their examinations in an alternative location to other students, to allow these Access Arrangements to be put into place. The Access Arrangements will be provided by our Teaching Assistants and, as a result, Teaching Assistants may not be available to support other students with SEND in their lessons whilst examinations are in progress.

### EHCP Annual Reviews

EHCP Annual reviews continue to take place throughout the year. These reviews are now able to **take place in person on site, or can be held virtually if this is more convenient for the parties involved**. Below is the EHCP review schedule for the remaining year groups.

- Year 8 - June 2022
- Year 7 - July 2022

I will be in touch with parents/carers in advance of these dates to arrange Annual Review appointments.

### Summer SEND Forum

On **Thursday 30th June 4.30-7pm**, Wellacre will be hosting the Summer SEND Forum for parents/carers of SEND students in Years 7-10. This event will take place online via the SchoolCloud software. If you would like to make an appointment to discuss any area of SEND provision, please do so by following the instructions that will be provided to you via email nearer the time.

### Homework Club

Homework club is available to all students in the library every Monday and Tuesday straight after school 3-4pm. **Teaching assistants are available throughout the session to provide**

## assistance with independent learning tasks and self-organisation around independent learning.

Within the Homework club on a Monday and Tuesday, a **handwriting intervention also takes place**. If you are concerned about the legibility of your son's handwriting, or your son is struggling to meet the demands of the independent learning set for them, please encourage them to attend these sessions.

## Trafford SEND Updates

### I'm a parent...Get me out of here 6 week course

**I'm a Parent...  
Get me out of here!**

A 6 week course for parents with children 11+  
Fully funded for parents and carers of children attending  
Trafford Schools.

- Have an understanding of where your child is developmentally
- Learn the importance of self-care
- Have an understanding of the development of the teenage brain
- Learn skills to apply in any situation
- Learn how to listen to your teenager
- Appreciate the affects of gender differences as teens
- Learn to 'let go' whilst still maintaining boundaries

Join us from 16.06.2022 - 21.07.2022 (Thursdays)  
At the Counselling & Family Centre  
40 Mayors Road Altrincham WA15 9RP  
9.30am - 11.30am or 12.30pm - 2.30pm

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Contact [alison.hambleton@thecfc.org.uk](mailto:alison.hambleton@thecfc.org.uk) for more information

The course detailed above also will be running 2/11/22 - 8/12/22 12.30-2.30pm on a Wednesday and 6-8pm on Thursdays. Please contact Alison Hambleton for further details or to book onto the course.

### Trafford College Ready Program (for Year 11 students only)

Trafford College are again running their transition programme for students who might need further support in their transition to college. If you feel this might be of benefit to you, please register your interest by clicking the link below

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SqqZlo0kDUSxAjjh52aGhL\\_ObUJHxqxDgQFXxL8kJSBUN0k0WkJPtFdaRVhDQkQ5TlKxWTFXSVdRM4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SqqZlo0kDUSxAjjh52aGhL_ObUJHxqxDgQFXxL8kJSBUN0k0WkJPtFdaRVhDQkQ5TlKxWTFXSVdRM4u)

### Gender Identity and Autism Workshop – Autism 'A Hands On Approach'

<http://autismahandsonapproach.co.uk/giworkshop/>

This session aims to inform parents/carers who want to support a young person with autism who is questioning their gender identity.

## **ParaNetball**

For young people under the age of 25. ParaNetball is a free activity run by volunteers for SEND individuals. Young people who attend have a range of various disabilities. The sessions run on the 1st Saturday of each month at Wright Robinson College, Manchester 10-11am.

### **Key contacts at Wellacre: The Inclusion Team**

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I hope you have found the information in this newsletter helpful. If you do decide to access any of the external sources of support, please let us know how you get on so that we can continue to develop our knowledge and expertise in signposting our parents/carers and students to services which prove to be helpful.

If you have any feedback on what you might like to see featured in future editions of the newsletter, please let me know via email [scasey@wellacre.org](mailto:scasey@wellacre.org)

Best wishes,



**Mr S. Casey**  
**SENDCO/Assistant Principal**