

WELLACRE

9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~9th December 2022

I hope this letter finds you and your family well as we approach the end of term.

Some of this week's highlights

Christmas Dinner was served on Tuesday and Wednesday. A huge thank you to the canteen staff and to Miss Bailey for all their help in making this event enjoyable for so many students and staff.

Chair of the Governing Body, Andy Young and Community Governor, Sam Russell were in school on Wednesday.

Year 11 Progress Evening took place via School Cloud on Thursday. I have had lots of positive feedback from staff regarding the discussions which took place. Thank you to parents and carers for committing to work in partnership with us and engaging in those meetings with teachers. I hope you have a sense of what is required from your son over coming weeks in order to make excellent progress. You have our full support. **After school tuition** starts for many students in the new year and you will be informed by letter if your son is involved in that additional provision.

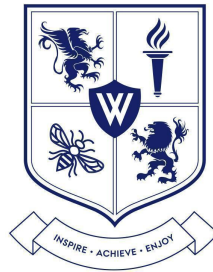
Numeracy results

Congratulations to the winning forms;

- 7.3P 80 Black Belts
- 8.3P 68 Black Belts
- 9.1T 113 correct answers
- 10.3P 119 correct answers

Badge winning students:

Miles P	7.6	L	Oliver Jay A	8.3	P
Lev B	7.5	L	Oliver C	8.3	P
Mackenzie C	7.5	L	Noah M	8.3	P
Micheal E	7.3	P	Isaac K	8.3	P



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Russel K	7.3	P	Dylan K	8.3	P
Dominik L	7.3	P	Charlie P	8.3	P
Max T	7.3	P	Ben C	8.4	P
Thomas WN	7.3	P	Aaron A	8.4	P
Leo J	7.3	P	Jacob C	8.4	P
Jack S	7.3	P	Lewis E	8.4	P
Ethan P	7.2	T	Harry W	8.5	L
Shuja A	7.2	T	Laurence D	8.5	L
			Oscar G	8.5	L
			Oliver H	8.5	L

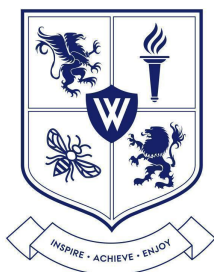
Top students in Y9 and Y10:

- Bradley S 9.1
- Thomas P 9.1
- Jacob F 10.3
- Alex D 10.3
- Jonathan F 9.1
- Marcus S 10.2
- Ewan H 10.1

Staffing changes for January 2023

We have a number of staff who we will be saying our farewells to at the end of term.

- **Mr Casey**, Assistant Principal: Inclusion and SENDCo has secured a promotion in another school. He has given 13 years of excellent service to the Wellacre community in that time as a Teacher of ICT and Computing, Transition Lead, Head of Year and more recently as a member of the Leadership team and SENDCo.
- **Mrs Doolan** is moving abroad to live and work having spent over 13 years as a committed Teacher of Geography and Form Tutor. Mrs Doolan has pioneered much of our work around sustainability and inspired her P6 groups to be much more environmentally aware.
- **Mrs Larsen** is also moving on to pastures new and much closer to home. She has had two separate spells at Wellacre as a passionate Teacher of Art and a caring Form Tutor.



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We will be sad to see them go but want to thank them for their significant contribution over so many years and wish them good health and much happiness in the future.

We have a number of excellent new staff joining us in January and I will introduce them to you via my Principal's update in the first week back. However, internally, **Mrs O'Neill** will become Assistant Principal; Personal Development and SENDCo. Mrs O'Neill has worked at Wellacre since 2005 and will make a fantastic addition to the team. Congratulations and best wishes to her.

Student Progress Reports

Year 7-10 progress reports will be sent out on **Thursday 15th December**. We have changed our assessment and reporting system this year to reflect the renewed focus on curriculum at KS3.

For each half term or topic, subjects identify what students should **know** and then **be able to do** as a result. At each data capture, we have asked teachers to **report on the extent to which students know and understand the intended, taught curriculum**. Teachers use a wide range of evidence to inform this judgement, for example, knowledge tests or quizzes, extended writing, ongoing practical observation, design and make, performance, topic tests, speaking, listening and reading tasks, compositions and evaluations.

Teachers will make a progress judgement as follows in each subject:

- **Mastering (M)** - Students have learnt a significant amount of the intended curriculum. They have acquired extensive knowledge and understanding in the subject, and have developed skills which they can apply with fluency.
- **Securing (S)** - Students have learnt a substantial amount of the intended curriculum. They have acquired significant knowledge and understanding in the subject, and have developed skills which they can apply with a degree of fluency.
- **Developing (D)** - Students have a sound understanding of the core concepts of the intended curriculum. They are able to apply their skills and understanding to some tasks with success, but there are gaps in their knowledge.
- **Emerging (E)** - Students' knowledge and understanding of the intended curriculum is limited. They have gaps in their knowledge and, as a result, skills are underdeveloped in some areas.

The Attitudes to Learning judgements remain the same and more information can be found via the link here [Attitude to Learning | Wellacre Academy](#)

Christmas events

Thank you to the Canteen staff and Miss Bailey for making the Christmas dinner days so successful. Please see the attached posters which outline our remaining Christmas events at



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Wellacre. On Friday, all students and staff are invited to accessorise or substitute items of school uniform for festive fancies! A christmas tie, socks, a jumper or maybe a Santa hat for a £1 donation to CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) in memory of Callum, a former Wellacre student.

[Christmas Events at Wellacre 2022 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Christmas Celebration Day 2022.pdf](#)

SEND Forum

We are looking forward to seeing our parents/carers of students with SEND on **Monday 12th December from 2-4pm**. Please come to reception and Student Leaders will show you to the venue.

Childhood Flu Vaccinations

A reminder of the letter from the School Nursing team for your information.

[Childhood Flu vaccination letter to parents carers final Dec 2022.pdf](#)

Group A Strep / Scarlet Fever

Group Strep A is a bacterial type of germ that can cause scarlet fever. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo (a skin infection). These are usually mild illnesses, which although highly infectious, can be treated at home with antibiotics. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep. Whilst still uncommon, there has been an increase in invasive Group A strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10.

We sent information out earlier in the week. Please read the update below very carefully and inform us of any suspected or confirmed cases of Strep A or Scarlet Fever.

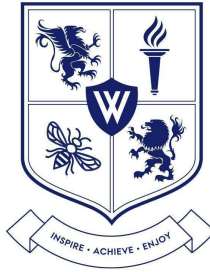
[Group_Strep_A__advice_for_parents_and_caregivers_FINAL_20221207 \(1\).pdf](#)

Reverse Advent

Thank you for your support with our ongoing appeal. Monday is the very last day for any more donations.

[Reverse Advent Poster 2022.pdf](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support and for the many chocolates, cards and biscuits that have been dropped off for staff to enjoy. They really appreciate the gesture.



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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. We hope to see lots of you at the Wellacre Carol Concert on Monday at 7pm at St John's (next door).

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal