

# WELLACRE

24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Principal's Update~24th March 2023

I hope this letter finds you all well and you have had a good week. Ramadan 2023 started this week, on the evening of March 22nd, as Muslims in the UK and around the world observe their holy month. Many of our students are committed to this time of worship, fasting, prayer, charity, community spirit and spiritual development. Ramadan Mubarak.

### This week's highlights

The **House Chess Competition** results are below. Lowry are clear winners! The ties were chosen by random number and the finals were a round robin with a points score for each game to get a winner. If a House had 1 form in the year group they could field 2 players.

Year 7/8

**1st: Lowry**

2nd: Turing

3rd: Pankhurst

Year 9/10

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Well done to the winners and to all those who participated. Thank you to Mr Asha for organising.

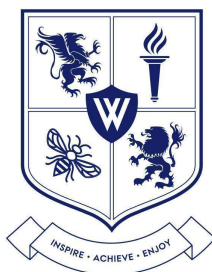
Year group assemblies have taken place this week around **'the importance of being respectful'**. **15,392 achievement points** have been awarded across school this year for RESPECT which is indicative of the overwhelmingly positive student interactions with each other, with staff and with members of our wider community. **We ended by exemplifying the respectful behaviours we want to see from all students and reinforcing what our students know and accept; harmful and disrespectful behaviours are never acceptable.** This includes using racist, homophobic or sexist language towards anyone else, swearing and not following instructions. Our boys know and accept that there are always consequences for such behaviours which fall well short of our accepted norms.

Lowry House has been fundraising this week and **all monies raised will go to the Turkey and Syria earthquake appeal.**

7.5 have been running a 'guess the footballer' quiz, 8.5 have been selling afternoon tea kits to staff, 8.6 have held a Street Fighter competition, 9-4 have had a sweet stall, 9.5 have done a sponsored silence and 10.5 have roped Mr Asha into a soaking with cold wet sponges over several lunch times! Well done to everyone involved. We will report on the total money raised in due course.

The Young Health Ambassadors worked with their peers and Courtney Fry on the **Active in Mind programme** this week. They have made excellent progress. Well done.

**Year 11 support sessions** have been well attended this week, before school, at lunch and after school across a wide range of subjects. Thank you to all those staff for giving additional time to support the students. The Year 11 Art students made an excellent start to the examined element of their final assessment this week.



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## Numeracy Ninja Half term Winners

Year 7 Most Black Belts 7.3P with 74 Black Belts

Badge Winning Students

- Adam A 7.1T
- Solomon H 7.1T
- Ethan J 7.1T
- Samuel C-B 7.2T
- Ethan P 7.2T
- Jayden W 7.4P
- Ben N 7.4P
- Matthew S 7.4P
- Mackenzie C 7.5L
- Lev B 7.5L
- Deacon W 7.6L

Year 8 Most Black Belts 8.3P with 53 Black Belts

Badge Winning Students

- Ryan J 8.2T
- Isaac J 8.2T
- Luke O 8.2T
- Oliver Jay A 8.3P
- Noah M 8.3P
- Alfie P 8.3P
- Oliver C 8.3P
- Ben C 8.4P
- Sam D 8.4P
- Oliver C 8.5L
- Tom B 8.5L
- Oscar G 8.5L
- Oliver H 8.5L
- Youssef S 8.5L

Excellent performances in the numeracy competition from so many students. Very well done.

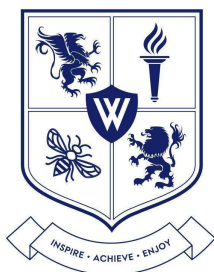
## Year 8 Progress Evening for Parents/Carers

**A reminder that this event will be held remotely via School Cloud on Thursday 30th March 2023 from 4.30-7pm.** In order to get the link for School Cloud, please complete this very short feedback form. The facility to make appointments will close at 1pm on Thursday afternoon

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaPdg45X2RhKM6Vjpe6t9Ur7ZzC64XHIAugSRKfPvKxBurFw/viewform?usp=sharing>

## Kooth Webinar

On **Wednesday 29th March at 6.30pm- 7.30pm**, Kooth Digital Health and Transport for Greater Manchester will broadcast a special free webinar about Anti-Social Behaviour from young people on



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public transport. The webinar will **discuss how the developing teenage brain can impact behaviour and how to talk to the young people in your life about these changes.**

The team from Travelsafe Greater Manchester will be sharing their experiences of Anti-Social Behaviour on public transport and how this impacts the network. Kooth.com will be on hand to show families and teens how to access free mental health support and counselling. There will be a Q&A at the end where you can ask our panel questions.

To access the webinar please click on the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-anti-social-behaviour-on-public-transport-tickets-565403646527>

If you are unable to attend this webinar, you can register on the Eventbrite page in the link above to receive the follow up pack, including access to a recording of the session.

## Staffing Updates

### We say a fond farewell to three staff on Friday.

**Mr Thomson**, Director of Transition and member of the Extended Leadership Team, has secured a well deserved promotion to Assistant Principal for after Easter, in a school much closer to his home. We would like to thank him for his significant contribution to the Wellacre community since he joined us in September 2014.

**Mrs Dunbar**, Art and **Mr Norbury**, PE also reach the end of their supply contracts at the end of term. We are very appreciative of the commitment they have shown to the students and the school in their short time with us.

We wish those who are moving on our very best wishes for the future. Staff who are joining us have their Induction Day on Monday and will feature in next week's update.

**Just a reminder that school will finish at 3pm on 31st March 2023 for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 17th April 2023.** I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Many thanks for your ongoing support. If you have any queries, please email [admin@wellacre.org](mailto:admin@wellacre.org) and we will always try our best to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal