

WELLACRE

16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~16th September 2022

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been a busy and rewarding week at Wellacre.

This week's highlights

Co Curricular and extra curricular provision was up and running this week. This term the Houses will participate in co-curricular activities around the following themes:

- Turing: **Wellbeing**; Sport, Reading for Pleasure, Chess, Mindfulness.
- Lowry: **Culture and the Arts**; Art, Politics, Cookery Club, Computing, Book Club, Design and Make, European Language and Culture, Science Club
- Pankhurst: **Community and the Environment**: Eco Centre, Gardening Gang, Recycling, De Brook Lodge, Community Volunteering

Co-curricular provision which runs over three terms include Drama and music (School Production), Combined Cadet Force (Y8-11), STEM Ambassadors (Y9-11) and Eco Ambassadors.

The students have made an excellent start. We hope to see lots of students at extra-curricular clubs this week. Those are always communicated to you via the Wellacre Bulletin for the week ahead, which is sent alongside the Principal's Update every Friday afternoon. Please **encourage your son to get involved**.

The Y9 and the Y11 **rugby teams** made very starts to their seasons this week in Trafford and Salford Rugby festivals. Well done to those involved.

Each form group voted for a **Form Representative to their House Council** this week and student leadership remains hugely important to our work as a community.

We also welcomed Mr Lovatt who is our **new Connexions advisor**. He will support us and the students in ensuring our Careers education, information and advice remains high quality and impartial.

On Thursday evening we welcomed our Y7 parents and carers into school to **'Meet the Tutor' evening**. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet so many of them personally and really good to hear how the students had settled in so well.



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Arbor-Parent/Carer and Student Access

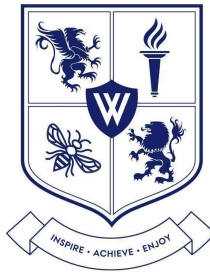
Thank you so much for your support with Arbor. We have 97% of parents and carers now 'on board' and the vast majority of students too. Students who have just resolved issues in remembering their gmail passwords can also now login. **Please follow the instructions below;**

- All students have been sent the URL below via their school google account. Login and click on the URL link in the email. Students then need to click the **First Time logging in?** link to **reset their password.** <https://wellacre.uk.arbor.sc/>

Years 10 and 11 Futures

Students should be focussed on **exploring their post-16 options** so that they have an important sense of direction and purpose over coming months and make informed choices about their next steps. Please take note of the upcoming careers events which are open to all KS4 students. More careers information and useful links can be found here <https://www.wellacre.org/careers-information-advice-and-guidance/>

Access Creative	Monday 24th October, from 6.00pm Saturday 26th November, from 11.00am www.accesscreative.ac.uk
Ashton-on-Mersey Sixth Form	Please visit www.aomsixthform.co.uk for details.
City Skills	Monday 10th October, 5.00 - 7.00pm www.salfordcc.ac.uk
Eccles Sixth Form College	Monday 26th September, 5.00 - 7.00pm www.salfordcc.ac.uk
Future Skills	Wednesday 28th September, 5.00 - 7.00pm www.salfordcc.ac.uk
Loreto College	Saturday 8th October, 10.00am - 12.00pm / 1.00 - 3.00pm Saturday 16th October, 10.00am - 12.00pm / 1.00 - 3.00pm www.loreto.ac.uk
Manchester College	Thursday 13th October, 5.00 - 7.00pm www.tmc.ac.uk
Pendleton Sixth Form College	Saturday 24th September, 10.00am - 1.00pm www.salfordcc.ac.uk
Trafford College	Thursday 22nd September, 4.30 - 7.00pm www.trafford.ac.uk
Urmston Grammar	Please visit www.urmstongrammar.org.uk/sixth-form for details.
Worsley College	Tuesday 27th September, 5.00 - 7.00pm www.salfordcc.ac.uk
Xaverian College	Saturday 8th October, 10.30am - 2.00pm Sunday 16th October, 10.30am - 2.00pm www.xaverian.ac.uk



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Trafford Thrive

We have a very strong relationship with Trafford Thrive. Please see information below about how they may be able to support you.



Trafford Thrive in Education

PARENT ADVICE LINE

Do you want to speak to someone about your child's wellbeing?



The Parent Advice Line offers mental health advice for your child. We can provide:

- Advice and guidance.
- Resources.
- Information on other services in the area.
- Support with a referral to another service.

Please use the email below and we will contact you to arrange a telephone consultation. This is a non-urgent helpline and we aim to get back to you within 3 working days.

If your child is already open to us, please contact their worker directly on 0161 549 6451.

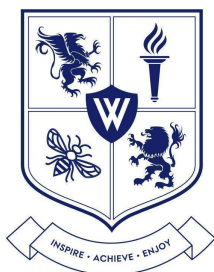


mft.Traffordthrive.advice@nhs.net

For urgent advice, please contact the core CAMHS Duty Team on 0161 549 6456.
For 24/7 crisis support call 0800 953 0285.

Open Evening

Just a reminder that If you have younger boys in Y5 or Y6, or indeed friends with boys in those years, it is **Wellacre's Open Evening on Thursday 22nd September 2022 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm**. They can book a slot via this link on the school website. Only one slot needs to be booked per family. <https://www.wellacre.org/join-us/open-events/open-evening-2022/>



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Wellacre will close to all students at 2pm on that day in order for cleaning and preparations to be made. Lots of our students make outstanding ambassadors for Wellacre in helping out on the night. Helpers will be given a letter by the department they are supporting and it requires your consent for them to attend. Your son needs to return the consent slip to the teacher who issued it. Thanks for your support with this.

Igo Card

Wellacre staff are on duty at the nearest bus stop at the end of each day. **We have been asked to remind parents and carers of the need for all students who travel on public transport to have an Igo card.** If you are aged 11 to 16, you must have an Igo card to travel using any child ticket on buses in Greater Manchester. You can also use your Igo card as proof of age for travelling by tram with a child ticket. You will need proof of age ID from age 11 on Metrolink. **An Igo card costs £10 and lasts until 31 August after your 16th birthday.**

Please make sure that your son has an Igo card or he is likely to be charged the full fare by the driver. We have no jurisdiction on the buses to change this. More details can be found here:

<https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/igo-pass>

Photographs

All Year 7, Year 10 and new admissions in other years will have their photograph taken on **Tuesday morning**. Further information about how you can purchase the school photograph, if you wish to, will be available in due course.

Primary Day

A reminder that **we are closed for our Primary Partnership Day on Friday 23rd September**. Staff are looking forward to welcoming nearly 300 students from our neighbouring primary schools.

As always, please contact us at admin@wellacre.org if you have any questions or concerns and we will always do our best to help. We do appreciate your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal