

INSPIRE



June 2021

Bringing out the *best* in boys

THE BRILLIANT CLUB

Celebrating the Best Ever Results

Wellacre students joined over 1,000 primary and secondary school students for The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme virtual graduation.

The special event, hosted by the University of Manchester, recognised the outstanding student successes and celebrated their determination to complete the course despite the difficult circumstances.

At the event, Wellacre students were applauded for their incredible efforts. Year 9 students George, Nicky, Harrison and Year 8 Alex achieved a 1st in their final assessment and Year 8 Jacob received a 2:2 award.

In November 2020, Year 8 and 9 students embarked on the university experience programme to study Literary Theory with a PhD tutor. They each completed a final 1,500 word literary analysis.



Year 9 Nicky, Wellacre's SpokeScholar, shared his experience with the virtual audience:

"There were highs, such as getting a taste of what will come at university, as well as challenges! I learnt so much and it has really helped me in English lessons."

Mr Pemberton, Vice Principal, said:

"These are the best Brilliant Club results we have ever seen at Wellacre, and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to show our pride in these students."

"Our PhD tutor feedback was exceptional. We were her favourite school to visit because of how engaged our students were and the interesting discussions they generated in sessions."





Welcome to our final edition of the INSPIRE newsletter of this academic year.

This edition highlights some of the many rich and varied activities, projects and achievements of our students and staff. I hope that they provide the inspiration to others to get involved and take a full and active part in this thriving school community.

My first half term has served as a reminder of how special Wellacre is. Every conversation with parents, students, staff, and those who live and work locally, has developed my understanding of what we value. I have enjoyed listening to the thoughts and the contributions of others who care passionately about this great school.

We celebrated everything Year 11 students have achieved during their five years with us at the end of May as the students move to bespoke online provision in June. The students' enjoyed a special assembly, which included the Leavers' Video, and were given thunderous applause by Year 7 as they made their way to a Celebration Breakfast. The students were absolutely wonderful and it was lovely to see so many broad smiles and laughs as students took photographs and signed shirts. Thank you for the cards, gifts and messages that we have received from parents, carers and students over the last few days. Staff really did appreciate them. We wish all of our Year 11 students every success as they start to prepare for their next steps in education, employment and training. Well done Year 11: We are so proud of you.

The rest of the Summer Term looks busy! The process of appointing the Senior Student Leadership Team

from Year 10 will start in earnest in June. These appointments will be really important to me and we want to continue the Wellacre tradition of students helping to shape our policies and practices. A little later in the term, we will also appoint the House Captains for September which gives our KS3 students the opportunity to apply for significant leadership roles within school. I look forward to receiving lots of applications from students who want to represent the 'student voice' and act as ambassadors for the school.

We also have our Sports Day, our Community Cohesion Day, Year 10 Work Experience Week and our House Celebration Day to look forward to before the summer break.

Our Transition work is well underway. We are excited to meet our new Year 7 students when they join us for New Intake Day on 8th July. Our Transition Team of current Year 7 students have been busy working on materials and resources to support them with the move from Primary school to Wellacre in September. There will also be a Summer School for our new boys from 26th-30th July. We cannot wait to meet you and your families and welcome you to the Wellacre family.

I would like to thank you for your support over the last term. I hope all our families enjoy the weeks ahead. Stay safe and well over the summer. We look forward to welcoming you all on your return in September.

Mrs J Sharrock,
Principal

SUMMER 2021 UPCOMING DATES

Monday 5th – Friday 9th July
Year 10 Work Experience Week

Wednesday 7th July
INSET Day (School closed to students)
Year 6 New Intake Evening

Thursday 8th July
Year 6 New Intake Day
Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 9th July
KS3 Community Cohesion Day

Wednesday 21st July
House Celebration Day

Friday 23rd July
School closes 12.20pm

Monday 26th – Friday 30th July
Summer School for New Intake

Monday 6th September
Year 7 and 10 only return to school

Tuesday 7th September
All Years return to school

WELLACRE Open Evening

**Thursday, 23rd September
2021 from 5.45pm until 8.00pm**

*Subject to Government restrictions

ACHIEVEMENT & EXCELLENCE

PRESENTATION EVENING



We were delighted to invite our Class of 2020 award winners to a virtual Presentation Evening!

Current Head Boy, Nicholas, Year 11, began the celebratory proceedings and said:

"I'm sure everyone will agree that the Class of 2020 were dealt with unprecedented challenges in their final year of school and into their higher education pathways, and for that we are extremely proud."

As well as Subject Awards, Special Awards were bestowed, including:

Year 11 Learning Director Award - Daniel Bristow took every opportunity to enhance his own learning and excel at Wellacre.

The Governor's Award - Owen Morgan continually raised funds for The Dog's Trust but also enhanced the school's reputation in the community,

Principal's Award - Steven Gallagher truly demonstrated Wellacre's core values and was an outstanding Academy ambassador.



VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB



Wellacre's Virtual Book Club encouraged students to share their love of reading, responding to literary questions, addressing themes, and completing creative tasks.

George, Year 9, wrote an epilogue to Penny Joelson's "I Have No Secrets", which we shared on Wellacre's twitter account. The author herself, responded directly: *"Wow! I really enjoyed reading this. What a lovely epilogue!"*

PI DAY CHALLENGE



Phenomenal skills by Year 7 student, Eshan, in Wellacre's Pi Day Numeracy Challenge! He successfully recited pi to 100 decimal places from memory, winning our inter-form competition.

MATTHEW NETS SCHOLARSHIP

Year 11 Matthew has been awarded a two-year scholarship with Stoke City. He will move into academy residence in June to hone his skills and follow his dream of playing professional football!

WELLACRE LEADS THE WAY

National Spotlight on Wellacre's RSHE Lessons



Wellacre has been recognised as leading the way in Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), through the school's work with the Alliance for Learning RSHE Hub.

On our return to school following lockdown, Wellacre was approached by national media outlets to showcase our lessons on the important topic of Public Sexual Harassment (PSH).

As an all boys' school, Wellacre felt compelled to address the topic and encourage conversations with students, with the aim of helping them to understand the issues and how they can each play their part in making society safer for everyone.

Mrs O'Neill, Wellacre's Associate Assistant Principal for SMSC, said:

"There was an increasing number of concerns and questions from students about issues around sexist behaviour and hearing women publicly discussing times they have felt scared or unsafe, In the wake of the tragic murder of Sarah Everard."

"We have a duty to make sure students understand the issues that will affect them and their community, to make them better citizens of the world."

All students received a RESPECT lesson, on the topic of PSH, differentiated for age appropriateness.

Wellacre's work was showcased on Sky TV and Granada News, and Mrs O'Neill was invited to contribute to a Sky News podcast.

Mrs O'Neill has also been approached by several schools, locally, nationally and even internationally to share expertise and resources on this area. Through our work leading the RSHE Hub for the Alliance for Learning Teaching School, Mrs O'Neill is disseminating training to schools looking for personalised support in their delivery of RSHE.

Mrs Sharrock, Principal, said:

"I am really proud of the tremendous work Mrs O'Neill has undertaken around PSH and the honesty our students have demonstrated in their conversations and questions. We will continue to invest teaching time in supporting students' understanding and awareness of such challenging topics."

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Creative Anti-Cyberbullying Advice by Year 7

A series of dedicated Year 7 RESPECT lessons, inspired form 7.1 to pen a superb anti-cyberbullying rap.

The rap includes key anti-cyberbullying messages from the lesson and delivers some great advice for staying safe online.

At Wellacre, we are proud of students working together to foster a kind, safe environment at school and, as such, we have created an eye-catching poster to display the rap in each form room and promote our anti-bullying ethos.

Mr Pemberton, Vice Principal for Welfare and Wellbeing, said:

"I am always so proud to see students using their learned knowledge to develop the confidence to tackle bullying behaviours and support their peers."

"This anti-cyberbullying rap is clever and creative, and I'm hoping has some real impact in school as it's written by students with other young people in mind."

Post-lockdown, we focused on mental health and wellbeing topics in RESPECT lessons to help students return to school and cope with the challenges of the last 12 months. Topics included the importance of connecting with others and maintaining routines in KS3, as well as coping with anxiety and stress, and healthy relationships in KS4.



Anti-Cyberbullying Rap

By Form 7.1

Sometimes, it's tough when you go online,
It can feel like the sun will never shine.
People online start cyber bullying,
The way it hurts can be really troubling,
Feeling the anger, rising, bubbling.
So if you ever find that it happens to you,
Take my advice and you'll know what to do.

Step 1: lock them down!
Make sure your profiles cannot be found.
Step 2: don't retaliate,
In the end hate only leads to more hate.
Step 3: shut them out!
The only thing they want is some clout.
Step 4: keep the evidence,
They'll soon fall into irrelevance.

In their hearts, cyberbullies are probably just sad,
Their only aim to try and make you mad.

Hear From Year 7 Students



It has been an unusual first year for our Year 7 students, but they have settled well at Wellacre and are making the most of every opportunity! Here's their view of joining the Wellacre family:

In lessons, there are always teachers ready to help. I now feel confident enough to ask questions when I do not understand a topic, which is something I would never have done before.

Jayden

One of the most important things you need at school is friends. If you keep old friends and make new ones, you can have even more people to rely on to help and support you.

Cadhlar

The teachers are always checking on me to see how I am and this makes me feel that I belong to the Wellacre family, and also makes me feel safe and secure at school.

Johnathan

Every Wednesday we have Period 6 lesson, where we can choose unique subjects like Environmental Ambassadors and German.

Aiden

All through Year 7 I have taken part in House competitions, my favourite ones have been the art challenges!

Hugh

My greatest achievement at Wellacre is making sure I am always kind and respectful, and that I help others in school.

Wasim

Wellacre Races Around the World

The Wellacre to Tokyo House challenge called on all staff and students to join together to walk, run, cycle or swim their way to Japan in time for the Olympics!

Congratulations to Lowry House who travelled the furthest, reaching 1249 miles.

The challenge encouraged everyone to exercise to boost their mental health and wellbeing.

The top three students were:

Lowry - Theo, Year 7 - 62miles

Pankhurst - Nourislam, Year 7 - 40 miles

Turing - Nicky, Year 9 - 20miles

Thanks also to staff who also took part. The top staff member was Teacher of Maths, Mrs Eagling (Lowry) who travelled a staggering 571miles!





Country Food Services Ltd

Country Food Services, an online butcher's shop based in Trafford Park, are inviting Friends of Wellacre to raise 10% cashback for orders made through their website.

They offer a wide variety of products including joints, BBQ packs, Healthy Eating, bacon, sausages and deli cooked meats for next day delivery to either your home or work address (except Sunday.)

Visit www.countryfoodservices.co.uk and use our unique code - **wellacre** - at the checkout to help raise funds for school.



JOIN OUR LOTTERY



BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



Wellacre Academy has a school lottery in partnership with Your School Lottery. We would like to invite you to join our lottery and help us raise money and make a difference for our school.

We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the students' time at Wellacre. Our first aim is to improve the school environment by raising money for additional bike storage.

Thanks to all our lottery supporters; good luck!

To buy tickets from just £1, visit:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/wellacre-academy

READATHON RAISES £325

To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, Wellacre held a World Book Day readathon.

Organised in conjunction with Usborne, the event aimed to raise funds to enhance Wellacre's reading resources in the school library.

By recording the number of minutes in a reading log and being sponsored per word read, we raised £250 overall! Usborne increased this amount by 30%, which meant Wellacre ordered £325 worth of Usborne books.

Thanks, in particular, to Year 7 students who raised the most money overall and to Year 7 student, Ryan, who collected an astonishing £60 himself!



ENVIRONMENTAL The Big Pedal



Wellacre students and staff supported the annual Big Pedal – the UK’s largest cycling, walking and scooting challenge for schools.

Following on from Wellacre’s success in 2019, we aimed to match our miles by encouraging students and staff to travel by bike, foot or scooter for their journey to and from school.

Wellacre students logged all their journeys with their tutor, competing alongside 758,537 students making more than 3 million journeys all over the UK.

With one last pedal push over the finishing line, Wellacre claimed a spot on the podium by coming 3rd in Greater Manchester and 27th in the UK.

Organiser and Teacher of Maths, Mrs Eagling, said:

“We celebrated Earth Day during The Big Pedal, and it was fantastic to see so many Wellacre students embracing the challenge and understanding the impact of walking or cycling to school, both on their own health and wellbeing, as well as the environment.”

CO-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

Even with Covid-19 restrictions, Wellacre students have enjoyed a wide variety of enriching opportunities during Wednesday’s Co-Curricular sessions.

Principal Mrs Sharrock joined in the Year 9 ukulele lesson, talked to Year 7 students about their Royal Mail keyworker stamp designs, and chatted to our Attenborough Adventurers sowing wildflowers on school grounds!

