

INSPIRE



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Bringing out the *best* in boys

Wellacre Wonders!

Year 11 students from Wellacre collected their GCSE results in August and it goes without saying that we are all so proud of them. Despite all the challenges of the past 18 months the students have shown incredible resilience and dedication to achieve everything they have. They have worked hard, persevered, listened to and acted upon the advice of our wonderful staff.

Although students and staff have worked hard in challenging circumstances, our parents and carers have also played a critical role in supporting their success.

Mrs Sharrock, Principal, said:

“We have never experienced challenges like those we have faced in the last 18 months and these students

have not only demonstrated their subject knowledge and expertise in the excellent grades they have achieved, but have also had to develop the characteristics and traits to deal with real uncertainty and constant change.

“I have every admiration for them and have no doubt that they will go on to thrive in their chosen pathway. I would like to thank parents and carers for their support and thank all the staff at Wellacre for the professional and diligent way in which they approached the awarding of grades this year.

“Best wishes to our students for a happy and fulfilling next stage in their education, employment and training.”

GCSE SUCCESS

Wellacre students deserve their success and below we have highlighted particular stories of individual achievement:

Nicholas, a former St Matthew's CE Primary student, achieved outstanding results. Nick is Wellacre's Head Boy but first made a speech on Open Evening as a new Year 7 student back in 2016. Reflecting on his achievements Nick said;

"I am really happy with my results and proud that five years of hard work has paid off. I want to thank the teachers who have helped me to achieve these grades. I did really well in Triple Science with grade 9 for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. I am looking forward to enrolling at Stretford Grammar to do A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics."

Jake, who had performed a Christmas concert in the grounds of De Brook Lodge Care home last December to provide the residents with much needed Christmas cheer, was delighted by his results. Jake, a former Flixton Primary student commented:

"I am delighted with my results particularly after the last 18 months. To put the hard work in and see it reflected in these results makes me really proud and happy. I got grade 8 for English Language, Combined Science and History. I'm

going to go to Xaverian to study A-Levels in Law, History and English Language."

Daniel, an Acre Hall old boy, is also looking forward to going to Xaverian to study A-Levels in Maths, Economics and Computer Science. He was particularly proud of his results in Maths and Computer Science as he got a grade 8 in both.

Meanwhile, **Harvey** who attended Highfield Primary was relieved to see the results of all his hard work. Harvey will now go on to do A-Levels in Maths, Economics and Accounting.

Will achieved outstanding results including a Distinction* in BTEC Sport. Will, an ex St Mary's student has enrolled at Trafford College to study Criminology, English Literature and History. Will said, "After my A-Levels I hope to join the Royal Marines."



HOUSE OF THE YEAR

PANKHURST

Pankhurst claimed the prestigious title of House of the Year at the end of year assembly. Students celebrated working collectively as a team to amass the most points over the year, through sporting, charity and academic events. These included House Basketball, Spelling Bee, Sports Day, Wellacre to Tokyo Challenge, House Photography, National Pi Day Numeracy and the Big House Quiz. Individual efforts were also counted with students collecting achievement points for demonstrating our core values throughout the school year. Well done **Pankhurst!**



WELLACRE'S SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

We are proud to introduce the new Senior Prefect team, led by Adam and Christian as Wellacre's Head Boy and Senior Deputy Head Boy. Year 11 students, Harry and Michael, will take the position of Deputy Head Boys.



A number of Senior Prefects and Prefects were also appointed and each of the team have been assigned to key areas of development this year, according to their interests:

Head Boy: Adam

Senior Deputy Head Boy: Christian

Deputy Head Boys: Harry and Michael

Inclusion and Wellbeing: Michael (Dep Head Boy) and Daniel H (Senior Prefect)

Transition: Harry (Dep Head Boy) and Noah (Senior Prefect)

STEM/Careers: Daniel D (Senior Prefect) and Oliver (Prefect)

Culture, Arts and Enrichment: Rajan (Senior Prefect) and Billy (Prefect)

Community and Events: Christian (Snr Dep Head Boy), Mohammed (Senior Prefect) and Archie (Prefect)

Mrs Sharrock, Principal, said:

"Interviewing for Head Boy was a real honour. The boys were articulate and passionate, and their pride in being Wellacre students shone through."

"Adam is going to make a fabulous Head Boy and he has an amazing team of committed, articulate and caring Senior Student Leaders to work alongside him. We are all excited about what we can achieve together at Wellacre."

SPORTING HONOURS

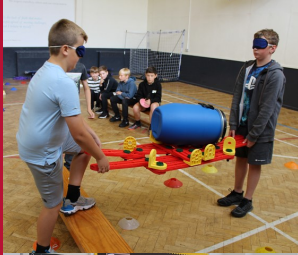
Wellacre students have been busy outside of school pursuing sporting dreams and success in a wide variety of disciplines. We are extremely proud to share in their achievements:

- **Mason**, Yr 10, is the North West Champion in boxing for his age and weight category, and reached the National Semi-Finals.
- **Lewis**, Yr 9, has been promoted to the National Swimming Squad.
- **Toby**, Yr 8, Silver medal winner at the Chojinkai Karate/Cumbrian Open
- **James**, Yr 8, has been selected for the Swim England National development Programme, as well as winning an Open Water Swim Festival.



SUMMER SCHOOL

In the last week of July, after we had bid farewell to Wellacre students for a well-deserved summer break, we welcomed new Year 7 students to a dedicated and packed Summer School programme.



Wellacre's Summer School is a specially-designed week-long event, which provides new students with an opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of activities and experiences, to socialise and build new friendships with peers and staff, and to familiarise themselves with the school surroundings.

Mr Whitehead, Pankhurst Head of House/Teacher of PE, said:

"Our main aim with Summer School is to ease the transition worries of both parents and students, to help build students' confidence and ensure they experience a smooth and positive start to their Wellacre journey."

The week's activities for the 100 new students enrolled began with staff meet-and-greets, a tour of the school grounds and a transition workshop to talk about making friends, managing emotions and setting personal goals.

The timetable also included curriculum taster sessions, including studying World War 1 artefacts in history and carrying out horticultural Science work in the Eco Centre.

PE and team building exercises ensured students enjoyed some high energy activities including a blindfolded obstacle course, and some brand new games such as, tchoukball, boccia ball and goalball.

Students also took part in diverse extra-curricular activities including drama with the Lowry theatre, Japanese culture, boxing, mindfulness, break-dancing and samba music sessions.

Mr Whitehead added:

"All our new students were really enthusiastic about joining Wellacre's Summer School and were really open to the brand new experience of high school life."

Year 7 Parent:

"Thank you so much. It's just been beyond expectations. You know what makes the boys tick and how to engage them."

Year 7 Parent:

"It has been a great time for my son to think about his strengths and interests ready for school."

Year 7 Noah:

"I was nervous at the start of Summer School, however, I feel that trying Summer School for a week is great to adjust your confidence as now I am 100% confident and looking forward to September."

Year 7 Parent:

"It has helped my son so much and he is more confident for September. I think it's a brilliant idea to have the summer school as it gives them an insight of senior school life."