

INSPIRE



September 2022

Bringing out the *best* in boys

REWARD & RECOGNITION

At Reward and Recognition Evening, students were nominated for a wide range of awards for academic, sporting, leadership and co-curricular achievements. Special awards were also given to those making significant contributions to their Houses and the wider Wellacre community:

Turing Outstanding Contribution: Calvin

Pankhurst Outstanding Contribution: Billy

Lowry Outstanding Contribution: Evan

Sports Leader of the Year - Lex was outstanding in helping to coordinate events for primary schools, including the Commonwealth Roadshow, where he confidently led and encouraged children to take part in sporting activities.

Sportsperson of the Year - Edward is an all round excellent sportsperson and a fantastic and supportive member of Wellacre sports teams.

The Sue Moscow Award - Oliver worked hard demonstrating Wellacre's core values and went above and beyond to help a new student settle into his form.

Governor's Award - Jayden is a model student, hard working, humble, resilient and respected by his peers. He is a Brilliant Club graduate and addressed the graduation audience about his learning experience.

Principal's Award - George has embraced every opportunity that Wellacre has offered him; he was an excellent House Captain, a Computing and Literacy Ambassador and, most recently, was elected Wellacre's Head Boy for 2022-23.

Principal, Mrs Sharrock, said:

"Wellacre is a special school community and these students are representative of hundreds who enrich the experiences of us all on a daily basis. I could not feel more proud and privileged to be the Principal of this wonderful school."



Wellacre students gathered to collect and celebrate their GCSE results on a day, which recognised the significant hard work, resilience and determination of the year group.

Staff at Wellacre are incredibly proud of all the students' achievements in their results; they have shown great commitment and perseverance, and responded positively to the support from Wellacre's wonderful staff.

We would like to extend our thanks to parents and carers for all their support with Wellacre students over the past five years.

Mrs Sharrock, Principal, said:

"After the unprecedented challenges of the past two years we are so proud of the achievements of the students. The support of staff and our parents and carers has undoubtedly provided a platform for the students to achieve well. We wish them every success in their future endeavours."

Wellacre students have moved on successfully to the next step of their career journeys; here are some highlights:

Oliver, a former Urmston primary pupil, achieved outstanding results including Grade 9 in Biology, Chemistry and Computer Science, and will join the Technical Theatre course at Pendleton College. As a member of the Wellacre's annual school production team, he is excited to pursue this career direction.

Freddie joined Wellacre from St. Michael's Primary and celebrated excellent results, including Grade 8 in English Language, Maths, Combined Science and Computer Science, and a Distinction* in Music. He will start at Xaverian College, studying A Levels in Maths, Computer Science and Music.

His goal is to become a musical engineer; having performed in school as part of a band, he is looking forward to enjoying Music in college and following his dream.



Stanley attended Davyhulme Primary, and will begin at Xaverian College. He will study A Levels in Film, Sociology and Politics, following his fantastic set of results, which included Grade 9 in Biology, and Grade 8 in English Language, Maths, Computer Science and History.

Stanley said:

"I'm really happy to achieve the grades I needed for college. I'm thankful to the teachers who have always been there to help and support me, especially through COVID."

With his sights set on becoming a Director or Cinematographer, Stanley is most excited about starting the Film course!

Anthony joins Urmston Grammar to study A Levels in Maths, Computer Science and Business with his GCSE achievements. He was previously a Highfield pupil.

Anthony said:

"I'm up for it starting A Levels and am looking forward to it, especially the independence!"

Billy celebrated grades which ensured he will study A Levels in Biology, Government and Politics, and History at Loreto College.

Billy said:

"I'm happy with all my results as I put the hard work in for them. I got everything I needed to move onto my chosen college and I'm excited to start!"

WELLACRE'S SENIOR PREFECT TEAM

We are proud to announce the new team for 2022/23. George has been appointed Wellacre's new Head Boy, ably supported by Nicky as Senior Deputy Head Boy and with Harrison and Luca as the Deputy Head Boys.

As well as leading the Executive Student Council, the Senior Leadership team members, including our new Senior Prefects; working alongside key members of staff in key strategic areas:

Diversity and Inclusion: Nicky (Senior Deputy Head Boy) and Daniel (Senior Prefect)

Personal Development (inc. STEM/Careers): Harrison (Deputy Head Boy) and Anthony (Senior Prefect)

Community and Events (inc. Transition): Luca (Deputy Head Boy) and Matthew (Senior Prefect.)



Principal, Mrs Sharrock, said:

"Huge congratulations to our new Head Boy, George, and the other successful team members who will all play an important role in student leadership in the year ahead."



HOUSE OF THE YEAR LOWRY



Lowry won House of Year 2021/22 after a year of House competitions and individual achievements.

Cheers reverberated around the school as students celebrated their team efforts to win House points in sporting, charity and academic events.

These included Pancake Flipping, Sports Day, World Book Day Readathon, Pi Day Maths Challenge and House Activity Day.



Student points were also accumulated for those demonstrating Wellacre's core values in school. Congratulations to Team **Lowry**. The competition is now on for 2022/23!

ACHIEVEMENT TEAM WELLACRE



Wellacre students excelled themselves at the end of the Summer term, receiving a plethora of awards and commendations:

Students won the **EDT Industrial Cadets Best STEM Solution** for their app to monitor and reduce energy consumption in households and businesses.

Team Wellacre jumped for joy with their superb **Garden of Resilience at the RHS Flower Show**; it received high praise from visitors!

Students achieved the **SSAT Student Leadership Accreditation**, which recognises and rewards personal development and leadership skills.

TRANSITION SUMMER SCHOOL

Wellacre's Summer School has run successfully for a number of years and has a proven track record in helping to ease transition for both new students and their parents/carers.



Over 80 students joined a Transition week to enjoy a timetable brimming with activities and lessons, meet new classmates and staff and familiarise themselves with the school site.

Mr Thomson, Director of Transition, said:

"We aim to help ease the concerns of students and their families and to build their excitement at becoming part of the Wellacre community. All the activities are designed to boost their confidence and camaraderie; we can really feel the positive impact it has on students when they join us in September."

The week's activities began with meet and greet, a tour of the school grounds, and a transition workshop to talk about making friends, managing emotions and setting personal goals.

The timetable of the week also included curriculum taster lessons; in English, students developed their writing skills to

introduce themselves, and in a workshop supported by Trafford Thrive, students talked about mental health and wellbeing.

PE and team building exercises involved utilising students' communication and problem-solving skills as they tackled an Escape Room Challenge and navigated an obstacle course blindfolded. They also experienced several high energy and new team games including curling, boccia ball, ultimate frisbee, handball, and boules.

Students experienced their first House events, which saw them performing in a Talent Show and competing in Hungry Hippos, Scavenger Hunt and Skiing!

Mr Thomson added:

"The House events rallied everyone and they competed enthusiastically! It was a pleasure to see friendships forming and confidence building throughout the week."

Year 7 Parent:

"Summer School was a great experience for my son; he made lots of new friends."

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"Summer School was great for alleviating my son's anxiety about the school routine, physical layout, lessons and logistics."

Jack, Year 7:

"I really enjoyed Summer School! I came with friends from my primary school and made some new ones too. I think it is really good for people joining Wellacre; it's not as scary as you think and all the teachers are here to help you."