



INSPIRE

June 2023

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WELLACRE SCHOLARS



Wellacre celebrated the success of our Year 7 and 8 students as they graduated from the Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme, at a ceremony held at the University of Leeds.

Our scholars rose to the challenge of the Brilliant Club university programme, attending tutorials on the introduction to literary theory during the Spring term with a PhD tutor. They were encouraged to think and work independently to complete a challenging final essay before achieving a university-level grade.

All our young students performed exceptionally well and we were especially impressed with Year 7's Jack, Mackenzie and Finnley, as well as Year 8's Luke and Zach who scored top marks and each achieved a 1st!

Principal Mrs Sharrock, said:

"Congratulations to all our amazing graduates. They excelled with what was challenging content and experienced a real sense of satisfaction with their considerable achievement."

At the University of Leeds graduation ceremony, Zach was invited to address the audience about his Brilliant Club experience. He said:

"I learned skills that I will use later in life and knowledge that will help me, and it gave me an insight into the level of work, effort and commitment you need at university. I'd like to thank all those people who were involved in giving me this opportunity and, I'd also like to say, if you get the opportunity to do the Brilliant Club, please do it!"

PhD Tutor Hannah Brumby shared some amazing feedback on our students' work. She said:

"The Scholars made some great progress and I've really enjoyed their contributions to each class. They made some really insightful points about each of the literary theories we've studied; I'm hoping this will broaden their understanding of literature from now on. Well done!"

SUMMER 2023 UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 30th June 2022
New year 7 Intake SEND Forum

Thursday 22nd June 2023
Year 11 Prom

Thursday 29th June 2023
New Year 7 Intake Evening

Friday 30th June 2023
Sports Day

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th July 2023
Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 5th July 2023
KS3 Take Your Son to Work Day

Wednesday 5th July 2023
INSET Day—School closed

Thursday 6th July 2023
New Year 7 Intake Day at Wellacre

Thursday 13th July 2023
Rewards & Recognition Evening

Thursday 20th July 2023
School closes for Summer

Mon 21st - Fri 25th August 2023
New Year 7 Intake Summer
School

Thursday 24th August 2023
GCSE Results Day



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the Summer edition of our INSPIRE newsletter. This edition highlights the many rich and varied activities, projects and wider achievements of Wellacre students and staff.

I hope these stories will provide the inspiration to all our students to get involved and take every opportunity this wonderful school offers.

This is a school in which staff and students feel a strong sense of belonging. We are guided by our values and every day we see them exemplified through our activities.

We are looking forward to a busy summer calendar and continuing our work around Transition, which is already well underway.

I would like to thank all those with whom we work in partnership for their tremendous support. I hope all our families enjoy the weeks ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Happy reading!
Mrs Sharrock, Principal

STAFF CPD

Wellacre's focus continues for developing a highly skilled and reputable staff in line with our school-wide culture of 'always learning.' Most recent professional qualifications and training undertaken by staff are as follows:

AWARDS

Mrs Barnes: NPQLT in Leading Teaching

Mr Baker: NPQLTD for Leading Teacher Development.

Mr Baker & Mr Asha: ITC Outdoor First Aid course, followed by the Lowland Leader Assessment (for Wellacre's Duke of Edinburgh).

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Mr Shiner & Mr Whitehead: NPQSL in Senior Leadership

Mrs Stirling: NPQLL in Leading Literacy.

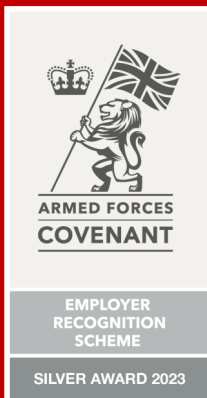
Mrs Siddall: Part of the University of Manchester's *Science & Engineering Education Research & Innovation Hub*, focused on Science teaching from primary to secondary, and improving the uptake of science based careers.

Miss Morley: Early Career Framework Course Conference on classroom strategies and techniques.



WELLACRE'S CCF

Wellacre's Royal Navy CCF Section continues to thrive since it's launch in 2019. The unit provides a sense of pride, belonging and achievement to all the cadets and makes a significant contribution to our wider development curriculum.



Official CCF Launch



Wellacre hosted the official flag-raising ceremony and parade for our CCF Unit, joined by parents, carers, families, staff, and governors and officiated by Inspecting Officer Lt. Green.

During the ceremony Petty Officer Jack, Yr 10, led the parade, with Cadet Oliver, Yr 9, playing the ceremonial pipe whilst Leading Hand, Bradley, Yr 9, raised the flag.

Cadet Ethan, Yr 9, was awarded a Commander's Coin in recognition of his progress as part of the section and his demonstration of the Royal Navy core values, which compliment our school core values too.

Army Youth Day

Wellacre Alumni, Capt. Chris Dougherty, and the Army Youth Outreach



Team for a Careers event to educate young people about the British Army and those who serve within it.

Cadets completed a series of command tasks, from cracking codes to building a bridge to cross as a team.

Each activity educated them about the Army as well as helping them to develop critical-thinking, problem-solving, team work, confidence and leadership skills.

Silver Award

We have been granted the Silver Award under the Employer Recognition Scheme, by the Ministry of Defence, for the school's support to the Armed Forces community.

Our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant is demonstrated, not only, in the school's continued resolution provide support for the military community, but also in the advancement of the CCF experience at Wellacre.

Orienteering



Cadets enjoyed their first experience of Orienteering with members of SELOC (South East Lancashire Orienteering Club) at Worsley Woods.

It was a great opportunity for our cadets to learn navigation skills, map reading and compass work.

Orienteering challenges participants to run a route along checkpoints with the aid of a map and compass, and to complete the course in the shortest possible time.

Afloat Training

The annual CCF Afloat training sessions have begun with cadets gaining confidence on the water.



As well as setting sail in dinghies, some have also completed command tasks, including building a seaworthy raft and crossing a waterway.



CELEBRATING

Wellacre could not be happier than when our students, or their families, share news about their extra-curricular talents and success - whether that is in sport, performing and creative arts, technology or digital media.

We are beyond proud to see aspiring students recognised and rewarded for their talent and commitment in doing what they love. Do you want to share your success? Please email tquinn@wellacre.org



Oscar, Yr 8, won a haul of gold medals in Jiu Jitsu following the Elite BJJ Junior National Championships and the Reorg Open - he came away with six in total!



Noah, Yr 8, who won the High Legh Golf Park 'Junior 9 Hole' tournament at the weekend. He is also now the proud title holder of the Junior Course record.



Dylan, Yr 10, has accepted the role of Junior Golf Captain at Davyhulme Golf Club!



Oliver and George, Yr 8, were successful in district trials to play cricket for South Manchester!



Noah, Yr 8, was selected to represent Trafford at the Greater Manchester Schools Athletics. He set a new personal best at 12.14 seconds in 100m.



Dylan, Yr 8, signed a 12 month contract with Stoke City FC and, with that, came the opportunity to play at the Bet365 stadium, winning 2-0 against Leicester.



Ben, Yr 11, was crowned the Reserve Champion at a local Showrider competition,

along with a 1st and two 2nds. He is embarking on a trial in the Summer in Surrey with a professional Showriding team, before starting a career with them.



Adam, Yr 7, has signed his first two year contract with Crewe Alexandra Football Club.



Theo, Yr 9, competed at a Greater Manchester Schools competition at Rock Over Climbing, winning the event for his age group.

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SUCCESS



Ben, Yr 9, was successfully selected to play for Team GB Softball against the Czech Republic.

Oliver, Yr 7, was invited to grade for a high level Brown Belt in Kenpo Karate and following the 2hr grading, Oliver passed with flying colours.



Alfie, Yr 9, competes for ice and roller hockey for NW teams and has also trained with Team GB with hopes of joining them next year.



Harry, Yr 11, took to the Manchester Academy stage as part of a gig with 'Oscar Bryant and the Bluebirds'. The band, made up of Harry and other former Wellacre students, are celebrating a single, now out on Spotify.



Angela's Dance Club welcomed **George, Yr 8**, for their show at Four Oaks Care Home, Partington. Due to a family link, Wellacre was pleased to provide transport for all the dancers and watch as George showcased his tap dancing skills for delighted residents.

Sport Ambassadors



Ambassadors for Wellacre celebrated excellent results at **Trafford Schools Athletics**.



Year 8/9 Sport Leaders were fantastic when they helped out at Trafford Primaries Dodgeball Festival.



Sport Ambassadors hosted an outstanding Active In Minds session for Yr 7/8 mentees with **Coach Clever** students planning a Yr 7 sport session soon!

Jasper, Yr 7, joined the Manchester Musical Youth Group on stage at the Junior Theatre Festival. His cast won a Special award for excellence in acting after their performances.



Harry, Yr 8, brought in work he completed at home, inspired by Design Technology. In lessons, students have been designing and making a school building. Harry has shone in the classroom and in his home construction project.

Yr 8 Josh shared an incredibly imaginative and skilled piece of stop-motion animation that he has crafted at home. You can check out his digital and film-making skills on our social media accounts!



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JORDAN THOMPSON

We were pleased as punch to welcome former Wellacre student, Jordan Thompson, for a special and inspirational assembly.

Jordan is a professional boxer and current IVF European Cruiserweight Champion, who has travelled as far as Las Vegas to train and spar with Tyson Fury.

As an ambassador for his parents' charity, the Youth Charter for Sport, Jordan helps to give back to young people and inspire a generation.

It has been 13 years since Jordan left Wellacre after completing his A Levels. His message to students:

'Everyone here has a talent, something which makes you shine. So nurture that talent, chase your dreams and goals, and be the best version of yourself, each and every day.'



Jordan was delighted to see a few Wellacre staff who taught and supported him at the assembly.

Students learned about the benefits of boxing; it is a great sporting discipline for self-defence, fitness, resilience and mental health. They also had the opportunity to see Jordan's Championship belt, which he had brought along to showcase.

Wellacre students Oliver, Year 7, Zaki, Year 8, and Mason and Alfie in Year 11, were pleased to have the chance to meet Jordan and talk about their own experiences in the field.



TOM PALMER

Year 7 and 8 students welcomed another award-winning children's author, Tom Palmer, to Wellacre for an inspirational and interactive story-writing masterclass.

At Wellacre, author visits are an important part of the wider curriculum and they help encourage reading for pleasure, which is an expectation for all our students.

Tom first discussed how he came up with ideas for all his stories and then invited students to take part in a competitive quiz and other games to unlock their imaginations and release their creativity!

With a variety of historical artefacts to discover and explore, Tom helped students create lots of story ideas inspired by the objects before signing student books!

ANDREW WESTERN MP



We welcomed Andrew Western MP for an excellent Q & A session with students interested in learning more about local politics.

The visit followed on from a successful Digital Surgery with Wellacre's Politics Project students, which was an excellent opportunity to develop their political understanding.

At the session, students asked about parliamentary procedure, and how the roles of an MP and a Trafford Council leader differ. As ever, students were exemplary and Andrew offered to host them as Houses of Parliament guests in the near future.

THE JUNGLE BOOK

For the first time since 2019, Wellacre's stage curtains opened for a theatrical production of 'The Jungle Book.'

Wellacre's aspiring actors, singers and backstage technicians began preparations for the show in November for a run of shows in the Spring term.

The audience followed Mowgli, Kian (Yr 10) as he leaves his family of wolves because of fearsome tiger Shere Khan, Billy (Yr 9). Guided by no-nonsense Bagheera, Jack (Yr 10), and a free-spirited Baloo, Luke (Yr 11), the young boy begins an epic adventure and meets an array of jungle animals along the way!

The Wellacre community heaped praise on the cast; Wellacre Governor, Tom Fredrickson said:

"We thoroughly enjoyed the performance. It was clear to me that there had been a lot of work and commitment and the boys should be very proud of what they achieved."



Year 7 Bushcraft

There was a real buzz amongst Year 7 as they packed and set off on the annual Year 7 Bushcraft residential in Castle Howard, North Yorkshire!

The first and most important task - building a campfire. Students learnt about fire-lighting using a flint, and the process of adding kindling and sticks to build the flames.

Shelter-building was next and students were given basic materials of tarp, rope and pegs to construct their tents among the trees.

Some of the students opted to sleep in these make-shift constructions for the night, rather than the camp tents, and found the experience very comfortable!

Students using camo paint and charcoal from extinguished fires to conceal their faces and hands in order to play a huge game of hide and seek game.



Students learned trap making skills and were shown different types to snare small creatures. They also learned to whittle wood to make a peg for their contraptions.

There was plenty more fun and team games around the campfire including shaolin kung fu, songs and story-telling, and making delicious s'mores at bedtime.

The boys had an incredible time and had lots of say about their favourite activities:

"My favourite thing was making the shelter with the equipment they gave us and using all the tree branches to build it."

Sonny

"I loved lighting the fire and then putting it out the next day. It was amazing to walk into the woods and be in the forest for the night."

Nash

TRANSITION CSI CHALLENGE

Wellacre hosted a special CSI workshop for Year 4 and 5 Trafford primary pupils in celebration of British Science Week.

Wellacre's House trophy was 'stolen' and pupils had to investigate a series of clues from the crime scene to eliminate suspects.

Our Science Ambassadors assisted pupils in all the experiments and explained the science behind each result. These included extracting DNA, analysing fingerprints!

St Monica's Primary School said: *"Thank you so much for inviting us - the children had an amazing time and couldn't stop talking about it when they returned to school."*

A parent added: *"My daughter absolutely loved it. She explained to me about the videos the teachers had made and the effort put in to ensure they enjoyed it."*



Year 7 students have enjoyed their first year at Wellacre and made the most of every opportunity! Here's their view of joining the Wellacre family:

"Summer School helped me feel better about starting at Wellacre. We did loads of activities, met teachers and learned my way around."

WILLIAM

"Once I began to settle in I started making friends with other people that came from other schools. This was made easier by joining sports clubs after school, and doing other after school activities."

BLAKE

"Achievement points really help in boosting your confidence and my proudest achievement whilst being a Wellacre student is earning the most in Year 7."

AARON

"I practised riding my bike to school over the summer holidays with my Dad. Sometimes I walk to school or get a lift. I have made new friends who live near me by walking home."

ISAAC

"Friends and teachers at Wellacre make me feel really confident and part of the Wellacre family."

RUSSEL

"What makes me feel like I belong at Wellacre is getting to wear the uniform every day - that makes me feel really proud."

JASPER