



# INSPIRE

June 2024

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## FOOD CHAMPIONS



**Wellacre teams up with the charity, Bite Back, to empower students to promote access to healthy, affordable and appealing food.**

In January, a team of Year 7 students volunteered for the Bite Back project, as part of Wellacre's P6 programme.

Being part of the Bite Back team has educated the team on healthy eating and nutritious food accessibility before empowering them to generate ideas for positive changes to the canteen environment and menu options.

The team have been working with Mrs Bentley, Leader of Design Technology, Food and Art, and the Wellacre Leadership team to offer their suggestions including:

- Display updates to make the environment even more welcoming, such as healthy eating and positive mental health messages;
- New drink flavours and larger cartons for hydration;
- New healthy dessert additions, such as flapjacks;
- New weekly themed days, such as hot wraps; and
- Further recycling opportunities.

The Year 7 team including Zach, Toby, Jacob, Jake, David, George, Devon, Jim, Fletcher, Harry and Joseph, invite any students with suggestions to speak to them directly.

Mrs Bentley, said:

*"It was fantastic to present this team with their Bite Back badges and books to celebrate their commitment and enthusiasm for the project; especially to see the boys develop their confidence and assertiveness."*

*"We look forward to welcoming new Year 7s to the team in September and these students will take on a leadership role within the group."*

Wellacre's catering team adapt the menu offer termly to create a nutritious and balanced offer. The menu includes a wealth of choice with old favourites, new ranges, meat free Mondays and special themed days.

## SUMMER 2024 UPCOMING DATES

**Wednesday 26th June 2024**

Pankhurst Charity Day

**Thursday 27th June 2024**

Sports Day

**Thursday 27th June 2024**

New Year 7 Intake Evening

**Fri 28th - Sat 29th June 2024**

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

**Mon 1st - Fri 5th July 2024**

Year 10 Work Experience

**Thursday 4th July 2024**

KS3 Take Your Son to Work Day

New Year 7 Intake Day

**Friday 5th July 2024**

Community Cohesion Day

**Mon 8th - Weds 10th July 2024**

Year 7 Bushcraft

**Thursday 11th July 2024**

Rewards & Recognition Evening

**Thursday 18th July 2024**

House Celebration Day

**Friday 19th July 2024**

School closes for Summer

**Mon 19th - Fri 23rd August 2024**

New Year 7 Intake Summer  
School

**Thursday 22nd August 2024**

GCSE Results Day

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**Thursday 26th September 2024**

Join us for Wellacre's Open  
Evening!



# WELLACRE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the latest edition of Wellacre Inspire! This issue is brimming with articles about the fantastic range of opportunities provided for all our students to pursue their talents, develop their interests and make a positive contribution to their school and wider communities.

You can read about projects, which enable students' voices to be heard and to make a difference.

Our students recognise that they have influence and we are always very proud of the difference they make.

We hope you enjoy our stories and look forward to welcoming our readers to the annual **Wellacre Open Evening on Thursday 26th September.**

Happy reading!

Mrs Sharrock, Principal

## STAFF CPD: FOREST SCHOOL STRATEGY

Wellacre's improvement plans continue with the development and investment in the on-site Ecology Centre and training of a Forest School Lead Practitioner.

Mr Toogood, Leader of Science, is training for a NOCN Level 3 Certificate in Forest School Programme Leadership.



The investment in this significant professional development will enable Wellacre to launch a Forest School provision in our Eco Centre and surrounding woodland spaces.

The aim of a Forest School at Wellacre is to utilise our natural spaces to develop the health, wellbeing, self-esteem and independence of our students.

The facility may also provide links for school curriculum, local community and wider learning opportunities.

With Mr Toogood's training concluding in November 2024, as a qualified Forest School Lead Practitioner, he will be in a position to set up and deliver this exciting new programme.

# CCF CADETS' JOIN ARMY EXPERIENCE

Wellacre's CCF Cadet unit welcomed Gunner Stevenson and Sergeant Bush from the Army Outreach Team for a dedicated engagement day.



To start the day, the cadets enjoyed a presentation to give them a better understanding of the Army, before they formed teams to complete challenging command tasks.

Each activity focussed on educating them about the Army as well as helping them develop in areas such as critical-thinking, problem-solving, teamwork and leadership.

The round robin of physical activities included 3-man skis and bridge-building, as well as cracking codes in Escape Room tasks.

Year 9 Cadet, Luke, said:

*"The presentation gave us an insight into what Army life is like. The teamwork activities later on in the day were really fun and we learnt how to work together really well."*

SSM Ward, added:

*"The day was a resounding success with students teaming together to face lots of challenging activities - it really brought out their competitive sides - and Gunner Stevenson and Sergeant Bush were on hand to impart their advice and support from a military point of view."*

## TEENS & TODDLERS



Wellacre students celebrated their work with Delamere School, at the Power2 'Teens and Toddlers' Graduation and Awards ceremony in Didsbury.

As part of the Teens and Toddlers project, each student was paired with a child in a Reception class. They shadowed them with the purpose of offering assistance, at lunchtime for example, or taking part in play sessions.

The weekly sessions also included working with the Power2 Programme team led by Nicola Carey.

Well done to Sean and Ethan, Year 9, and Michael, Kenzie, Kai, Oliver, Jacob, Wasim, and Lucas, Year 10.

Mr Pemberton, Vice Principal, said:

*"These students showed great determination and resilience, and built up strong relationships with their mentees at Delamere as well as the project leaders who worked with them at school."*

The project link at Delamere School added:

*"Thank you so much for the past 14 weeks at Delamere School. Ladybird class have had such an amazing time with the boys from Wellacre. Some of our least confident children became so confident when the boys came to work with them. The friendship between the mentee and the children was so lovely, seeing them grow together and for the mentees to get to know the children's needs."*



# CELEBRATING

Wellacre loves to hear about the achievements and successes of students both in school and beyond, so that we celebrate with students and the school community. Do you want to share your son's success? Please email [tquinn@wellacre.org](mailto:tquinn@wellacre.org)



**Noah, Yr 9**, won his 200m race at the Greater Manchester Championships and is now training hard for the English Schools Championship, followed by the Nationals.



**Max, Yr 7**, won a haul of medals, including a gold, at his Swimming Club's Sprint Championships as well as scoring in his Water Polo team's winning game!



U14 Urmston Meadowside Predators won the League and also the Champions Cup Final. Here are **Tom and Harry, Yr 9**, holding the cups!

**Alfie, Yr 10**, and his team were crowned the U14s British Inline Puck Hockey National Champions. The Devils are undefeated in the League this season also making them the Central League Champions - they are officially the best!



**Elliot, Yr 7**, has enjoyed success in an Equestrian competition in show jumping and his first ever dressage experience.



The Wellacre team worked hard at the Trafford Athletics Competition.

Well done to **Joe T, Yr 8**, for top spot in the Shot Put.

**Lewis, Yr 8**, raced in The Club 100 Championship winning Driver of the Day and also won the Cup Final with his football team, the Unicorn Pythons.



**Hunter, Yr 8**, and his football team, the Dynamos were named winners of their Division's League with 14 points clear of the runners up and undefeated all season.

Flixton Juniors Reds won their League! Congratulations to the Wellacre team members - **James JT, Corey H, Jack S, Josh L, Joe T, Joe S and Kealen G, Yr 8**.



**William, Yr 7**, plays National League basketball for the Manchester Giants Juniors and is in the playoffs after being undefeated all season.

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# SUCCESS



The Year 7 Rugby team won the Salford Competition, beating St. Ambrose Barlow in the final! Player of the tournament: **Finley M**



Success for the Trafford FC Youth Tigers u12s who won their Cup League finals. The Cup Double winners include: **Seth M, Fletcher J, George O, Ronnie C and Luke R, Yr 7.**



**Yr 9s Ben, Liam and Lucas** won their Cup Final match with the Sale United Predators U14; they have the double for the season



as they won the League too!

The Trafford Metrovicks won the Lancashire Rugby Cup. Well done to **Yr 11 students Jack, Nathan and Aaron.**



The Flixton U14 Falcons finished the season with a double triumph. Well done **Sam B, Oliver H, Lewis E, Ethan M, Ewan M and Jaden S, Yr 9.**



**Wellacre's Yr 8/9 Sport Ambassadors** received recognition from the Trafford School Sports Partnership for their excellent work this year. Their brilliant support for Trafford Primary School Games events and growth in confidence have been highly praised - we are so proud of all their efforts!



## Ollie Wins Bake-Off Award

Year 7 Ollie has been crowned the Bake-off winner at the Springboard FutureChef national celebration in London.

Over 3,000 Year 7 and 8 students competed virtually by baking a savoury tart and submitting their recipe online.

Industry professional chefs judged the competition and it was Ollie's Mediterranean roasted vegetable, goat cheese and chorizo savoury tart that impressed with his choice of ingredients, attention to seasoning his tart and the knife skills displayed.



Ollie said:

*"It was brilliant to go to London to be presented with my award and to be picked as the winner because the competition was hard! I was also given my own new chef whites and hat."*

Mrs Ashburn, Teacher of Food, Cooking and Nutrition, added:

*"We are so proud of Ollie winning the Bake-off competition and being invited to such a prestigious event in London to celebrate!"*

# CAREERS MONTH

## Opportunities for Careers Education & Encounters

In March, Wellacre launched our inaugural **Careers Month** to provide an opportunity for students to engage in meaningful careers education and encounters in all curriculum areas. Staff brought curriculums to life and provided careers inspiration with business sector workshops and speakers, online work experience, and alumni and college visits.

In lessons from MFL to History, students explored subject-specific careers opportunities with discussions of potential career paths and discovering where their passion for subjects could lead them.

During RESPECT, there was a weekly timetable of careers-focused activities utilising Xello, the career readiness software, to engage students in building the skills, knowledge, and plans for future success. In year groups, activities included building work skills, careers planning, and CV writing.

We also encompassed our usual support for National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week and shared parents' information guides outlining options after GCSE and sixth form/college, as well as opportunities for work experience and apprenticeships.

Mr Duffy, Director of Futures, said:

*"This has been important in bringing subjects to life and linking curriculum learning with career opportunities. The meaningful encounters with the wide variety of organisations has allowed our students to begin thinking about their own future plans from Year 7."*

In July, Year 10 students will take on Work Experience placements for a week and many Year 7, 8 and 9s will shadow a family member for the day. Both experiences will boost students' employability skills, networking opportunities and, ultimately, confidence in the working world.

Year 9 **Design Technology** students completed a virtual work experience programme with Jaguar Land Rover, learning about the industry behind these vehicles from product engineering to commercial.



Year 10 **Drama** enjoyed a UCEN Manchester audition masterclass to help guarantee them the best chance of success in a Performing Arts pathway.

Year 10 **Science** scholars explored the Manchester museum and widened their appreciation of STEM pathways at the British Science Week Takeover.



KS3 **Maths** students studied payslips as part of a money unit. Students were able to apply what they had learned to understand the concept of tax and deductions to calculate take-home pay.



Trafford College and AOM Sixth Form College delivered Sports Coaching taster sessions for Year 10 and 11 **OCR Sport** students.

Year 10 **Food and Cookery** students took part in a Springboard CareerScope webinar and heard from key staff in the hospitality sector about how to start a career in hospitality, and the various careers and apprenticeship options in the hotel industry

Wellacre's **CCF** cadets welcomed a team from the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre for a presentation about opportunities and life in the Royal Marines.

# WELLACRE ALUMNI

## Former students' dream careers in the sky take-off

Wellacre Alumni **Adam**, who left Wellacre in 2022, shared that he has successfully been recruited as Ryan Air cabin crew in the summer.

Currently studying Aviation Operations at Trafford College, Adam built up a portfolio of work-related learning and experiences in the aviation industry. He completed work experience at Barton Airport and Signum Aviation.

He also worked at The Axe & Cleaver and made contacts for Easy Jet cabin crew as well as a Ryan Air pilot, which helped him explore career opportunities in the industry.

Throughout his time at Wellacre, Adam's career aspiration was always to be a pilot and he has taken every opportunity to make this a reality.



He was unfortunately unsuccessful in an Aer Lingus pilot application but the setback only made him more determined and he researched various routes into what is a challenging career to break into.

Adam is not the only student with his sights set on the skies! Wellacre Alumni **Louie**, who was also class of '22, is three months into Jet 2 Cabin Crew training and is loving it; in his own words "It's such a surreal job!"

Congratulations to both Adam and Louie on their fantastic career success.

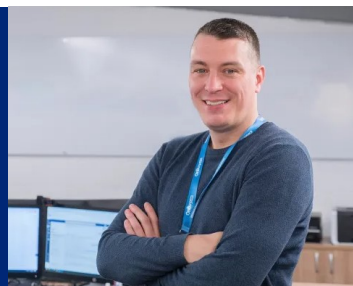


## Alumni Returns for Careers Month

As part of Wellacre's Careers Month, we were proud to welcome back Wellacre alumni, **Jack**, for an Ashton-on-Mersey Sixth Form presentation and taster session.

Jack is currently studying BTEC Sport and returned to showcase the course opportunities to Year 10 and 11, and deliver a football coaching taster session.

Jack is flourishing in his course and with his sights set on a UA92 Degree Apprenticeship, the Trafford university founded by Lancaster University and the Manchester United Class of 92, we wish him all the best.



## Inspiring Global Entrepreneur

Founder of global tech brand OnBuy.com, Cas Paton, has been in touch to arrange an opportunity for him to return to Wellacre to inspire any young entrepreneurs.

Cas started his company in 2016 after leaving Wellacre in 2001, spending time in the Navy, and then achieving a Law degree at Bournemouth University.

Remembering being inspired by a visitor to Wellacre who shared their success story and journey, Cas will be coming back to school to hopefully do the same! We look forward to welcoming him in July!

# TRANSITION

## The Great Science Share Continues

As a lead school in the Great Science Share this year, Wellacre has visited local primaries with 'The Great Glider Share.'

The Great Glider Share is the latest activity to inspire students to take the lead in investigating Science with new audiences.

Wellacre STEM Ambassadors visited Year 3 at Acre Hall, St. Monica's and St. Michael's to introduce gravity through literacy and investigating gliders.

Mrs Siddall, Assistant Curriculum Leader, led the activity with Maxwell, Joshua, Cale, Jack, Elliot and Jacob.

Mrs Siddall said:

*"Our STEM Ambassadors worked really well with the Year 3 pupils to complete their investigation and assist them in collecting and presenting their data."*

Jack, Year 9, added: *"I like being a STEM Ambassador and helping younger children enjoy Science. We helped them set up, switch materials and measure the distance. They asked lots of questions too, which we answered."*



## Hear From Year 7 Students

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:

Wellacre is a really sporty school with lots of after school clubs and these are amazing for making new friends and having fun.

DYLAN

"I'm really excited about going on the Year 7 Bushcraft camping trip with my new friends and I've even signed up for the annual ski trip, which is a bit scary but I'm sure will be lots of fun."

RYAN

"I think that because everyone is so kind and caring here at Wellacre, I feel welcome every single day that I walk through the blue gates of Wellacre."

DAVID

"One of my greatest achievements was to be chosen as a Reading Champion from my class. We were awarded a book badge and pizza party in the library. There are lots of good books in the Wellacre library."

PHIN

"There are lots of House competitions at Wellacre. I entered the House Welly Wanging Competition, where we had to throw a welly as far as we could!"

ALFIE

"Wearing the uniform makes me feel part of the Wellacre family because everyone wears it and it makes me feel part of a thriving community."

FLETCHER