



INSPIRE

September 2024

INVESTMENTS & IMPROVEMENTS



Our goal is to continue to make wide ranging improvements which positively impact our students' education.

We are proud of all the hard work we do to maintain a thriving school environment, which is safe, welcoming and inclusive.

Principal Mrs Sharrock is proud to report on the continuous investments and improvements at Wellacre to ensure a thriving school environment for the 2024/25 academic year and beyond.

In a boost to hospitality and catering education at Wellacre, we were delighted to secure a £20,000 grant from the Savoy Educational Trust to support the refurbishment and growth of the food and cookery provisions for September, bolstered by school funds.

The development strategy for Wellacre's ICT system has seen two substantial capital projects undertaken - a new CCTV system installation and WiFi infrastructure.

We also responded to Student Executive Council recommendations by making another considerable

investment in the repair of the outdoor gym equipment, resurfacing of the astro and new small football nets and balls, as well as new picnic benches, to enhance the students' recreational space.

We strive for inspiring learning spaces and the facilities team has been making improvements over the summer by repainting Gym 1, refurbishing Science lab furniture, and laying new flooring and flagging across the school.

Wellacre's focus on sustainability has resulted in newly installed water fountains to reduce plastics in the canteen (another student voice initiative) and new EV Charging Stations in Wellacre's car park for staff and visitors.



Pride and Celebration on Results Day

Principal, Mrs Sharrock, and staff congratulated all our students' excellent achievements when they collected their GCSE and Technical Award results in the summer.

We are all so proud of everything our students achieved and share their excitement as they embark on wide ranging next steps. There are a number of students worthy of a special mention:

Former Wellacre Head Boy and Irlam Endowed pupil, **Zane**, led the way with an outstanding set of results including Grade 9 in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Geography, Grade 8 in Religious Studies and English Language, and Grade 7 in English Literature.

Zane was overwhelmed with his success. He said: *"I can't believe it! I'm most proud of all my 9s, but especially my 9 in Maths as it was unexpected."*

Zane will embark on A Levels in Physics, Maths and Chemistry at Urmston Grammar. As an excellent Student Leader, it is no surprise that he is aiming for a leadership role again when they seek a Head Boy!

Michael joined Wellacre from Flixton Primary and achieved another strong set of results including Grade 9 in Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Computer Science, Grade 8 in English Language, Biology and History, and a Grade 6 in English Literature.

Reflecting on his success, Michael said: *"I'm most proud of my Maths as I was 6 marks off from achieving maximum points!"*

Michael will be pursuing his love of Maths with A Levels in Maths and Further Maths, alongside Physics and Computer Science, at Urmston Grammar.

Fellow former Flixton Primary pupil, **Alex**, celebrated Grade 9 in Physics and Computer Science, Grade 8 in Maths, English Language and Biology, and Grade 7 in English Literature, Geography and Chemistry.

Alex is looking forward to joining Urmston Grammar to study A Levels in Maths, Physics and Computer Science.

Joshua, an old Acre Hall pupil, was extremely pleased with his results, receiving Grade 9 in English Literature, English Language and Computer Science, Grade 8 in Biology, Grade 7 in Maths, Physics and History, and Grade 6 in Chemistry.

Joshua will begin at Pendleton College in September and will study A Levels in Biology, Computer Science and Physics.

Former Wellacre Senior Prefect and Computing Ambassador, **Tom**, joined from Irlam Endowed Primary. He collected a fantastic set of results including Grade 9 in Computer Science, Grade 8 in Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Geography, and Grade 7 in English Literature and Language. He goes on to study Engineering at college.

WELLACRE'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are delighted to announce the new team 2024/25. Theo has been appointed Wellacre's new Head Boy, joined by Calvin as Senior Deputy Head Boy, and Bradley and Thomas as Deputy Head Boys.



The team is completed by Senior Prefects Oliver, Mohammad, Yoda, Jaidyn, Louis, Jacob, Aiden, Jonathan and Matthew.

As well as chairing the Executive Student Council, the Senior Leadership team members will provide student leadership in whole school areas including Community and Enrichment, STEM and Sustainability, and Diversity and Inclusion.

Principal, Mrs Sharrock, said:

"The new team bowled us over with their appetite for student leadership. We can't wait to work with this exceptional team of students this year; they will be admirable representatives for the school community."



HOUSE OF THE YEAR PANKHURST

Pankhurst were the triumphant winners of the House of the Year 2023/24, with a grand total of 46,840 house points amassed through sporting, charity and academic events.



Big wins included Tutor Time Numeracy, the School Christmas card and MFL Christmas card competitions.

Top student points were also awarded for excellence in behaviour and attendance. Congratulations to Team Pankhurst and Mr Whitehead as Head of House!

Wellacre's focus on House events and teamwork drives a strong sense of belonging at Wellacre. The competition starts anew for Turing, Lowry and Pankhurst - who will be our next House of the Year champion?

ACHIEVEMENT

RHS FLOWER SHOW



Wellacre's 'Green from Grey' garden design was on display at the RHS Flower Show in July. P6 Eco Centre ambassadors were instrumental in planning and growing the design elements during the Spring and Summer months.

The design featured an urban garden promoting ways in which to promote biodiversity and green living in even the greyest spaces.

Thanks to everyone involved including the students who visited Tatton Park for the 'dig day': Samuel, Deacon, Liam, Charlie, Conrad, Robert, Maxim and Max.

TRANSITION SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School proved popular with our new students once again, with 110 students attending in August for a head start in settling into Wellacre life.



Year 7 Parent/Carer:

"My son really enjoyed attending the Summer School, making new friends and felt very welcome."

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"Summer school was excellent for my son and got him off to a flying start."

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I feel the Summer School really helped my son to feel at ease around the building and gave him the opportunity to meet his peers ahead of the start of term. He really enjoyed his first week at Wellacre."

The week-long programme provides a full timetable of activities and sessions for students to meet new classmates and staff, and learn their way around.

Team-building activities began with a meet and greet, a tour of the school grounds and an orienteering quiz so that students could familiarise themselves with the site whilst getting to know each other.

Trafford Thrive returned to Wellacre to deliver a September-ready wellbeing workshop and talk about the transition process and settling in to high school.

There were lots of sporting activities to encourage teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills such as football, curling and boccia.

Perhaps the highlight of the week was the House competition with Hungry Hippos, 4-Man Skis and Wellacre's Got Talent. Turing and Lowry were crowned joint winner at the end of the week!

Mr Caslake, Director of Transition, said:

"Summer School was a resounding success and has made a positive impact on our new Year 7s. The Talent Show was our best yet!"

COCO DAY

A culturally diverse and enriching Community Cohesion Day for Years 7, 8 & 9 students.



Wellacre launched this special day 14 years ago with a focus on cultural diversity, but over the years the event has grown to encompass activities on the themes of Community, Careers, Diversity, Citizenship, Politics, Health, Cultural Arts, Environment and Sustainability, PSHE and more.

We welcomed community visitors from local groups and businesses, including BEX in Schools, HSBC Finance, Bangadrum Carnival, Lowry CAT Team, Trafford Domestic Abuse Services and Wellacre's own CCF Cadet and Forest School teams.