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10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~Week 38

I hope that this letter finds you well as we approach the final week of the school year. We have achieved so much together of which we are proud. The students and staff have coped admirably in the heat over the last few days.

Snippets

- **Sports Day will be incorporated into House celebration Day on Wednesday 15th July.** This will be a PE kit day for all students; **substituting the PE top for a T shirt in the colour of their House.** Please note, the school blazer is the only additional layer permitted. If your child does not have an appropriate T shirt in the colour of their House then they must wear the Wellacre PE kit.
- **Rewards and Recognition Evening on Thursday was a special event for so many students and their parents.** Thank you for showing your support and well done to the boys whose efforts and achievements were recognised.
- We will be saying **farewell to Mrs Cheung and Mr Casey** on Friday who move on to new posts in new schools in September. We thank them for the contribution they have made to the Wellacre community and wish them well for the future. We also **celebrate a staff wedding in the summer for Miss P Bailey and Mr Tanner.** Congratulations and best wishes from us all!
- The **'Co-curricular Autumn 2026 Menu'** has been sent to your child to select their preferred option for Period 6 in the Autumn term. Please remind them to complete the Google form for their house to indicate their preferred choices (first, second and third choice). They **must be logged in to their school email to access the Google form.** The deadline is Monday please.
- Please find a link to the **Trafford Thrive in Education's latest newsletter for Transitions and Results day.** <https://traffordthrive.my.canva.site/transition-and-results-day-2026>
- **Pankhurst have been raising money for Manchester Children's Hospital this week.** The students and staff have really got behind the many fundraising events which have included sponsored silences, ice pop and cookie sales, sponsored runs and raffles. Well done to all!

Uniform

If you have any **uniform in good condition which is longer required** we would really appreciate it if you would donate it to school. We hold a preloved uniform sale in the summer and we also loan items of uniform on a daily basis. Please drop off any donations at reception before Friday lunchtime. Thank you.

A reminder that your son will need a KS4 tie if he is going into Year 10 in September.

End of term

School will close at 12.30pm on Friday. Please note, the dates for Summer School and the Preloved Uniform Sale are in this week's bulletin. Mrs Suthern, our Exams Officer, is writing to Year 11 parents and carers separately.



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Reports

DC2 assessment data along with pastoral comments will be published via Arbor early next week for students in Year 7-10.

Year 10 students should note that their first internal assessments generating GCSE 9-1 grade equivalents will take place in the first half term: **Monday 5th-Friday 16th October**. This will give them the opportunity to demonstrate their academic achievements and their work ethic to support applications to colleges and sixth forms. Their deadlines are largely before Christmas.

Year 10 students need rest but they also should be working over the summer; utilising the habits and strategies which they know work. They will continue to have access to our online platforms too. Please do not allow them to leave 'revision until the last minute'. We do not teach, advocate or model such ineffective approaches to our students. We want them to be motivated by their first round of 'mocks'. Reminders can be found here: [Independent Learning | Wellacre Academy](#)

Mobile phones

Thank you for your support with mobile phones. We have only had a couple of issues this week. I have repeated the same information for you again as it is so important that we get this right. We continue to narrate the expectations to all our students as we establish a norm for all. Consistency is key. Conversations at home which align to the policy are really helpful. As always, we rely on our parents and carers to support our policies.

It is now the legal responsibility of school leaders and Trusts to ensure that all schools are 'phone free'. [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)

For now, we are continuing to enforce our **'Off and away all day' policy** with renewed rigor. We have very few phone confiscations in a given week as students accept the policy and understand why we have it. However, we are looking into other options such as pouches.

We spent time again this week going back through the 'why' with students and reinforced the wording and the exemplification of our policy. This is on slides shared with students in form. By doing this, we expect no student to 'fall short' of our expectations.

Mobile devices and tablets must be switched off within the school premises. This includes all playground areas and school grounds. If they ring, or are visible during the day, members of staff are instructed, and now expected by law, to confiscate them without exception or warning. **The student must serve a Consequence to get the phone back the same day.**

Smart Watches are not allowed in school. Students are advised to use a normal watch. If a Smart Watch is worn, it will be confiscated.

Phones 'on and in pockets' is not in the spirit of the policy; phones will be taken. The point being that students are not allowed access to phones, and the intrusive messages, notifications and content during their time at school. Students may not use mobile devices at any time during the school day to make or receive calls, texts and notifications. Students who have a real emergency can use the school phone at the office to contact parents and carers.

As parents and carers, you have a key role to play.



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- If parents and carers need to contact students in an emergency, they should telephone the school in the usual way and emergency messages will be passed on by an appropriate adult.
- Please do not call or text your child's mobile device during the school day, as this could result in a confiscation of their device. Similarly, please do not encourage your child to use their device in school.

An issue this week has been students wanting to contact home because they have no money on Arbor to purchase food and drink. Please keep an eye on your Arbor payments to remove this particular challenge in school.

Students who do not attend the office when they feel sick and, instead, contact parents directly will serve a consequence on their return to school. This is not acceptable practice as the use of phones is not allowed by law. Thank you in anticipation of your full support in this matter.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school and our policies. If you need to contact us, please use admin@wellacre.org and we will make sure it is forwarded to the person best placed to deal with your query.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I know many of the boys, even the ones who do not usually like football, will be watching on Saturday night.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Sharrock

Principal