



WELLACRE

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Wellacre Academy

As Head of Year 7 I am absolutely delighted to welcome your son and your family to the Wellacre community. Starting secondary school is a significant and exciting milestone in your son's life, and we are thrilled to partner with you as he begins this next chapter in his education. At this stage, your son might be feeling a mixture of anticipation and a few nerves. Please reassure him that these feelings are completely normal, and shared by all of his new peers.

Parent Information Evenings

We will be hosting **Parent Information Evenings** at the start of term. These will be important sessions in which we will have the opportunity to explain some key information in a little more detail. **Please note that due to fire regulations, the hall has a limited capacity so each evening is for one family representative only please.** Wellacre students should not attend.

Please note the session for your child:

Year 7 - Monday 7th September, 6pm-7pm

Meet the Tutor Evening: Thursday 10th September 4.30-7pm

We will be inviting all our parents and carers to book a **remote** five minute appointment with their child's tutor. This will be a good opportunity for you all to make a connection with the Tutor who sees your child every morning and is the first port of call regarding their pastoral care. The link to make an appointment via School Cloud will go out in September.

Our School Values

At Wellacre, our school values are the constant companion of our actions. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's vision, ethos and values as these underpin our actions, policies and practices.

Our Vision: 'Working together to instil a sense of belonging for all so that every student thrives.'

Our Ethos: Inspire, Achieve, Enjoy

Our Values: Honesty, Pride, Respect, Resilience, Aspiration

- Be honest with ourselves and each other.
- Be proud of our school, our uniform and our attitude to learning.
- Be respectful in what we do and say.
- Be resilient when faced with challenges.
- Aspire to excellence in all that we do.



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During Year 7, our primary focus will be on helping your son successfully transition to high school life. We will work closely with him to develop strong organisational skills, navigate our larger school environment with confidence, and settle into new routines. You can support us in this journey at home by using the Arbor school communication app (details and support are included below) to check his timetable with him each evening. Encouraging him to use Arbor to prepare and pack his school bag the night before will help build his independence, establish positive routines, and ensure he is ready for the day ahead.

At Wellacre, we pride ourselves on being a supportive 'family' where every young man is valued, respected, and encouraged to achieve his potential. Our absolute priority is to ensure your son feels safe, happy, and confident from his very first day. To support this, we have a dedicated team of teachers, tutors, pastoral support staff, and older students ready to help him settle in, navigate the school, and answer any questions.

Please be aware that we expect students to be **on site by 8.20am and lining up in their designated house area by 8.27am**. Students are then taken by their Achievement Tutor to their registration room. There is a set timetable of activities for each morning including Literacy and Numeracy. We will also check that each student is well equipped for each day.

To that end, please make sure that your son is equipped for learning each day with a school bag, basic equipment and a full PE kit which complies with our uniform expectations.

All students need a **pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, a scientific calculator, a white board/dry erase pen (e.g Dry erase pens are £1 for 4 in Tesco and similar elsewhere) and index cards to be kept at home so students can make their own flashcards**. Students also need a school bag large enough to carry school books and kit. Equipment checks will take place regularly in Form Time. **Please help us in ensuring that every student is ready to learn.**

Uniform

All students must be in full school uniform every day, adhering to the Wellacre Uniform Policy. This will be checked by Achievement Tutors every morning before entering the building. If your son is not in full uniform, he must have a note explaining why. If he is unable to produce a note then he can expect to receive a consequence. We have a stock of clean uniform items, in excellent condition, in school. Your son is always expected to wear what we can provide if he is not in full uniform. **The uniform policy states that we only accept black shoes, no sports logos or trainers, and plain dark grey / charcoal trousers. Hoodies, earrings, piercings and jewellery are not allowed. They will be confiscated from students.**

Arbor

We are expecting all our parents/carers to be actively engaged with Arbor by the end of September. The leaflets below will help you to get started if you are new to the system.

[Handout Arbor Parent App poster.pdf](#)



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Parents/carers can edit their details and contact details themselves. **Please could all parents/carers check that their details are correct on Arbor.** Please remember that any legal rights to access information about a child must be reflected in the information you provide.

[Updating your own guardian details on the Parent Portal and Arbor App](#)

Curriculum and Independent Study

We inform you about what your son will be learning via the curriculum area of our website. Content will be refreshed by the end of September reflecting changes made over the Summer.

[Curriculum | Wellacre Academy](#)

At home, students need to be securing their knowledge within subjects so they can do more with that powerful knowledge.

House Contact Details

Please note that we do not accept visitors without an appointment.

The **first point of contact for any pastoral concerns or questions should be your son's Achievement Tutor**, whose email address you can find below, along with contact details for other key members of staff.

All other queries should be directed to admin@wellacre.org

Please note that we have a reasonable expectation that staff will reply within 48-72 hours (**two-three working days**) to any query.

Year 7 Achievement Tutor Team

7.1 - B Sloan	bsloan@wellacre.org
7.2 - O Ameh / H Wong	oameh@wellacre.org / hwong@wellacre.org
7.3 - R Wheatcroft	rwheatcroft@wellacre.org
7.4 - G Lee	glee@wellacre.org
7.5 - E Hill	ehill@wellacre.org
7.6 - L Autumn	lautumn@wellacre.org

Director of Transition with responsibility for Year 7

Mr J. Caslake icaslake@wellacre.org

Assistant Principal: Personal Development and SENDCO

Mrs M. O'Neill moneill@wellacre.org

Inclusion Manager

Mrs N. Birney nbirney@wellacre.org



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Safeguarding Officer

Miss C Wedderburn cwedderburn@wellacre.org

We look forward to working closely with you to ensure a smooth, successful transition. We are excited about the positive contribution your son will make to the life of the school and the Wellacre 'family' this year.

Your son will be well supported throughout his time here, and he will always be reminded that our school values should be evident in his everyday actions. Please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns, and we will always do our best to help.

Best wishes,

Mr J Caslake
Director of Transition and Head of Year

