

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Turing House

It has been my pleasure to welcome our new and returning students to Turing House this week. I appreciate your support in purchasing our school uniform. The students look smart and this reflects the high standards we have at Wellacre.

As Head of Turing I am really proud of our resilience and the strong sense of community we have fostered within our house. I know I can always rely on students to engage with activities and opportunities to represent our house, even if they are partaking in something that is out of their comfort zone. Our Sports Day in July was a magnificent event and we were able to enter students from every form in every event. This continued into the House Activity day that followed; there were so many students who did all they could to earn us vital points. We were rewarded on the last day when we were crowned House of the Year. A thrilling end to another fabulous school year!

This year, I want us to focus on ensuring that every student is fully equipped for the school day, arrives at school on time and that phones stay off and away all day. I would particularly like your support with independent learning by discussing what tasks your child has to complete at home, supporting any barriers they may have and encouraging them to meet their deadlines.

I am pleased to announce this year's Turing Leadership team. The students will work hard for our house and we will all benefit from their contribution;

- **House Captain** - Matthew Hornby
- **Vice Captain** - Joshua Horrocks and Jacob Urmston
- **Sports Captain** - Billy Saxton and Rory Fannon

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.

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

Year 10 and Year 11 Monday 14th September, 6pm-7pm

Year 8 and Year 9 Monday 21st September, 6pm-7pm

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.

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](#)

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.

Turing House Achievement tutors

8.1 Miss G. Sanderson gsanderson@wellacre.org

8.2 Mrs A. Williams awilliams@wellacre.org

9.1 Miss A. Booth abooth@wellacre.org

9.2 Mr R. Linton rlinton@wellacre.org

10.1 Mrs C. Horridge chorridge@wellacre.org

10.2 Mrs S. Drinkwater sdrinkwater@wellacre.org

11.1 Miss H. Harvey hharvey@wellacre.org

11.2 Mr L Baker lbaker2@wellacre.org

Head of Turing House

Mrs J. Irwin jirwin2@wellacre.org

Director of Transition with responsibility for Year 7

Mr J. Caslake jaslake@wellacre.org

Assistant Principal: Personal Development and SENDCO

Mrs M. O'Neill moneill@wellacre.org

Inclusion Manager

Mrs N. Birney nbirney@wellacre.org

Safeguarding Officer

Miss C Wedderburn cwedderburn@wellacre.org

We are looking forward to the positive contribution your son will make to the life of the school and the Turing 'family' this year.

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

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our House.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Irwin', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J. Irwin
Head of Turing House