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Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Update~Week 10

Snippets

- Congratulations to the winners of the **Weekly Golden Ticket Draw**: Wesley L Y7, Ellis C Y7, Hassan A Y8, Matthew B Y7, Albie B Y8, Ryan W Y8, Alfie D Y10, Daniel M Y9, Morgan S Y9 & Max H Y10
- Huge congratulations to our **Y8 Football team** who have **won the Trafford Schools Division 1 title** for their second time.The boys celebrated with a team breakfast today.



- We enjoyed **visiting DT, Art ,Food and Geography lessons** this week as part of our Appreciative Inquiries. Students enjoyed being part of Student Voice panels and showing off the excellent work in their books.
- Thank you to all the exhibitors at our **Careers Fair** on Wednesday and to the families who attended. Students asked interesting questions and feedback from visitors was very positive about our students. Thank you to Mrs Bentley, Mrs Gasper, Mrs Doherty and the Site Team for all their hard work in the planning and support of the event.
- Thank you to all those parents who have made sure that students are **'ready' to learn with basic equipment. Please check and replenish regularly.**
- Year 11 students received their **DC1 Results Report** on Wednesday and spent time reflecting on feedback and committing to action in response.
- Well done to **Matthew H, House Captain for Turing**, who went back to Davyhulme Primary today with Mr Caslake to speak with Y6 students and teachers. He did an excellent job.

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Attendance

Attendance is slightly higher than at the same point last year. Thank you for your support with this. We are still getting requests for leave in term time which is not 'exceptional'. For example, holidays, family birthdays and our own student's birthdays are not circumstances we will authorise absence from school. **Please do all you can to ensure your child is in every day. Every lesson lost is learning missed.**

Y7-10 DC1 Assessment window

A reminder to all Y7-10 parents that their DC1 assessment window runs from Monday 14th December to Friday 15th January. All students need to be in school as assessments take place during lessons at the 'right time' in terms of preparedness and over the course of the window. Students will only be assessed on curriculum content they have been taught and should reasonably be expected to know. Clearly, **independent learning involving retrieval practice helps students to be able to remember and apply their learning. All students should be working hard at home as a habit.** We support those habits through the Homework club after school on Monday and Tuesday. The library is open every breaktime and at lunchtime on Monday and Wednesday. We also have Carousel Club on Monday lunchtime and Seneca/Carousel Club on Thursday lunchtime.

Anti-bullying Week

National Anti-bullying Week is 16th-20th November. **The theme this year is 'Break the Silence'**, encouraging children, young people, and adults to open conversations, speak up, listen and take action against bullying.Please find the latest newsletter from **Trafford Thrive** https://traffordthrive.my.canva.site/anti-bullying-week-2026

We have many activities planned including;

- On Monday we encourage everyone to **wear odd socks** to celebrate our differences.
- The **'Wellacre Buddies'** will be issued their badges. Buddies are **Peer Mentors, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Wellbeing Ambassadors in Y7-Y11**. Wellacre Buddies will be visible and available to students at breaktime and will be checking in on the **Buddy Bench** on our courtyard.
- Students are encouraged to enter our **Anti-Bullying Week competition**, promoted through assemblies. Produce a creative piece of work highlighting the theme 'Break the Silence' for a deadline of 25/11/26.
- Every form group will re-commit to our annual **Anti-bullying Charter** for their Form noticeboard.

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SEND Week of Action in Trafford

In Trafford, we believe **SEND is everybody's business, and that inclusion is everyone's responsibility**. This year's SEND Week of Action will take place from 16-21 November. There is a huge range of support on offer across the borough, and the aim is to shine a light on all the services and sessions available for families with children and young people with SEND.

The programme combines a number of webinars and events being run specifically for the Week of Action plus information on regular sessions that take place all year round. **Webinars are aimed at parents and carers and themes include Understanding Neurodiversity, Trafford Sleep Services, Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision (OAIP) and SENDIASS Q&A**. There are also in-person parent/carer drop-in sessions throughout the week offering professional and peer-to-peer support.

More information can be found here: Send_WoA_2026_flyer.pdf

Please use this link for an overview of the week and to book onto sessions and request more information: SEND Week of Action 2026 – Fill in form

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 within 48-72 hours of the working week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

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