



**Wellfield Academy**

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Summer Term Updates

It was brilliant to welcome our school community back at Wellfield on Monday following the Easter break and fantastic to see students looking smart and ready for the term ahead. There is a lot to look forward to this term and it promises to be an exciting one once again.

#### **School Culture and Standards**

The term started with a whole school assembly to remind all students of our motto ('Nothing but the best') and core values (Aspirational, Inclusive and Community Centred), the day to day routines and general expectations. All students are aware of our 'Wellfield Standard' and the start of a term provides everyone with an opportunity for a fresh start and the chance to build up their positive achievement points on ClassCharts. Please do support us by closely monitoring ClassCharts and talking to your son/daughter on a daily basis about the positive and negative points.

#### **Appropriate Language**

As one of our core values is linked to being inclusive, we have reminded all students about the importance of using appropriate language on a daily basis, both in school and at home. For example, many schools across the country have seen a rise in misogynistic language. Our policy is that any racist, homophobic and/or misogynistic language will not be tolerated in our school. Whilst we appreciate that, in some cases, students genuinely do not fully understand the terms being used meaning education is the best form of intervention to help them in understanding the impact of their words. However, it is clear that some is being used offensively and/or as 'banter', neither of which will be accepted and will result in a suspension from school (previously known as fixed term exclusion). Again, please support us in talking to your son/daughter about the importance of using appropriate language and that 'banter' will not be tolerated.

#### **Strike Action**

During the Easter holiday, you may be aware that teachers across the country voted to reject the pay offer provided by the government. As a result, the National Education Union (NEU) have announced two further days of strike action (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May), with three further days to be confirmed during the summer term. I will write to all parents again to outline all arrangements in advance of each planned strike day. Whilst I understand there may well be many frustrated parents and students, I would like to highlight that teacher strikes are not solely focussed upon their pay but also focusses on issues such as school funding and working conditions, for example, both of which directly impact upon your son/daughter in our school.

#### **Coronation Celebrations**

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. To mark the historic occasion, Mrs Park has lots of exciting ideas for staff and students to engage with throughout the week, culminating in whole school celebrations with an extended lunch on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Further information will be provided to students over the coming week. As a reminder, school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May as this is a national bank holiday following the coronation.



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### Upcoming Dates

A reminder of are some key dates for your diary this half term:

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| • <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b> | Year 11 Art Exam                |
| • <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>                             | Year 10 Practice Exams begin    |
| • <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>                                | Early May Bank Holiday          |
| • <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>                               | Year 10 Practice Exams continue |
| • <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                | Additional Bank Holiday         |
| • <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>                               | Year 10 Work Experience begins  |
| • <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>                             | Year 7 Parents' Evening         |
| • <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>                               | Year 11 GCSE Examinations begin |
| • <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>                             | Year 10 Parents' Evening        |

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns ([enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org)). We always endeavour to return calls or emails as soon as possible, ideally on the same day if we can. However, please do allow up to 48 hours for us to respond as staff may be in meetings, out of school and/or teaching when your initial query comes into school. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis  
**Headteacher**