



**Wellfield Academy**

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

### End of Term Reflection

As we reflect upon the Autumn term, we look back on so many positives. Our staff remain incredibly pleased and proud of the overwhelming majority of students who demonstrate the ability to meet our standards and expectations every single day. I have completed over 30 tours of the school this term with prospective parents or colleagues from other schools and I continue to be proud of the students and staff when showing others around the site. In addition to all of the hard work that is continuing within classrooms, other highlights from the term include:

- Welcoming our fabulous Year 7 into the Wellfield family (150 of them!)
- Open Evening attended by nearly 250+ families/700+ visitors
- Continued progress with our school rebuilding project
- Streetwise theatre performance for Year 7
- One to one careers guidance appointments
- Book Fair
- Year 7 Careers Champions introduced
- Inktober (Art & Design competition)
- PSHCE days
- Beginning GCSE Music and Drama
- Parents' & Tutor Evenings
- GCSE Awards Evening
- A range of sporting events and successes
- Improved reporting process for parents
- A governor visit day focused on our reading strategy
- Anti-bullying week and odd-socks day
- PTFA Christmas Fair which raised around £1,500 for the school
- Year 11 GCSE Practice Examinations
- Elf theatre trip
- Two Mission Chrimpossible performances
- Christmas lunch
- Christmas Accessories and Jumper Day
- Rewards Assemblies

#### Fire and Rescue Guidance

Following the devastating news about the young boys who died when they fell into a lake near Solihull, the Fire and Rescue service have been asked how best adults can discuss water safety with children. There is an educational Winter Safety Activity Booklet to help start those conversations. Please find resources on the link: [www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety](http://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety). We have also reiterated the message with students to keep them safe.



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### Christmas Celebrations

It has been lovely to look ahead to Christmas break with staff, students and families over the past couple of weeks. The celebrations started in early December with the PTFA Christmas Fair which was very well attended throughout the day. I would like to thank all volunteers from the PTFA once again for their passion, dedication and support of the school. The fair has raised around £1,500 which will be put to good use in the school to benefit our students.

Our Mission Chrimpossible performance was absolutely incredible and it was fantastic to see so many families come along to see the performance. Additionally, staff enjoyed serving up lunch to students yesterday during Christmas jumper day before around 60 students went to the theatre last night to see the performance of Elf!

The term will end with our reflection and rewards assemblies today. It has been such a positive and enjoyable end to the term and lots to celebrate together.

### Free School Meal vouchers

A reminder that eligible students should receive a £30 voucher to cover the two-week holiday period. Please be aware that these vouchers were emailed to all parents on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December so we advise you to check for these as soon as possible. Don't forget to check your junk emails too.

### January 2023

A reminder that students return to school in January on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 8.40am, for the start of the Spring term. Please ensure that all students return to school with full school uniform for the new term. The uniform policy can be found on the website using the link below and, as a reminder, items can also be purchased at Impressions as well as Monkhouse.

<https://wellfieldacademy.org/about-us/school-uniform>

### Upcoming Dates

Below are some key terms for the start of the Spring term which you may like to add to your diary:

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January** All students return to school
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** Year 11 GCSE Food practical exams
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** PSHCE Day 3/ Year 11 Brown Envelope Day (practice exam results)
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January** Year 10 Parents' Evening

Please be aware that school will be closed over the Christmas period so we will be unable to respond to any emails sent through to us. If you do email for any reason, we will respond as soon as we can in the new year. Wishing all of our staff, students and families a safe, restful and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis  
Headteacher