



20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

**Wellfield Academy**

Executive Headteacher Mrs L Gwinnett  
Head of School Mr J Lewis

### End of Year Reflection

Throughout the final weeks of this academic year, we have spent some time reflecting as a school community upon the challenges we have faced since September, the progress we have made and looking ahead to what next year will bring. One thing we already know the new year will bring is planning for our new buildings following the brilliant news that we have been included in the next stage of the School Rebuilding Programme. This is just one of many things we look forward to next year!

#### Thank you to our staff

I have to say how proud I am to lead such a fantastic team of passionate, dedicated and hardworking staff. Time and time again they have been stretched to their limit, including covering absent colleagues who were suffering with Covid to allow us to keep the school open or responding to last minute changes whilst also having their own personal and home situations to consider too. It is no surprise that they have done so as their sole aim is to provide the best for your son/daughter day in, day out. The team we have at Wellfield really are special and all of their hard work has been greatly appreciated by me, our SLT and the Executive Team.

#### Thank you to our parents and students

I am also extremely proud of our students and how they have responded to the challenges they have faced throughout the year. Again, we have had students isolating at home and others being taught by cover staff as their teacher has been absent with Covid. Despite the challenges, we are really pleased with the response of the overwhelming majority of students time after time this year. It is also worth remembering that, as the year draws to a close, this is the first largely uninterrupted year of education for around 3 years.

I would also like to thank all parents/carers, as well as our PTFA, for your ongoing support throughout the year. We know we do not get every decision we make right, but every single decision is made with the best interests of our students at heart. As always, I, along with our staff, appreciate the time many of you take to send a positive email or make a quick call to us. Genuinely, thank you.

#### Summer Term 2

Students and staff have enjoyed a busy end to the year with an important PSHCE day which included Post 16 taster events, a fantastic sports day, enrichment day, virtual rewards assemblies, Geography field trips, amazing Wizard of Oz performances and will conclude on Thursday with a rewards and reflection assembly. After such a challenging year, it has been lovely to see students engage in different activities and to finish the year with some big smiles.

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

On Thursday, school closes at 12.30pm, with buses booked for the summer break. This will follow a series of lessons and assemblies which will recognise and celebrate our achievements in 2022 - this really is a true



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highlight of our term. A brunch service will be provided during an extended break on Thursday and students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be able to get their food allowance.

### **Student Leadership Team**

One of the most enjoyable times of the year is listening to the ideas and genuine passion for improving the school for other students from our Student Leadership Team applicants. The difficulty for us comes when trying to decide which of our amazing young people will form the team and, although this year has been no different, we have now decided on the roles we will be offering students. These will be discussed on Thursday morning with each individual who applied before being announced in our end of term assembly to all staff and students. A huge congratulation to all of the students!

### **Holiday, Activity, Food Scheme Programme (HAF)**

Over the course of the last week we have shared information about a fantastic opportunity for young people aged 11-16 in South Ribble, with all families who are eligible. Throughout the summer holidays, funding from the government will allow students from Wellfield who are in receipt of Free School Meals to access a range of activities and a meal will also be provided.

Activities will take place between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. To see what is on offer, visit the brand-new HAF website at [www.southribble.gov.uk/haf](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/haf). **Bookings will close a week before the activity.** Bookings for week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> July will close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am, so please login and complete the booking form fully in order to reserve a place. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis so we would encourage you to sign up for these places **as soon as possible**.

If you need any further information, please get in touch with us at school.

### **Staffing Updates**

The end of a school year is often a time when we say goodbye to some of colleagues. This year we are saying a big thank you and best wishes to Mr Corrick, who is leaving us to pursue a career within the Church. Mr Corrick (as well as his magic tricks!) will be missed by so many of our staff and students and we thank him for all of the work he has done to develop our RE curriculum since joining Wellfield. We are also going to be saying 'adios' to Mr Hardy, our MFL teacher, who is leaving us after being offered a career progression opportunity at Millfield Performing Arts College. Again, he will be a big loss to the team but we wish Mr Hardy well for the future. Finally, Ms De Clercq, our PDC Admin Assistant, will also be leaving us at the end of term so we thank her for her hard work whilst at Wellfield.

As we say goodbye to some colleagues, we look ahead to welcoming others. Many of you will be aware of the significant growth in our September 2022 intake (over 150 new year 7s will join us!) so we have further enhanced our staffing. We will warmly welcome Mrs Cadman (Head of Foundation Faculty/Teacher of RE), Mr Evans (Lead Practitioner of Maths), Miss Hancox (Teacher of Science), Mrs Sachs (SEND Assistant) and Mrs Jones (Teacher of MFL). Both Mrs Jones and Mr Evans are colleagues who already work within our Trust who will add significant strength and experience, as will all other new appointments. I would also like to thank Mr Barnes who has spent the past 12 months returning to teaching science for us whilst also completing his work as a Technician. Miss Hancox's appointment will now allow Mr Barnes to return full time to his technician role.

We are really excited to continue our journey of improvement and our staffing profile looks incredibly strong for September.



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### Support for students

We are incredibly mindful that some students might struggle at times throughout the summer holiday and may well miss the routine and structure that school provides. Therefore, we have shared information with all students over recent dates to signpost them to a range of agencies or contacts for support should they need to talk to anyone. Please encourage them to use the link below throughout the summer.

<https://www.healthyyoungmindslsc.co.uk/information/children-and-young-people>

### Preparation for Learning - Equipment

It is important that students arrive at school with the equipment to allow them to access lessons and learning. Other subject specific resources will be required as directed but our expectation is that students always have:

- a sturdy, dark coloured school bag for school equipment – this should be big enough to fit an A4 folder in
- a charged Chromebook for current Years 7-9
- a pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, whiteboard and whiteboard pen
- the correct subject specialist equipment – calculator, geometry set, PE kit
- a pair of earphones

### September 2022 Important Dates

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| • <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>     | GCSE Results Day                           |
| • <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>     | Review Day (letter sent earlier this week) |
| • <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | All students fully return to school        |
| • <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | SLT Information Evening                    |
| • <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> | SLT Information Evening                    |
| • <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>  | Open Evening (12.30pm finish for students) |

We would just like to reiterate our thanks for all of your support over the course of the academic year. One which has tested us all but has been a joy in so many ways. So, to all of the Wellfield Academy community; our students and parents and on behalf of everyone in the Endeavour Learning Trust, we wish you a lovely summer. After some rest and fun, we look forward to September 2022 and the challenges of the new school year. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

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