

8th July 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

End of Term Updates

At this time of year there are often questions as to whether we are starting to 'wind down' for the summer when, in fact, it is actually quite the opposite in school! It has been an extremely busy few weeks for both staff and students and there is even more to look forward to before we finally finish on Thursday 21st July.

Our Year 10 students have recently enjoyed trips to local colleges and Lancaster University as they prepare for the future ahead of their start to the last year at Wellfield Academy. PSHCE day on Tuesday provided significant value and education to our students. The Wizard of Oz performances on both Tuesday and Wednesday night were the culmination of months of hard work and dedication from both students and staff. They really did us, and themselves, proud as did the Sports Leaders who supported Northbrook's Sports Day on Tuesday. The feedback from Northbrook staff, parents and children was glowing. Furthermore, we also received excellent feedback about students this week who attended last week's Year 9 Mini Masters event as well as those involved in this week's science summer school day and Year 10 who visited Liverpool for the Geography field trip. We should say a big thank you to the staff involved in leading/organising all of the above and praise the students for their continued hard work and positive attitudes.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents/guardians of Year 7 students for your attendance and feedback following last week's parents' evening. It was lovely to be able to give you all an update about your child's progress and engagement throughout their first year at Wellfield.

We have taken on board your feedback that some of you feel there is too much of a gap between the initial Tutor Evening in the Autumn term to the Parents' Evening late in the Summer term. Whilst we have made an appropriate change to next year's calendar for the new Year 7 events, we are mindful this transitional year impacts on our current Year 7 parents. As always, we would ask parents to stay in touch via email (enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org) throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.

Junior Leadership Team

In addition to all of the activities, shows and trips outlined above, we have also been carrying out interviews for our Junior Leadership Team. Students within Year 9 and 10 have been invited to apply to join the team in a variety of roles, such as Head Student or House Captain. The quality of the applications and subsequent interviews has been mind-blowingly good! Listening to such passionate, dedicated and articulate individuals has genuinely been a privilege. All of them have spoken about their love for Wellfield and desire to support us in improving further in the future.

Valedictory Dinner

The Class of 2022 looked absolutely amazing at last night's Valedictory Dinner and it was lovely to spend time with them to reminisce and celebrate this time at Wellfield. What a fabulous group of students they are! We now begin to look ahead to their GCSE Results Day on Thursday 25th August from 9am before they head off for the next, important stage of their education and life.

Tweak of the Week

As you will know, we have used this half term to address some relatively minor but extremely important standards/rules within school which we labelled 'Tweak of the Week'. A big thank you for your support in addressing these over the past 5 weeks. The students have also been amazing but that is no surprise at all! As plain, black and sturdy shoes are within our Uniform and Appearance Policy (see below) we are revisiting this next week as many of you will be starting to think about purchasing new shoes for September. If your child is currently wearing shoes that do not strictly fall under the expectations in the policy, we will be in touch to raise this with you. Please be aware that we appreciate that, in some cases, this may not have been brought to your attention previously and your son/daughter has worn the shoes for an extended period of time. Therefore, please rest assured that we will not be expecting any parent to purchase a new pair or shoes for the final two weeks of term but we would like it to be addressed for September. The last thing we want you to do is purchase shoes over the summer that do not meet the policy and we would ask that, if you are unsure, please just contact us to check.

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

End of term arrangements

Finally, some key dates for your diary over the final weeks.

• Tuesday 12th July PTFA Annual General Meeting (6pm)

• Thursday 14th July Geography Field Trip (Y10)

• Monday 18th July Sports Day (All students in full school PE kit)

Tuesday 19th July

 Back up Sports Day

 Wednesday 20th July

 Enrichment/Activity day

• Thursday 21st July Final day of term (Students finish at 12.30pm)

In the meantime, if we can help you in any way ahead of the summer holiday or you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School