



31st March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wellfield Academy

Executive Headteacher Mrs L Gwinnett
Head of School Mr J Lewis

End of Term Reflection & Updates

As we come to the end of this spring term, we would like to give you an update about the end of term, our achievements, expectations in and around school and the arrangements for the start of the summer term.

Reflecting on the Term

Despite all of the challenges this term has presented, we have enjoyed a return to full time education that we have not experienced for the last two years. We have had numerous successes and many of the traditional, pre-Covid activities have safely returned to school. Some of these have been shared on social media, others which have not. These include:

- Regular participation in a range of sport and physical activities across the South Ribble area and success in several tournaments in the district
- Two excellent PSHCE days including information, a fantastic careers fair with over 30 businesses and companies as well as the Year 7 faith trip to Bolton
- World Book Day celebrations
- Huge growth in the student intake numbers for September 2022
- Student success at the Runshaw mock trial competition
- Parents' Evenings for Year 9, 10 and 11 which included the Year 9 Options Evening
- Range of activities and employer encounters during National Careers Week
- PREVENT Agenda sessions for Years 7-10
- Fundraising and support for those in Ukraine ranging from bingo to walking the 345km to the Ukrainian Embassy as a school community

We were delighted to receive the names of the Year 6 students who selected Wellfield Academy for their high school from September 2022 – this is the Class of 2027. The number of parents and students who have opted for Wellfield Academy is incredible and testament to the school's improvement. Most importantly, we cannot wait to meet the newest members of the Wellfield team next term.

Rewards and Awards

The end of term nominations have been completed by the staff team to recognise the engagement and learning of students right across the year groups and range of subjects. These nominations reflect both the period of working remotely and in person. Tomorrow, the prize nominees will receive their certificates in our whole school assembly and tutorial sessions. Needless to say, we are very proud of the high levels of engagement and excellence in subject areas that are consistently demonstrated in school and that we will recognise tomorrow.

HAF Scheme

South Ribble Borough Council, along with Community Partners including South Ribble Leisure, have announced the continuation of the Holiday, Activities and Food Programme throughout 2022.

This programme is funded by the Department of Education and aims to provide activities and food for children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals during Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday periods. To book your child's place, visit southribble.gov.uk/haf2022 or contact them directly at haf@southribble.gov.uk

Staffing Updates

The end of a term in education is often a time when staffing changes occur and, sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Dunbavand, our Lead Practitioner of Maths. Ms Dunbavand joined Wellfield in April 2020 and has overseen big improvements within the maths department over the past two years. She now leaves to take up a fantastic opportunity to become a teacher trainer at Liverpool Hope. We would like to thank Miss Dunbavand and wish her well for the future.

After the break, we will be welcoming new colleagues into our school. Miss Taylor will join the maths team along with Mr Kelly who is our new Lead Practitioner of Science. Both will add significant strength to our school and we look forward to welcoming them into the Wellfield family.

Additionally, Miss McDade has an exciting Easter break ahead as she marries her long-term partner to become Mrs Dixon so we are sending them both our love and best wishes.

Finally, to help parents direct their enquiries towards the correct member of staff, I have outlined some key staff below, including the relevant House Progress Leader (HPL) and Pastoral, Behaviour Manager (PBM) below. Parents are encouraged to use the enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org email address and to use the subject box to draw attention to the relevant member of staff (eg, FAO Miss Butler)

- Mrs Manley- Pastoral & Behaviour Team Leader
- **Sharman House-** Mrs Tuffs (PBM)/ Mr West (HPL)
- **MacArthur House-** Miss Horsfield (PBM)/ Mrs Park (HPL)
- **Campbell House-** Miss Butler (PBM)/ Miss Scott (HPL)

Communication with Parents

We are pleased to launch our new way of communicating with parents, School Gateway. This will enable all school communications to be stored centrally and updates to be shared via the App. Please visit www.schoolgateway.com to set up your new user account and download the App with the email and phone number you have registered with school.

Summer Term Arrangements

We would like to remind everyone of our expectations related to uniform, the policy link can be found [here](#). A key feature of our policy is what we wear (uniform) and how we wear it (appearance). In summary, some key points of note are:

- Knee length skirts
- Knee length socks (not over the knee) or black tights
- Leather style and sturdy school shoes – trainers and ballet style pumps are not permitted



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- Jumpers should be untucked
- A non-smart watch
- Hair colour should be natural with no severe cuts or styles

While we appreciate and understand that students may have started to outgrow uniform and lost items throughout the first term, we want to continue to uphold the highest standards and expectations. Therefore, all students should return after the break with all items of uniform ready for the term ahead. Please see the link below as a reminder as to where you can purchase items but please do contact us if we can support in any way.

<https://www.monkhouse.com/catalog/category/view/id/7400/>

If finances are an issue with regards to replacement items (uniform or equipment), then please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can support you with this. We are currently in negotiations with other local providers as an alternative to Monkhouse as an online provider.

In the summer term we will write to you with the specific detail about the expectations for uniform and appearance for September. This will be in line with the guidance and direction from the DFE which states that the majority of the changes should be implemented by September 2022. At this point we can tell you that we will be reducing the number of items that are branded and we will publish the details as noted above. Please be aware that if you buy or have bought crested items recently, these will still be permitted in the updated policy.

If your child has any items of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we will happily accept donations in school which we will pass onto students who need them in school. Over the coming weeks we will begin plans to formalise a pre-loved/second hand arrangement for the school community in collaboration with the existing local and social networks that have done this so well for a while. If you would be interested in supporting this, please get in touch with us on enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org

Important Dates

Looking ahead to next term, please make a note of the following key events during our Summer 1 calendar that may be relevant to you:

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| • Wednesday 20 th April: | PTFA Meeting- 6pm |
| • Week commencing 25 th April: | Year 10 Practice Exams begin |
| • Thursday 5 th May: | Year 8 Parents' Evening |
| • Monday 9 th May: | Year 10 Work Experience begins |
| • Monday 16 th May: | GCSE Exams begin |
| • Thursday 26 th May: | Year 10 Parents' Evening |

Covid Updates

As a part of the next steps for living with Covid, the Department for Education are providing schools with additional guidance. This relates to testing and recommended isolation periods which clearly have an impact upon education. Once we have taken the time to process the information for our staff and students, any key messages will be shared with you all. Please be aware, however, that the legal requirement for schools to set remote learning for isolation has now come to an end. As a result, in the new term, we will not be providing remote learning online to isolating students as we are working on an assumption that, if they are too unwell to attend school, they are not in a position to complete online learning. Further information will, however, be provided in the new term.

End of Term

This week is the end of a long term which, unlike the two years previous, has been fully in person. To end the term, students will be in normal lessons for tutor, period 1 and period 2 before a whole school assembly. As published on the website, school will close for students at 12.30pm and the minibus service will run at this time. Lunches for students eligible for a free school meal will be available after the bell as a grab bag and these should be ordered in the kitchen or at a pre order station in the morning between 8.30 and 8.40am.

All that remains is for us to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday. We look forward to seeing all students return to school on **Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 8.40am.**

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Lewis
Head of School