



31st March 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wellfield Academy

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

End of Term Reflection

The end of the term provides us with an opportunity for us to reflect upon the progress made as a school and the many exciting opportunities provided to students over the past three months. As always, we are incredibly proud of the overwhelming majority of the students who continue to grow, thrive and develop every day at Wellfield. Before we do pause for the Easter holiday, here are just some of the many positives from the Spring term:

- Extremely positive English Ofsted research visit
- Year 11 assemblies with colleges and interviews
- 'Aspire to Be' guest speaker
- Parents' evenings for various year groups
- Year 11 Brown Envelope
- Heads up for Health Wellbeing Group
- Ongoing Able & Ambitious events at Runshaw and Wigan & Leigh Colleges
- Year 9 Options Evening
- We Are With You ASDAN sessions on a weekly basis
- World Book Day
- Year 11 practice exams
- National Careers Week & National Science Week celebrations
- Hugely successful careers fair
- Tours of the school with many of the Class of 2028 cohort
- Continued progress with our school rebuilding project
- Scholastic Book Fair
- PSHCE days
- A range of sporting events and successes
- A governor visit day focused on our attendance strategy
- PTFA Easter Chocolate Bingo Event which raised around £400 for the school
- Rewards assemblies

Proud of our Students/ School Motto

I continue to be genuinely proud of the overwhelming majority of our students on a day to day basis. We are now regularly talking to students about our expectation of 'nothing but the best' which we have adopted as our overall motto. As I walk around the school day to day, I am greeted with polite, positive and respectful individuals who do provide their very best all of the time.

Recently, a number of our Year 10 students were involved in the recruitment of a new CEO for Endeavour Learning Trust as Mrs Gwinnett heads towards retirement. The feedback I received from a colleague involved in CEO recruitment across the country, was glowing about our students. Indeed, I was informed that the group, which also included a number of students from Northbrook Primary, was the best student panel that she had witnessed. This feedback, added to so much more that I have received about our students throughout the term, reinforces my belief that we should be so proud of our students and that Wellfield is a very special place for our staff to work.



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Thank You

This term, many of our teaching staff have spent a few minutes to complete a positive phone call to parents about their child, which has had a fabulous response. In return, I would also like to thank parents/carers for the many positive messages we have received this term. Although it may only take a minute or two to send an email or phone us to say thank you, it really means a lot to staff.

A big thank you also goes to every member of staff in our community for their hard work, passion and commitment to providing every student with the best opportunities to succeed.

PTFA Chocolate Bingo

Last week's chocolate bingo event which was organised by our brilliant PTFA was another highlight of the term. Around 90 people attended, including numerous staff members, and the event raised around £400 for the school. We just hope that the parents who did manage to win a chocolate hamper have shared some with their children!

Art Bytes

This academic year, we have signed up to be a part of Art Bytes, an Art competition which aims to celebrate creativity in schools. Art Bytes is a national art and EdTech programme which combines an inter-school art competition with a bespoke virtual gallery. It is proven to nurture talent, raise ambition and develop confidence, as well as support mental health and help develop vital skills for future employment. Following our recent Year 9 submissions, a judging panel of respected arts professionals are now in the process of shortlisting the top 3 entries from each school. Following this, it will open to the public to vote for their favourite shortlisted entry and the one with the most votes from each school will win a place in the virtual exhibition. Public voting opens Saturday 1st April and closes Wednesday 26th April 2023. In May and June 2023, guest judges will select overall winners and runners up for each region and students, families and school staff will be invited to a celebration event at The Whitworth Gallery, Manchester. Well done to all involved!

Our entries can be viewed here: artbytes.co.uk

End of Term Assemblies, Rewards and Celebrations

The term has been brought to a close this week with a number of rewards assemblies, including this morning's whole school assembly. As highlighted earlier, it has been such an eventful and enjoyable end to the term and lots to celebrate together. The students who have been consistently working hard and awarded achievement points on a daily basis throughout the term will hopefully be returning home with some form of reward, and/or certificate.

Free School Meal (FSM) vouchers & the HAF scheme

The parents of students eligible for Free School Meals should have received their vouchers via email on Wednesday. A reminder to check your junk account before contacting us if you have not yet received the vouchers. Some parents may be unaware that your child could be eligible so please check the link below for information. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/lancashire>

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme aims to provide healthy food and enriching activities for children who are eligible for FSM. These are free of charge and simply require a booking to take place. We would encourage parents to make use of the wide range of activities available for young people.

<https://www.southribble.gov.uk/haf#Easter%20Holiday%20Timetable>



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Behaviour and Standards

Whilst the holiday provides a much needed break from school, we are always mindful that lots of students lose the day to day routines that school provides. As is the norm, we will begin the summer term with a whole school assembly which reminds all students of our rules, routines and expectations. Please do support us by ensuring your son/daughter is fully prepared for their return with regards to uniform and equipment, for example, to allow for a really positive start to the term. A reminder that all students should also attend with a full water bottle each day.

Summer Term 2023

A reminder that students return to school on Monday 17th April, 8.40am, for the start of the Summer term. As always, please ensure that all students return to school with full school uniform for the new term and be mindful that some items may need updating. For example, it is common for students to try on their shoes ahead of the return to school before realising that they are now too small. The uniform policy can be found on the website using the link below and, as a reminder, items can also be purchased at Impressions in Leyland, as well as Monkhouse.

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

We are always happy to explore ways of supporting families who may need it so please do contact us if you are struggling. Any requests for support will obviously be dealt with confidentially and compassionately.

Upcoming Dates

Here are some key terms for the start of the Summer Term which you may like to add to your diary:

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| • Monday 17th April | All students return to school |
| • Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th | Year 11 Art Exam |
| • Monday 24th April | Year 10 Practice Exams begin |
| • Monday 1st May | Early May Bank Holiday |
| • Tuesday 2nd May | Year 10 Practice Exams continue |
| • Monday 8th May | Additional Bank Holiday |
| • Tuesday 9th May | Year 10 Work Experience begins |
| • Thursday 11th May | Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| • Monday 15th May | Year 11 GCSE Examinations begin |
| • Thursday 25th May | Year 10 Parents' Evening |

As the term now draws to a close, please be aware that our school is closed over the Easter holiday so any enquiries or emails will be responded to as soon as possible at the start of the term.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I would like to wish all of our community a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

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