



## Wellfield Academy

Executive Headteacher Mrs L Gwinnett  
Head of School Mr J Lewis

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### End of Half Term Letter

As the first half term of the academic year draws to a close, we have spent some time reflecting on recent months and focussing upon rewarding students for their positive attitudes and engagement in learning throughout the half term.

#### Thank you

First of all, a big thank you to all of our students and staff for their hard work throughout this half term. Returning school to a sense of normality has been something we have looked forward to for a long time. However, the challenges we face when dealing with the pandemic continue to be significant, therefore stretching staff capacity to the limit. As always, our staff have been absolutely brilliant and they continue to go above and beyond to provide the best possible support for our students. Likewise, despite all of the challenges they face, the overwhelming majority have been brilliant since the summer holiday. They all deserve a good rest next week!

We would also like to thank parents for your ongoing support. The difference a short, positive email or phone call makes to staff morale is huge. Whilst we know we don't get everything right, we always appreciate hearing from you when you feel we are doing so. Thank you.

#### Year 7 Tutor Evening

Despite a last minute switch to online meetings, last night saw us 'meet' parents of Year 7 students for Tutor Evening, during which we were able to give an update on the fantastic start they have made and how well they have settled into life at Wellfield. It was such a positive evening and great to talk to so many parents throughout the night. Thank you for all of your support!

#### COVID-19

As outlined earlier with two updates so far this week, we have seen a rise in positive cases over recent days. Therefore, increased measures have been implemented to help reduce the spread within our community. Please continue to complete testing twice a week and, in particular, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October before students return to school. Please ensure all results are logged with us [Student Result Reporting Form](#) to allow us to track cases and reduce the spread in school.

#### Key Dates

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| • Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November:           | All students return to school                    |
| • Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November:       | Year 11 Revision Technique Evening (from 5.30pm) |
| • Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November:        | Year 8 Personal Tutor Evening (from 5pm)         |
| • Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> November: | Anti-bullying week                               |
| • Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November:       | PSHCE Day 2                                      |
| • Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November:        | Year 11 Parent's' Evening                        |
| • Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November:          | School closure- Jubilee                          |



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## **And Finally**

Despite all of the challenges of the term, we have had many successes and many of the traditional, pre-Covid activities have safely returned to school. Some of which have been shared on social media, others which have not. These include:

- A fantastic Open Evening attended by nearly 300 families
- A successful Chromebook roll out to Year 7 and 9
- The restart of the full extra-curricular activities programme, sporting fixtures and preparations for our performance of Cinderella in December
- A Streetwise theatre performance for Year 7
- A vitally important PSHCE day
- One to one careers guidance sessions for our Year 11 students

Wishing you all an enjoyable, safe and restful half term break. As always, please contact us using the school email address ([enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org)) but please be aware that this is a term time only account. Therefore, all email enquiries will then be followed up upon our return to school in November.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr J Lewis*

**Head of School**