



**Wellfield Academy**

Executive Headteacher Mrs L Gwinnett  
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30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### September Updates

The start of the school year is always a busy one and there has been so much happening across the school over the first few weeks plus much more to look forward to!

#### Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our SLT Information Evenings this term and for the positive feedback we received overall. The information from both evenings can be found using the link below:

<https://wellfieldacademy.org/parents/parent-information-evening>

#### Year 7

What a brilliant start and positive impression our Year 7 have made so far. They have settled into life at Wellfield incredibly well! Over the past week, we have been rolling out Chromebooks as part of the welcome bundle and it's been great to see these being used across a range of lessons so far. Students will be using the chromebooks over the coming weeks to complete a range of assessments which will be used by teaching staff to inform their planning and delivery. Mrs Day, Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum & Assessment, will be providing further information to parents and students about this.

#### Open Evening Update

Although we have only just welcomed Year 7 into the school, they played a huge part in marketing Wellfield at last week's Open Evening. Prospective students and their families were massively impressed with the school but commented upon the manners, positive attitudes and friendly welcome they were given by our 80 student helpers across the school. George and April in Year 7 and Amelia and Abby (Head Students) also gave fantastic speeches to the 700+ visitors (around 250+ families!). Well done and thank you to all involved!

#### Extra- Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities are now in full swing across the school and students are really benefitting from the opportunities staff are providing, as well as the sporting fixtures that are taking place on a weekly basis. Please take a look at the timetable of activities and encourage your child to attend as many of these clubs as possible.

<https://wellfieldacademy.org/student-area/extra-curricular-activities-timetable>

#### Spain Trip

Whilst we are committed to providing our students with life experiences and opportunities outside of the curriculum, we have now made the decision not to proceed with the proposed Spain trip for July 2023. In consultation with the governors, we decided that the rising costs of living will place significant strain on families, it would place unfair and unnecessary pressure on families. Whilst I know there will be disappointment for some, we genuinely believe that the decision will also be a relief to others who were faced with potentially paying £80-100 per month over the next 8/9 months for their child to go on this trip. I do hope that you appreciate and understand the rationale for this decision.

We are, however, exploring the possibility of offering this trip for July 2024 which would provide families with the opportunity to pay smaller instalments over an extended period of time. Whenever we do have more information, we will write to you all.



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### COVID Reminders

As we head into the winter months, we anticipate a rise in students with a cold, cough and/or flu like symptoms. In line with current guidance, there is no requirement to test for COVID and students should continue to attend school if they feel well enough to do so. Please be aware that we will not be providing test kits to students or families. However, should a student test positive, the current guidance states that they should isolate for 3 days. Further guidance can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

### Book Fair/ Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA)

To support our school priority of developing a reading culture at Wellfield, the PTFA have provided a significant contribution to school this week which allowed us to purchase a reading book for every Year 7 student at the book fair. Many other students also took the opportunity to buy a new reading book so we look forward to hearing their reviews over the next couple of weeks! A big thank you to Miss Snowden for organising the fair for us.

The PTFA are also continuing to raise funds for future projects. The Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11am**. As always, if you do have any time to help out, please let us know. If not, we would love to see you visit us in the sports hall for a short time on the day. The PTFA also raised funds through the school lottery with a weekly jackpot prize of £25,000. If you can, please support us through the link below.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/wellfield-academy?fbclid=IwAR0NodteF4clHz058kLNI9JAVbBpok6LS6k2WGjYAWhai9YkC5xxj9pWbxl>

### Attendance

A reminder that our attendance target is 97% or above for all students. We continue to work with students and parents to improve attendance where appropriate and, as always, we appreciate parental support in ensuring your child attends school each day.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days absent	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks (roughly)	Equivalent Hours Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	54 Hours
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	114 Hours
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	174 Hours
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	228 Hours
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	288 Hours
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	342 Hours

### Upcoming Dates

Finally, some key dates for the half term ahead:

- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** PSHCE Day 1
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** Year 7 Streetwise presentation (2pm)
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** Year 11 Revision Evening
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** Year 7 Tutor Evening
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** School closes at 3pm for half term

Thank you so much for all of your feedback and support so far this term. As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on [enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org) or call us at school should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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