



Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Chief Executive Officer here at Wargrave House School & College. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two weeks here and look forward to meeting you all at various points throughout this academic year. The first opportunity to meet you informally will be on Friday 27th September during our Macmillan Coffee Morning - further details to follow. Throughout the summer a lot of positive developments have occurred - the sunken trampoline has been installed and will be available over the next few weeks to continue our rebound therapy under the leadership of the wider team and Nikki Breslin. Simultaneously our technology lead Chris Linaker has worked tirelessly with Shaun Daniels to refresh and install a completely new refurbishment of all our ICT equipment. Our new resource ensures that our cyber security obligations are fully met whilst all our students are able to benefit from the technological advances of faster working, using resources with a much higher memory capacity and energy efficiency. I can ensure you we will continue to provide the best learning environment for our young people.

Best wishes
C. E. O. | Robin Bush



Dear Parents/Carers.
We hope you enjoyed a restful summer break.

We are delighted with the smooth start to the new academic year. Our young people have returned with energy, motivation and are showing a real pride in their learning. It has been great to develop new learning habits such as beginning a literacy drive through ERIC (Everyone Reads in Class). It would be really helpful if you can also encourage your child to take time out to read with you at home to further develop their reading for meaning skills. Thanks to those of you who were able to join us for the end of year celebration at St Peter's Church on Friday 26th July. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about forthcoming events alongside any areas of focus that we can share. I look forward to meeting you all soon and keep you fully informed of developments.

Stuart Jamieson
| Interim Head of Education



Student Bursary

Family Liaison | Natalie Molyneux

On Monday, I will be sending out a letter for Lakeside and LEAP college students with information on the bursaries that your son/daughter could be eligible to apply for. The Bursary fund was set up by the Government to assist the most vulnerable students in full-time education. Please take the time to read and consider these bursaries as they may be very beneficial to your young person.

Lakeside Tea Party 

Courtney Shawcross | Owen Metcalfe 

As part of our Occupational Learning some of Lakeside 1 students are organising a tea party in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The tea party will take part in LEAP College on Friday 27th September, 10 - 11.15am. Entrance fee is £2 and includes cakes, tea, coffee and biscuits. There will also be a raffle on the day and raffle tickets are on sale now. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes are welcomed.



Outdoor Learning

Forest Schools | Nic Brown

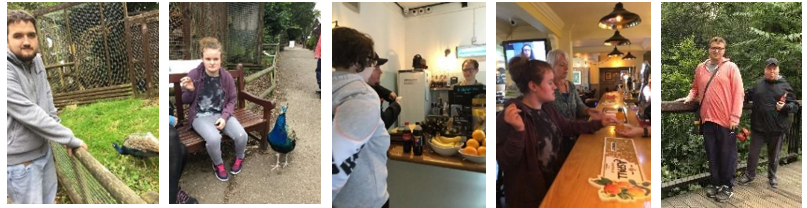
Students throughout school have really enjoyed the positive impact of Forest Schools sessions, both on site and offsite in local woodland. Sessions encourage exploration and the invaluable opportunity for students to lead their own learning and experience success whilst developing positive relationships with others and nature. Our goal is to acquire and established site to further our "Learning Outside The Classroom" adventure. Always remember... "hug a tree!"





LEAP

Class JD & Class PA



LEAP PA: A lovely stroll at Walton Gardens for LEAP PA visiting the petting zoo and café, followed by lunch at The Oak Tree for their community day. **LEAP JD:** Students enjoyed their first day back at Greenslate Farm collecting eggs, feeding animals and preparing green beans and eggs for the farm shop. A new work placement for Rory and Owen but they settled in with the students, staff and animals very well. Owen even met a new friend - Reuben!

LEAP Specialist College



Learning Focus



Kazuko | Health & Fitness

'Kazuko Self Defence' are coming into school to work with a group of BASE students. Instructors Miss Shireen and Mr Sage are working with students on martial arts activities. Students are developing their balance, co-ordination, physical fitness and self-control. Sessions have a word of the week which is the emphasis of the lesson. This week the word was 'focus'. Our students



smashed their target; staying focused and working solidly for 90 minutes. Staff at WHS are proud of our students and the manner in which they are responding to the lessons. Students are approaching the sessions with respect, determination and positivity. The group are working towards a Grade 1 belt in self-defence which they will be graded on in Week 7. We wish them luck. **Mrs Woodward | Health & Fitness Co-ordinator.**

Mindful Yoga



| Sarah Powell

Mental health affects around 1 in 10 young people. This includes depression, anxiety and conduct disorders. 1 in 4 adults experience a mental health problem each year,

meaning that it is vital to support our children to know, understand and manage - to enable them to grow into mentally healthier adults - yoga and meditation are proven ways to achieve this. Mindful yoga classes have had a significant impact on the young people at Wargrave and as a result, classes are timetabled across the 24 hour curriculum.

Great North Run



| Dan Bettle & Nikki Breslin

Dan and Nikki completed The Great North Run, half marathon in Newcastle, raising money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool.



What's On

Dates for your Diary

Jeans for Jeans

20th September



Macmillan

Coffee Morning

27th September



Parent/Carer Coffee Morning dates:

Cerebra Workshop: 29th November
– letters for this will go out the week before half term | Natalie Molyneux

