



News

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CEO Update

Robin Bush

Dear Parents/Carers - I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new head of post 16 learning, Julliet Doherty who secured the position following a rigorous interview process on Thursday 30 January. We look forward to supporting Julliet in sustaining the good Ofsted judgement of September 2019 in our collective drive to move towards Outstanding. When you get the chance we would welcome your feedback regarding the update of our School & College website. Your views are important to us as we strive to make communication as timely and informative as possible. Best Wishes. ► Robin Bush



Headlines

Stuart Jamieson

Following the letter informing you of our Ofsted report which was published on Monday 27 January I look forward to meeting any parent/carers that would like the opportunity to discuss the findings in the report during our Coffee Morning next Friday 7 February. We were pleased that Ofsted noted:

"A new academic curriculum is now in place. This complements the specialist and behaviour programmes that the school offers. Each pupil has an appropriate learning plan based on their Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans. These programmes help pupils overcome their barriers to learning and achieve their personal targets."



Next week we are also looking forward to marking 'Time to Talk' day. Our personal development matters assembly of Tuesday 4 February will be led by our health specialist Robert Richardson alongside our Occupational Therapist Laura Coburn. This forum will provide a great chance to share effective strategies in support of student wellbeing. ► Stuart Jamieson

Parent Partnership Group - PACT

Our first Parent Partnership group took place on 20th January and was a success! Kelley Garth (parent governor) and I facilitated the meeting. During this meeting, a name for the group was discussed and chosen; our new parent group will be known as 'PACT' – Parents And Children & Teachers.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 24th February at 10am. We would love for more parents to attend. Please email your attendance to: nataliemolyneux@wargravehouse.com or kelleygarth@wargravehouse.com

POST 16 Coffee Morning

We are hosting a 'Post 16' Coffee Morning which will take place on Friday 7th February at 10am within our 'Cosy Corner Café' which is run by our Lakeside students. The aim of this coffee morning is to give you as parents, the opportunity to see what Lakeside College has to offer to your son/daughter when they are ready to look at colleges and to help them and yourselves to plan for the future. This coffee morning is open to our Year 10/11 parents and will be facilitated by myself and our Post 16 co-ordinator Julliet Doherty, who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. We would love to have you attend! Please email your attendance to: ► Natalie Molyneux nataliemolyneux@wargravehouse.com

Dates to Remember

POST 16 Coffee Morning

Friday 7th February, 10am-11.30am

Parent Partnership Group (first meeting)

Monday 24th February, 10am-11am

Lakeside Coffee Morning

Friday 6th March, 10-11.15am

Tooth Brushing Programme Coffee Morning

Friday 20th March, 10am-11.30am

Forest Schools Workshop

Friday 3rd July, 10am-12noon



Special Mentions



Congratulations to Daisy for scoring a hat-trick and gaining THREE certificates for confidence and creativity in our character assembly this week. Well done!

We would like to say a huge **WELL DONE** to Jess for her attendance, achieving 100% this week!



Max has recently joined Wargrave House School and has had a very smooth transition into RISE 3, already showing a keen interest in maths, computing and swimming. He is also making friends with his classmates and with students from across the school.



We would like to welcome John Smith who joined the Maintenance Team 3 weeks ago. John has been very busy since starting with us and is now a familiar face on site with students and staff.



Water Bottles

At Wargrave House School and College we are always trying to improve the health and well-being of our students. One of the areas that we have recently identified for development is to improve the fluid intake of our students. The benefits of an adequate fluid intake to learning include an increase in mental performance and concentration with a reduction in thirst and an increased alert state. Currently there is a water station available to all students in each classroom, however, not all of our students have water bottles. We are therefore asking, if you have not already done so, could you please send in a water bottle to school or college for your son/daughter. Please ensure that the water bottle is labelled with your son/daughter's name. All water bottles can be kept in school or college and we will inform you in the future if it needs to be replaced. Thank you.

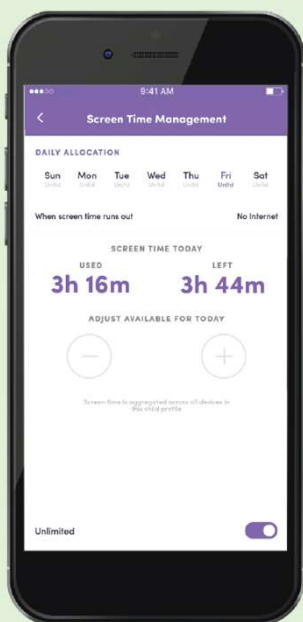
► Robert Richardson | School Nurse



Australia Day

You will undoubtedly all be aware of the devastation caused by fires in Australia this year. Equally, our Eco Club members recognised this too and set about to support by raising money through hosting an 'Australia Day' event here at Wargrave House. Their aim was to raise awareness and funds that will help rescue animals and their environment. The Eco Club students had many ideas of their own which included an Australian themed snack bar followed by 'Bush Tucker Trials.' With star guests Dame Edna and Little Ant & Dec it was a massive success and the day helped to raise a grand total of £250 for the Australia Wildfire Fund. There was opportunity to dress up and mix and mingle throughout the day but none more so than in the snack bar who were helped along by our own 'Cosy Corner Café' staff

Team. One of our students, Peter, expressed his knowledge and understanding of the fires and the day by saying – "I really did enjoy raising money for Australia Day, it was something different" and about the fires, he said - "I've heard of it only at school." So, Eco Team, Wargrave is extremely proud of you. All staff and students would like to say a BIG thank you for raising awareness and creating a fun day for a good, environmental cause. ► Dan Bettle



Technology Time Managing your child's online or gaming time



At Wargrave House School, students tell us that they play games online at home. They tell us that they can chat to people during those games. These people may be friends or they may be strangers. They may be other children, or they may be unknown adults. Its almost impossible to know. Even without online games, some children spend a lot of time on games, online in other ways (YouTube, Facebook...) or engaging with technology in some other form. This is generally fine and can have its advantages.

However, spending too much time looking into a screen can have negative effects; eye-strain, lack of real interaction, sleep deprivation... For some parents, setting a time limit or simply telling the child to stop is enough. But there are apps available for free, which can monitor and allocate "game time" or "online time". **Nintendo Switch Parental Controls** will limit screen time – giving the parent control of the hours.



A quick search in a phone's app store for "screen time control" will display a list of free apps you can install (as pictured) to display and limit a phone's usage. Please trial one of the higher-rated apps and feel free to let us know if it has been useful. ► Dave Whittaker | Computing

Children's Mental Health Week

childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

As of 2017, 1 in 9 children and young people (from 5-15yrs old) are experiencing common mental health problems in the UK. The website above encourages children to think about how they could look after their minds. FREE downloadable campaign resources and more info is available from the site. Warrington's Happy? OK? Sad? website links to a range of services and resources for adults', children's and young people's mental health and wellbeing happyoksad.org.uk



Saturday Club Activities

Students have enjoyed riding bikes, using public transport, eating out and walking the Gruffalo Trail at Delamere Forest.



Sporting Event



This week Team Wargrave were out on tour again to play sports with nine schools from across Merseyside. Team Wargrave were well led by Sport Leader, Brandon from Lakeside College, who quickly made friends with other sport leaders. The games tested students' dexterity, mobility, kicking and striking skills. Staff were delighted by the way all



students took part, the manner which the students conducted themselves and how they all embraced the party atmosphere. Thank you to the host school, Lansbury Bridge and organising school Mill Green. WHS are working collaboratively with both schools, opening up many inclusion opportunities for students and professional development opportunities for staff. ► [Carol Woodward](#) | Health and Fitness Coordinator

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Managing Money



What money is British? What other money can you find?

Critical Consumer



What can you buy with £20? Which is the best value?

Managing Risks



How can you keep your money safe online?

Important Role of Money



How can we help others?

Return any completed questions to Mrs Carr, to receive an award!!! Good Luck

Wellbeing Award



Wellbeing Award for Schools

A big thank you to all the students, staff, governors and trustees involved in the Wellbeing Award for schools. I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in achieving the award!

I would like to make a special mention to the following students who participated; Brandon S, Alicia R, Marcus P, Thomas KF, Khovan H, Ritchie M and Yanick M thank you so much, you are a credit to the

2020–2023 school and college and made us all so proud! We will share the full report on our website, but just to mention a few quotes:

- "Discussion with students, staff, parents and the Governing Body very much confirmed the impact of this vision and strategy to create a happy school with wellbeing at its core."
- "Wargrave House is fully focused on promoting the EMHWB of all members of the school and college community. It provides a calm, warm and nurturing environment to help students gain confidence, independence and relevant life skills to meet difficult challenges".
- "I fully recommend that the school achieve the WAS Award. Emotional and Mental Health underpins all the values of the school. The staff model, support, teach, encourage and foster positivity. It is an exciting environment. The whole school community is inspirational."

We will be continuing our Wellbeing meetings which involves a cross section of our school & college community and we will keep you posted on further developments as they happen.

► Karen Tarbuck

Lakeside

LS1 students have been getting to grips with their Independent Travel Training and have travelled locally to Earlestown, Warrington and St Helens by bus. They also successfully planned our Christmas journey into Manchester by tram. They are now planning trips by train to Manchester and Liverpool.



LS1 continue to provide an excellent service with the Rangers at Mesnes Park as part of their work placement. They have tirelessly worked to keep the Park tidy for the public and are currently learning how to use new tools and equipment safely.

LS1 are having a great time visiting a wide range of places far and near for their community days which has included visits to Chester, Warrington, Wigan, Manchester and Liverpool...so far.

Lakeside students have visited Warrington and Vale Royal College to find out more about the courses available for when they leave Wargrave House. This is on the back of a visit from a group of Warrington TSAs who paid a visit to Wargrave House last week and thought it was fantastic! ► Steve Hogarth

