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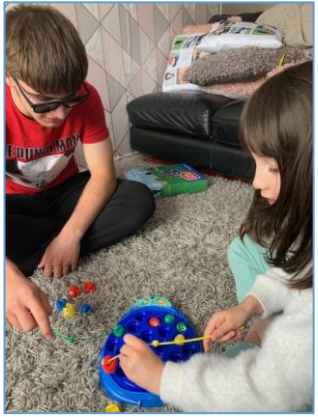
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▼ Khovan has been busy at home again. Recently, he enjoyed playing games with his mum and sister and on Sunday they went for a walk in the woods and had a picnic. Khovan has also been for a 4.2km run (2.6 miles) - he completed this in just 29 minutes! Brilliant pace.



▼ Yanick's dad has just bought him a new electric guitar so that he can continue to expand the playing skills that he has developed over the past couple of years at school and at home.



▼ John has enjoyed a family trip to Rhyl Beach to fly the kite.



Rhys & Greg mixed ingredients for choc chip biscuits, before baking them. Greg didn't get the memo about not eating the mixture



▲ Peter has been completing daily 'ready to learn' exercises, literacy and numeracy tasks and made a paper lantern in a creative art session. He is looking forward to getting back to climbing soon.

End of Year Awards

As our academic year comes to an end it is once again time to celebrate the achievements of our students within school. This year **Khovan** was awarded the "Citizen of the Year" award for bringing mixed martial arts into the school and college setting and for leading sessions with youngsters at his local club. **Tarran**, meanwhile, was awarded the "Global Citizen of the Year" award for continuing to be a peaceful ambassador of all things ecological and for maintaining our awareness of our role in looking after our planet.



Gorilla Gym Indoor Door Swing

▼ Will has been enjoying spending time on his new multi swing at home. If you are interested in buying one, the 'Gorilla gym Swing' can be purchased from Amazon by [clicking here](#).



▼Tarran has enjoyed exploring the local countryside by taking regular walks with staff. He can be seen here taking a well-deserved rest after a 3-mile walk through the woods and fields near school.



RISE

▼Ianis loved the Magic Milk sensory activity. He poured milk onto a tray, added food colouring, then dipped in a cotton bud covered with soap and watched the colours move.



▼Emilie has enjoyed making slime with her dad and playing catch with her new ball.



RISE1



Mr Dickson's time with RISE1 is done
 Time to look back at all our learning and fun
 Brilliant English, Maths and Art
 Students in RISE 1 will always have our hearts
 Onto new classes and staff brand new
 We can't wait to see how well you will do
 So much learning and visits to new places
 We have loved to see all your smiling faces
 As we move forward onto new things
 We wish you good luck and the joy it that it brings

It's been the best year I am sure you will agree
 Love from Mandy, Nadine and Mr D!



RISE 2

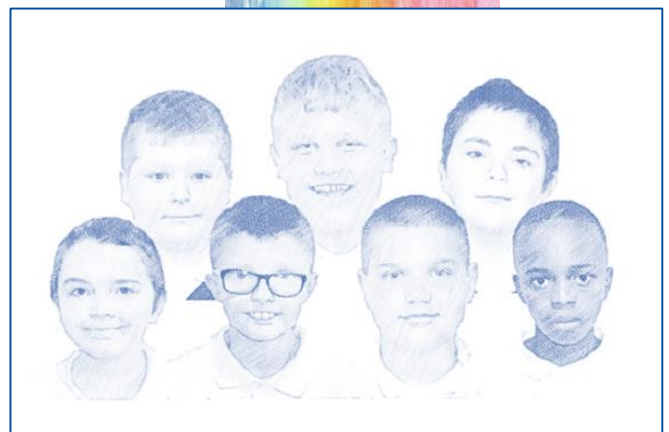


What a brilliant year it's been for RISE2,
 Lots of learning, laughter and social distancing too,
 We've done reading and writing and chatting to friends
 Although from March in class we were at opposite ends.
 But we continued with life, we didn't feel down
 Always a smile, never a frown
 We carried on achieving, we went with the flow
 Reaching for gold at the end of the rainbow!

► by RISE 2 staff

From horse riding to rock climbing
 From karate to swimming
 Rise 3 have been in the mood for winning!
 From baking to cooking
 From sticking to gluing
 Rise 3 have been in the mood for creating!
 From reading to writing
 From experimenting to discovering
 Rise 3 have been in the mood for investigating!
 From socialising to sharing
 From helping to supporting
 Rise 3 have been in the mood for interacting!
 From fundraising to donating
 From striking to promoting
 Rise 3 have been in the mood for changing!

RISE3



it's summer! it's summer! it's summer! it's summer! it's summer!

We're like a scoop of ice-cream
Each one of us unique
But when we join together
Our cone is complete
Thanks for making our Base 1 class
a special treat!
Have an awesome summer!

BASE 1 Staff



BASE1

BASE2

Summer's here! • Another year of school is at an end
We've learned a lot • And grown a lot • And made a lot of friends
What a wonderful year it has been • We were all such a fantastic team
Watching you all grow • This year has not gone slow
Now it's time to grow some more • As you move through up the school
Therefore Miss Lewis, Chloe and Laura • wish you good luck and to stay cool!



What a great year we've had together
I can honestly say you couldn't have done better

At Boys and Girls club you made big impressions
Making the brews and running competitions!

Trips to France and Belgium you really were great
Even if you tried to stay up too late

Recording your song and selling your cakes
A really good team you all did make!

Today is the day that we all say goodbye
And now it is time for you all to fly

BASE3





The Therapy Department have been recruiting and are delighted to officially welcome Karen Griffin to their Team. Karen began her career at Wargrave house school as a Teaching Support Assistant and has just completed an exemplary secondment position as O.T. Assistant in the Therapy Department, where she will now take on that role full-time and in a permanent capacity. We wish her every success - Welcome on board Karen!

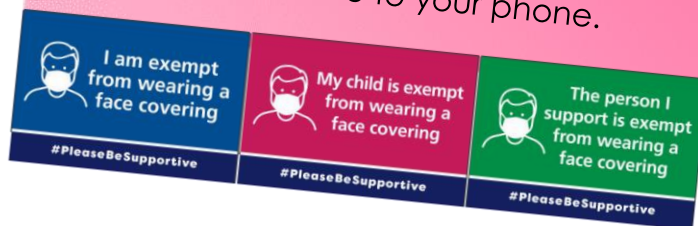


All medication is sent home at the end of the summer term. Please return it with newly completed green consent forms on the first day of school and college Thursday 3rd of September.
► Thanks, Robert



keepsafe.org.uk/card

Some people cannot wear a face covering for legitimate reasons. An exemption card is a way of showing this without needing to explain. Here you can [download a card](#) to print out yourself. If you don't have a printer there is a photo version you can save to your phone.



Some of our families have found using the Hidden Disabilities sunflower lanyard helpful when out and about. The website allows you to search a geographical area to see where close to you it is recognised. There is a small charge for the lanyard, more information can be found [here](#)

hiddendisabilitiesstore.com

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and have some quality time with family ready for a fresh start in September. If you have any queries or need support over summer I am contactable via email clairebyrne@wargravehouse.com

Contact publish 'The helpful guide for families with disabled children'. Advertised as 'our all-in-one book with all the information and help you need to enjoy family life' it is worth taking a look. The website alone is very informative with information on a wide range of matters. You can order your copy/ sign up to their newsletter via their [website](#)

contact.org.uk

Finally, a huge thank you to Natalie for all her hard work as Interim Family Liaison Officer!

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From all the staff at Wargrave House.





Home & College News



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Dear Parents and Carers - Well it's been an unusual year and one that we have learnt from along the way. I can honestly say I have been justifiably proud and delighted by the amazing resilience of the young people in Post 16 here at Wargrave House. The challenges have been like never before and all the students have demonstrated their capacity to engage across the curriculum in a variety of creative and fun ways. You, the parents/carers have been a fabulous support along this journey and the wonderful photos and videos you have shared over the past few months have filled us all with such joy, and we do know that is hasn't been easy for you. So THANK YOU to all you parents/carers from us at Post 16. We say goodbye to some of our students this year, Harry, Christian and Rory we wish them every success in their next steps, and do sincerely hope they stay in touch. Others have won End of Year Awards, read about these in the newsletter, defining what it means to be a student in Post 16 Provision. We look forward to meeting new students in September and seeing our current students back on site with their new class teams. Please remember if you are a new student to Lakeside or Leap you are invited to a transition day on either 19th or 20th August, you should have received an email/letter offering this. If you have any questions about the transition offer please email jullietdoherty@wargravehouse.com or micheledavies@wargravehouse.com Mostly all the staff from Post 16 provision would like to wish you a safe, relaxed and happy summer break. ► **Julliet & the Post-16 Team.**

Rotary Club Young Achiever:

Brandon Stephens



Brandon has excelled this year across all aspects of college life and has adapted well. He has endeared himself to staff and students alike with his willingness to help and support students whether it is in the Boys and Girls Club as a Youth Leader or in the Cosy Corner Café when dealing with customers. Brandon has played a pivotal role in recent inspections and is comfortable discussing college life in a measured, mature manner with individuals that he has never met before. Brandon is at the start of his college journey but his positivity shines through as does his kindness to others and consideration to the needs of others throughout the day. Brandon has already become a role model to his peers across Post 16 and school and this will definitely help the new Year 12 students transition successfully in the Autumn.

Governors Enrichment Award:

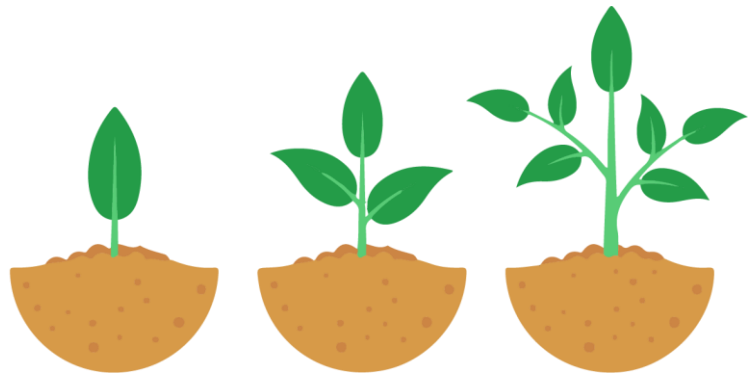
Ben Haining



Ben constantly has a positive attitude to all aspects of college life. Ben brings a smile to everyone's face. Ben always puts 100% into every task given, he is a pleasure to be around and epitomises what Wargrave House School and College are here to achieve.

LEAP Preparation for Adulthood Award:

Christian Koch



Christian receives this award due to his perseverance at overcoming so many hurdles across his 3 years with LEAP college. Christian has worked hard to improve his reading and writing skills, self regulate his OCD and work positively with others in our community. Christian has demonstrated fabulous versatility and resilience to overcome his OCD and participate in a range of activities for community, health and fitness, work experience and ILS. He has demonstrated resolve and determination, he is a role model to others as to what you can overcome and how to do it successfully. Christian is moving onto another provision to follow his aspiration to achieve a career in Arts and Digital Media.

Computing Award:

Courtney Shawcross



Courtney has completed the OCR Certificate in ICT at Level 2. For this, she has completed several units of work over 3 years, including desktop publishing, word processing and presentations. Also, Courtney chose a Video Production unit, where she looked at existing videos and made her own Wargrave School Tour video for future prospective students. Courtney recently chose to sit the Open Awards Functional Skills ICT Level 2 online exam, which shows great commitment to achieving. Courtney has always been hard-working and independent. She has listened well to new concepts, ideas and procedures, and used them well in her own work. She has been an extremely positive member of the group and is helpful to both fellow students and staff. Well done Courtney - a great achievement. Mr W.

LEAP & Lakeside

We are very proud of our students in LEAP1 and how they have adapted through unprecedented times. All our students have worked hard to gain accreditation in SFLE, Maths and English. We wish the very best to our leavers and happiness in their new journey!



To celebrate the end of term and student achievements LEAP 1 visited Blackpool zoo where we all had a fantastic time!

► **Brandon, Owen** and **Courtney** took part in a Teams meeting when they were congratulated by Stuart Jamieson and Phil Round (Governor / Rotary Club Member) for their hard work throughout the year and individual achievements.



▼ **Harry** has now left the post-16 department and we wish him the best of luck for the future. He will be missed by his friends and staff.



Lakeside

Ben & Harry received their leavers hoodies and gift vouchers as we say goodbye to Harry and wish him well for the future. We look forward to welcoming Ben in LEAP to continue his great progress.



Congratulations to **Will, Christian** and **Rory** you have all been on a journey where you have progressed into young men and we are very proud of your achievements! Yesterday, gifts were presented to our leavers and they also received a £20 amazon voucher which they were delighted with; plus a lovely picture collage of their 3 year journey!



Sancha, Ruby and **Courtney** also received their gifts .



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