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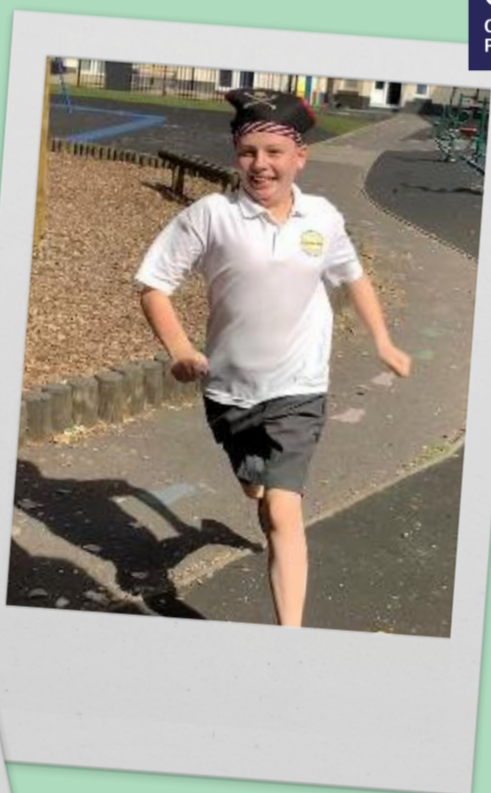
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Dear parents and carers

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Robin

HEADLINES

STUART JAMIESON



Dear Parents/Carers

We are very much to you attending our 5-16 achievement assembly celebrating the highlights of this academic year. The event will take place next Friday 15th July in the gym at 9.15 am and will be followed by refreshments. The refreshments will provide the opportunity for a welcome catch up with members of the Education Leadership Team and our Family Liaison Officer, Claire Byrne. I will be happy to clarify any matters relating to the Ofsted report which you all received last week.

Amongst the highlights of the Ofsted report are "pupils enjoy their time at Wargrave House School. Relationships between staff and pupils are strong. Pupils, and students in the sixth form feel safe and settled". Once again I would like to express my thanks to you as parers/carers supporting us through this challenging academic year which has seen us gradually emerge with renewed vigour and strength from the global pandemic. Ofsted also noted in respect of your support "parents and carers speak highly of the school. A typical comment was: "the staff are there for you every step of the way".

As we approach the end of term you will all be receiving an update on your child's progress. You will receive a small booklet that will provide progress data, learning views of their learning journey, staff reflection of your child's learning outcomes as well as suggestions on how to support your child at home.

All the best,

Stuart



Be Seen in Green

Many thanks to everyone who wore green on Wednesday. So far we have raised £96.15 for Manchester Children's Hospital.

A huge thanks to everyone who donated for your support in memory of our lovely Ethan.



SENCo: My first term at Wargrave House School & College

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, carers, and guardians of our learners and students that I have met this term for giving me such a warm welcome. Over this past term I have taken the opportunity to immerse myself into the wonderful culture of learning and development here at Wargrave House and have been visiting as many classes as I can to meet and get to know each learner and student.

I've had the privilege of seeing amazing teaching and learning taking place both in and outside the classroom and the enjoyment that comes from it. It was lovely to see everyone enjoy the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and all the exciting activities that came with the event. It was an honour to attend the inspire celebration evening for the Lakeside & LEAP leavers, it was a momentous occasion enjoyed by all.

As this academic year comes to a close, I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Tom

Kitchen Celebration

Congratulations to **Erica and Sharon** who, after a rigorous, unannounced Environmental Health Inspection (right in the middle of serving lunch!), have retained the top marks of a **5* rating** for food hygiene. **Well done ladies!**





Fun Day



Our Wargrave Fun Day is back! On the 19th of July we will be having fun activities suggested by our lovely learners. There will also be a performance by Electric Stars, and stalls ran by each class with a variety of prizes to be won!



In Engage we have continued to develop our community skills and have visit Blue Planet aquarium to look at the animals and creatures of the deep.



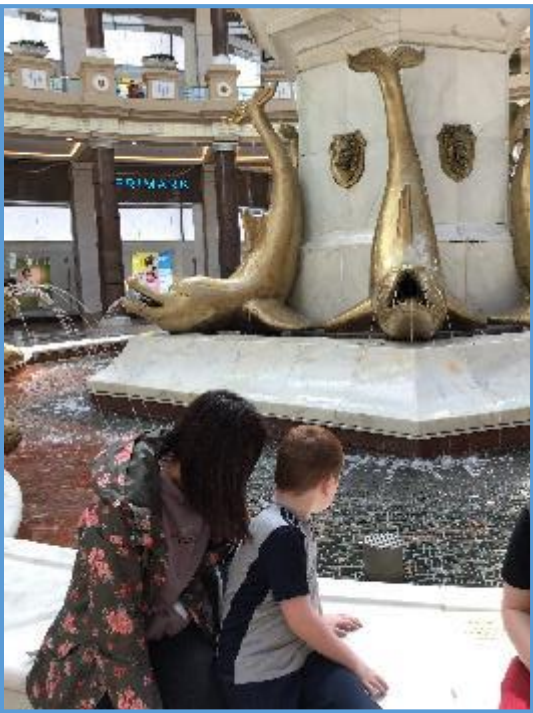
Our visit was enjoyed by all and we particularly enjoyed the shark walk!



We have really been enjoying our Community Visit days in RISE 1. We had a lovely day at Speke Hall last week.



We enjoyed following the 'Sleeping Giants' trail and watching the aeroplanes land at Liverpool airport. Cayden got so excited every time he could see a plane! Kieran loved playing in the maze, Lucas really enjoyed the playground and Henry enjoyed exploring the forest.



This week we visited Lego Land Discovery Centre. We had an AMAZING day!! We enjoyed making lots of different things and playing in the giant soft play area. Our favourite thing was the 4D cinema where we got squirted with water and foam bubbles.





RISE 2 have had a brilliant time learning lots of new skills at the stables and being confident.




We have focused on **caring for and exercising** the horses. We have groomed, filled hay bags, mucked out and walked the horses.



Kai has also been learning how to ride. **Amazing work RISE 2!**

Reader of the week



Jacob

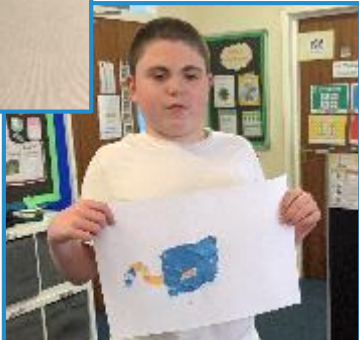


BASE 1 loved our visit to twinkle house! We loved the light room and hydro pool in particular!



In Expressive Arts, we have been working on collages, and have each selected different techniques to create these lovely **bird pictures!**

Omar and Ianis have been impressing staff in their joint rebound sessions. They have been communicating really nicely and taking turns. Well done boys!

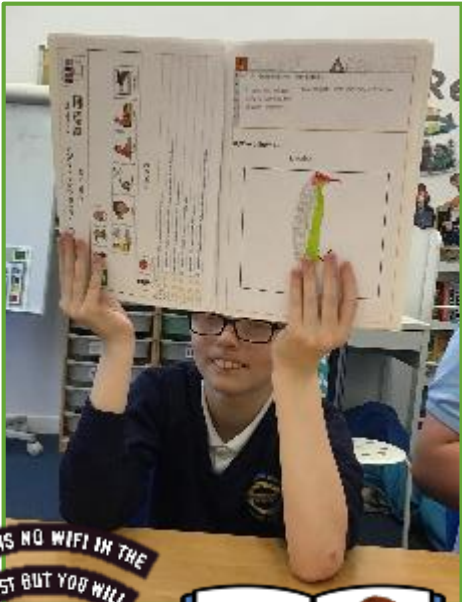




BASE 2 have been practising our striking and fielding skills in PE, and worked in teams to play cricket.



In Art, we have been working on collages and designed pictures of birds using different techniques.



We have also been loving our outdoor learning! Tharwat, Archie and Oliver are exploring the local area!

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Staff have been really impressed with our learners for being so confident and caring of the horses at the stables.



We have been working on grooming the horses as well as mucking out stables. Well done BASE 3!





BASE 4 have loved our visits to the stables and even lead the horses on a walk.



Staff at the stables were very impressed with our confidence in each leading a horse!

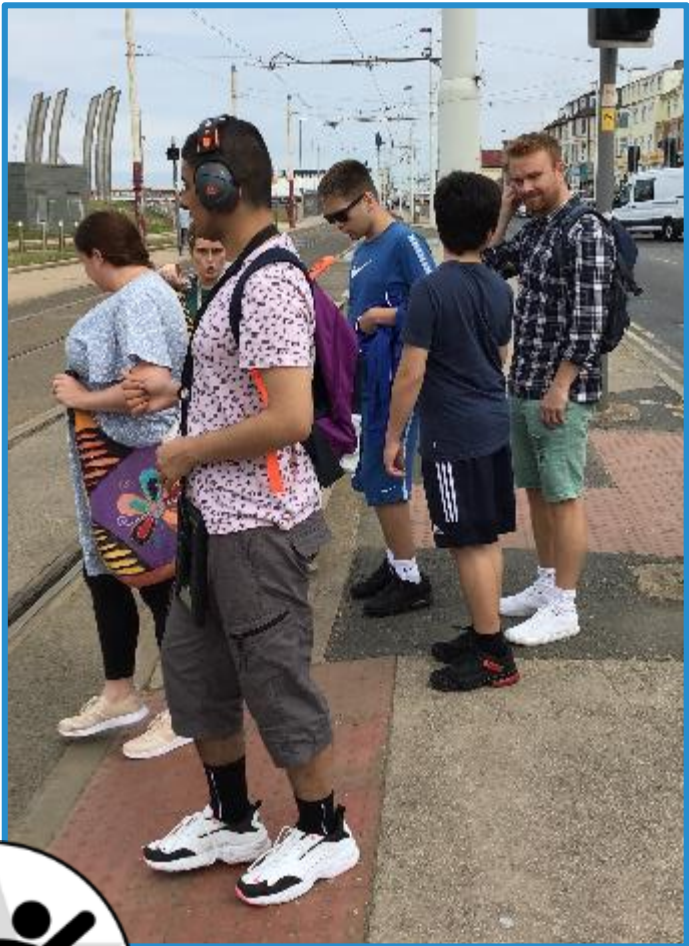


We have also been making use of the exercise equipment during a walk to Mesnes Park.





BASE 5 have been busy on our community visits. We travelled by train and worked as a team to enjoy our journey.



Our learners showed lots of confidence in travelling, and showed their community skills after lots of practice over the year!



BASE 5 have had a fantastic time completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, we took part in a Residential Expedition to Quinta where we completed 3 day hikes and 2 overnight stays!

We walked through Chirk Tunnel, Chirk Aqueduct (21 metres tall), over to Chirk Castle and up the Pontcysyllte aqueduct (38 metres tall) In total we walked an amazing 33.6km or 20.8 miles!



We enjoyed lots of activities but most of all the pool swim after an especially long and tiring day with some uphill routes, and camp fires with marshmallows. We met cows, sheep and lot of bugs, friendly walkers & farmers and are all really proud of the work we have done.

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Dear parents and carers

POST-16
JULIET DOHERTY



Dear students, parents/carers welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year. It has been a wonderful year of achievements for all our young people, culminating in an outstanding Aspire Evening on 5.7.22 at **Mercure Hotel, Haydock** in the marquee. All who attended had a great time (see Facebook for photos), it was inspirational to see our young people achieve in so many diverse areas, the band Electric Stars entertained us with three songs, one written by Yanick, who also sang solo, whilst our resident student DJ Chris compiled a soundtrack for everyone to dance to.

The Flower Wall photos that families had taken together on the night will be shared with you next week digitally. It was a lovely way to end a very busy year celebrating with our young people, yourselves and wider Wargrave friends and stakeholders. It was a sad event too, as we said goodbye to some of our students who are moving on to new horizons, we wish them every success in their futures and would like to let them know that they will always be part of the Wargrave family, we look forward to inviting them and you to events here at LEAP in the future. We will be hosting another Aspire evening in July 2023 along with coffee mornings across the 2022/23-year, seasonal events and a celebration of **LEAP's 10th Birthday**, which is on **17.9.22**, please watch this space for your 'Save the Date' invites.

Breaking news we can now announce that LEAP College have successfully been awarded an MWRA grant to run its own upcycling/recycling 'Pre-Loved Project Shop, both on site at the Lyme and Wood Learning Hub and on eBay, along with a small market garden centre (in development). The Lyme and Wood Learning Hub will be a community activity centre open during college term time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to the public. Lauren, the class teacher for LEAP 2, will be sharing more about this exciting new project with you over the coming weeks. The team in Post 16 would like to thank you for all your support over this academic year, we wish you all a safe and happy summer break. I would like to thank the incredibly hard-working team in LEAP and Lakeside who work tirelessly to ensure everyone has a positive and engaging time whilst at college, supporting the transference of skills developed into the home, work and community.

Very best wishes, Juliet and the Post 16 staff team

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University Visits

Students from LEAP and Lakeside visited Liverpool John Moores University for a tour of the campus. Students were able to visit the different faculties based on their interests – such as the Sports, Education, Media, and Art and Design faculties.



They learnt what support is available should they study there in future and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. This is the first of three university campus tours, they will be visiting Liverpool Hope University later this month and Edge Hill University in September.



The Preloved Project

LEAP has been awarded an £8, 000 grant from Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority to deliver an upcycling and upskilling project which will also promote awareness of waste reduction between September and March '23.

The project will include workshops open to parents, staff and the community around topics such as upcycling, home composting, food waste and environmental awareness. In addition to this, students will be able to access vocational mentoring based on their individual interests and programme of learning.

The project will primarily be delivered at the Lyme and Wood Hub (previously known as Enovert) on Vista Road, which is currently being developed not only a base for the project itself, but also as a community shop and café which will be open to the public from October '22. The shop will sell products designed and repurposed by students in LEAP and Lakeside in addition to second-hand, or 'preloved' products such as clothing, household items and furniture.



Rabbits

The students have been getting involved in setting up the new animal enclosure over at the college. Students have been painting benches and rabbit jumps and helping Colin and Andy to hold the railings in place. George was happy helping to mix the concrete by pouring the water onto it.



Alicia has also been working hard in the garden area. She has built a frame for the vegetables to grow and has looked after them as they begin to flourish. Now that the lettuce is ready, she has been using this to feed the rabbits!

Careers/Employability- CEIAG Lead: Steve Hogarth

The fantastic effort that everybody has made over the last year with careers has been recognised in our recent Ofsted report which stated:

"Careers education is of a high quality. Pupils and students learn extensively about the options available to them beyond school. Leaders work with a wide range of employers to provide supportive and engaging work experience opportunities. As a result, pupils are very well prepared for future education, employment or training."

Over the past year, we have implemented a new Key Stage 3 careers curriculum and the Careers Development Institute are now keen to learn more about how we have developed this. We have also formed an excellent partnership with Julie Jones (Liverpool City Regional Hub Business Enterprise Coordinator) who has been working with us to share best practice with other schools and colleges. Independent careers guidance is being provided for school and Post 16 by Viv Worsely (Career Connect). STEM activity days are now firmly on the calendar and our 'Business Breakfasts' have been a success at the Learning Hub.

Students continue to work with the Mersey Forest Team to help manage Colliers Moss and the Lyme and Wood Country Park. I am now a member of the Mersey Forest Advisory Group, and this will enable us to develop more bespoke placements for school and Post 16, in addition to the large number that we already have.

Our successes across school and Post 16 are too many to include here but I'm sure that next year will be even more productive.

Steve Hogarth

CEIAG Lead



Aspire Evening

On Tuesday 5th July, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Post 16 staff held an End of Year Celebration Evening in the marquee at the Mercure Hotel Haydock. Guests included our incredible students, parents/carers, staff, trustees, governors, local councillors, our work experience partners and friends of Lakeside and LEAP who gathered together to celebrate the diverse achievements of our students. The evening opened with a fantastic musical performance by our college band, Electric Stars, followed later in the evening by a solo sung by Yanick.

Our CEO, Robin Bush welcomed everyone to the event and shared the focus of the evening: *ASPIRE- Achieving Success through Personalising Independent Routes for lifelong Education*. A key element of the evening was the celebration of our young people who demonstrate to us there, Creativity, Resilience, Aspirations for the future and Respectful attitude to others. Juliet, Head of Post 16 Learning, welcomed Kieran, Jessica and Max to Post 16 as they move up from Wargrave House School, BASE 5, in September to our Lakeside Sixth Form Provision.

Phil Adams, Qualifications lead teacher, gave an overview of awards that students have been entered into with City and Guilds and Open Awards. Preparation for Adulthood awards were presented to Courtney, Ruby and Yanick for their outstanding contributions to college life. We were proud to see that two of our students, Brandon and Kieran were awarded Young Citizen Awards from Les Clancy, Newton Rotary Club, whilst our Duke of Edinburgh coordinator Hannah and Cllr Jeanie Bell awarded students with a range of DofE certificates.

Following an acoustic interlude by our very talented student Yanick it was then time to present our Lakeside leavers with hoodies which had been designed and printed by LEAP students in our printing shop and say Goodbye to our students leaving LEAP. This was a moving time for all at the event as goodbyes are never easy, but once a member of the Wargrave family, always a member, so we look forward to meeting up at some of our many events across the coming weeks, months and years with our leavers and their families/carers. The evening continued with a cold buffet, and everyone danced away to the music provided by our resident student DJ Chris.

We would like to thank the Mercure Hotel staff for all their support and everyone who attended the event and helped make it such an enjoyable and memorable evening!

LS1 and LS2

This week LS1 and LS2 visited Dino crazy golf in Trafford. Alicia chose this venue for her birthday celebration. After golf, we went into the Trafford Centre and all chose our favourite from a range of food options for lunch. Students then used their budgeting skills to make sure they had the correct money and checked their receipts to make sure they had the correct change.



Students from LS1 and LS2 have been busy preparing for their production of Alice in Wonderland which they are busy preparing for next week. They have been busy trying on costumes and learning lines, we can't wait to see some of you there!

We also had a fabulous time swimming together at Queens Park. The students had a great time honing their swimming skills and supporting each other to do so. Following this, we enjoyed the sunshine by having a picnic in the park and then playing some games and enjoying the outdoor gym equipment.



We also took part in the Natspec Intercollege sports day where our students represented Argentina and New Zealand. We took part in a range of different sporting events including some extremely fast races on the track!

We particularly enjoyed the javelin and the boccia events. It was fantastic to see how well everyone worked together and how much support our students gave to all participants. To top it off, Alfie won a prize for the Coconut shy and Tarran won the high jump, well done!





Alicia has been developing her horticulture skills as part of her Skills for further learning and employment qualification.

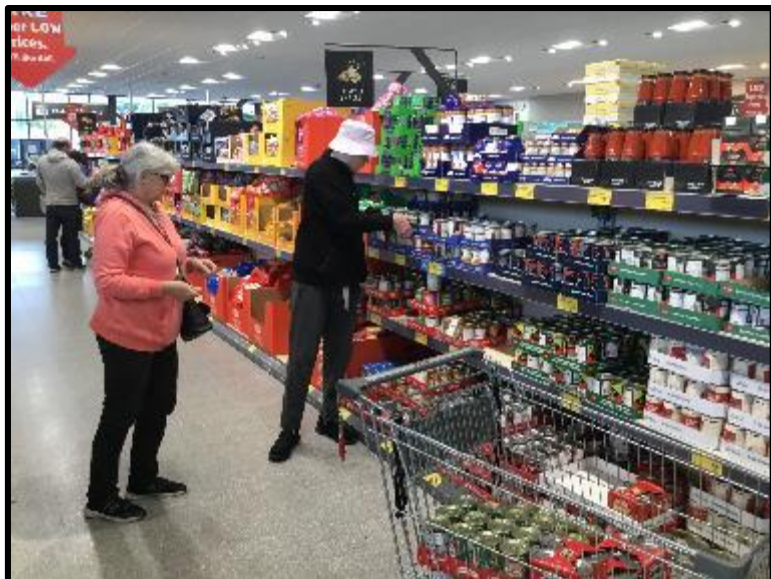


Our students have been practising their interview skills recently. They have been researching their chosen careers and then using this to plan for how they would respond in an interview. They have been looking at appropriate clothes to wear, thinking about body language and how they can sell their skills to a potential employer. They have all done an incredible job and shown off their amazing range of talents and skills which any future employer would be lucky to have!



Khovan has been continuing his work experience in the gym where he has been coaching Greg. He supports him to develop his range of skills, try new equipment and build his fitness levels. He is an amazing ambassador for the college and is doing a fantastic job.





LEAP students bought a number of different food items from Aldi and delivered to St Johns church in Earlstown in preparation for the local foodbank.



Each student had a list of different items including, dried goods, toiletries, tinned food and pet food.

