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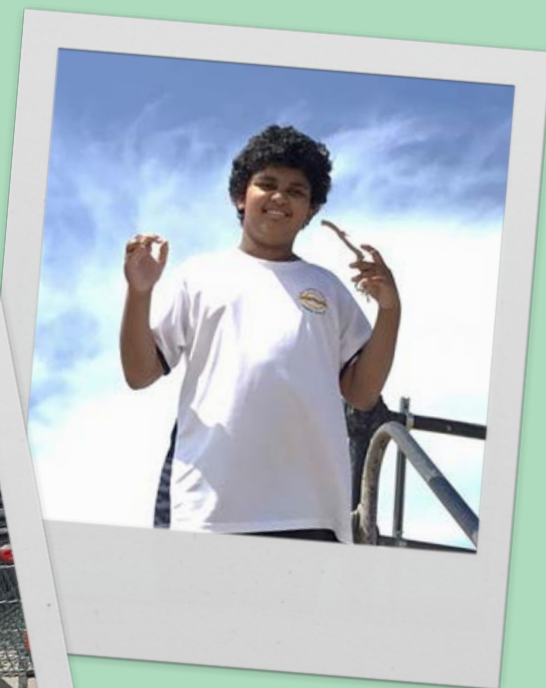
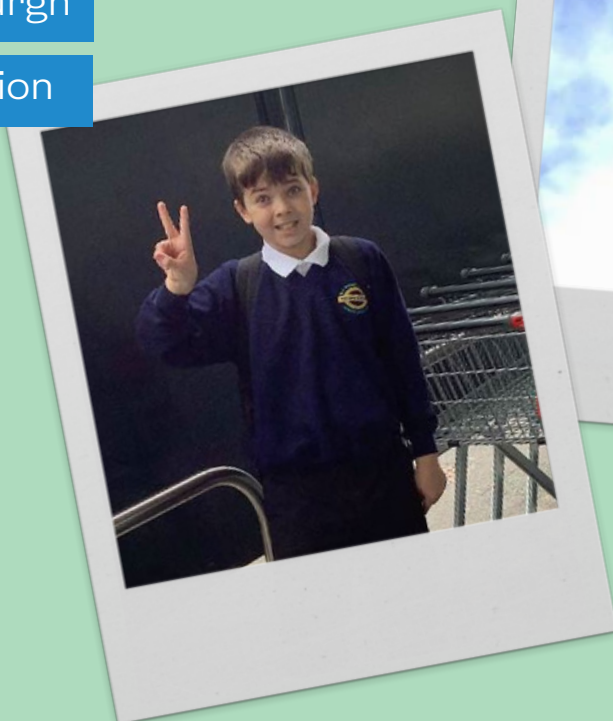
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**Dear parents and carers,**

**CEO UPDATE**  
**ROBIN BUSH**



Wishing you all a very happy new academic year 2022–23. I'm really excited about the innovative opportunities that lie ahead for us all to flourish together. It's great seeing our campus thriving, with our highest ever number of students and learners attending Wargrave House School, Sixth Form and LEAP College. My thanks go to our site facilities and support teams who have worked tirelessly over the summer period in enhancing our provision ready for the start of this term.

I am proud to share with you the maturity and responsiveness all our young people showed in marking the passing of our Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II. Dave Whittaker led a poignant assembly the following day for our body of school/student learners who were all extremely attentive and respectful. LEAP students travelled to Mesnes Park placing floral wreaths as a sign of remembrance alongside planting heather as a tribute to the Scottish heritage links. We have a very exciting year ahead and will continue to look towards you, our parents/carers as our most important partners in supporting your child to achieve their very best. Finally, I'd like to thank our former student Neil Burton who left us over ten years ago. Neil completed a sponsored walk from Warrington to Wargrave House fundraising for us. Staff and learners from BASE 5 were delighted to welcome Neil back, enthusiastically applauding him upon his arrival. The very generous donation exceeding £500 will go towards School and College's ongoing fundraising to enhance our outdoor play equipment.

**Have a lovely weekend,  
Kind Regards  
Robin**

**Dear parents and carers,**

**HEADLINES**  
**STUART JAMIESON**



I hope our newsletter finds you safe and well.

Thank you for your support in making the start of our first three weeks back run so smoothly. The highlight of our new academic year 2022–23 has undoubtedly been seeing all learners and students re-engaging with their learning, friendships, teaching/support staff, alongside the Therapy Team, enjoying the wider activities both on and off-site. We are particularly pleased to welcome our 10 new learners to our 5–25 provision. We can assure you that all staff are working really hard to induct our young people and making purposeful communications with you as parents/carers.

Today we are recognising Jeans for Genes' day. This annual fundraising campaign is aimed at supporting families and individuals affected by genetic disorders. The campaign raises money through a variety of activities in order to provide grants to organisations which transform the lives of children living with genetic disorders. All donations from learners, students and staff will go to this worthy campaign.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all next Friday 30th September for a 'Cosy Corner Café' Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan's 'world's biggest Coffee morning'. Please see the invitation below. This event will provide a fantastic opportunity to support the cancer outreach work as well as uniting with you and updating you all on a number of developments. There will be two drop-in sessions from 9:30 am – 10:30 am or 10:45 am – 11:45am. These sessions will be hosted in the LEAP building.

**Wishing you all the best weekend possible,  
Stuart**



# CONGRATULATIONS

## to All Our KS4 Learners



***A huge congratulations to all our KS4 learners from the 2021-2022 academic year who gained various qualifications due to their hard work, dedication, perseverance and motivation.***



Our learners completed several portfolios full of evidence in City & Guilds functional skills English & Maths; Open awards ICT, Travelling in the community & Employability & Professional development. Our learners have developed their skills and knowledge in these areas and applied them in many functions and life skills-based activities.

As a result, we are pleased to announce that John Mahoney, Maxim Lever, Jessica Hammond, Jamie Lewis, Kieran Cook, Sean Bourne and Luke Halliwell all passed their qualifications and were awarded their certificates by Robin Bush, CEO, and Stuart Jamieson, Head of Education, on Friday last week. Our learners were thrilled to receive their certificates in a portfolio binder and look forward to adding more credentials and qualifications in the 2022-2023 academic year.

**We are proud of you all!**

### Assembly

Our first two assemblies of the new academic year have focussed on our late Queen Elizabeth II, our new students, and our first Value Award winner. Students were shown some images of the Queen and some facts about what she did in her life. We then held a minute's applause to celebrate the Queen and looked at who would be our new King.

### New Students

Students joining us this year are Kenzie (Engage), Matthew D (RISE), Dexter, Danny, Callum, and Matthew G (BASE). We welcomed them in our first assembly to help them settle into their new school.

### Values

Our first Value Award Winner for 2022/23 is Alfie. Alfie could be heard entertaining friends at break time, playing songs, and singing. Great confidence and kindness!





# Your Menu Week One

## YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

WEEK  
COMMENCING DATE  
19.09.22  
03.10.22  
17.10.22  
31.10.22  
14.11.22  
28.11.22



Available daily

WEEK ONE

Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Hot Dog in a Roll with Ketchup (3,12) (mc 5,7)	Mac 'n' Cheese (1,3) (mc 13)	Fish Fingers (2,3)	Hot Pot (12) (mc 13)	Chicken Goujons (3)
PLANT POWER	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)
SIDES	Baked beans Potato Wedges	Broccoli Garlic Bread (3)	Creamed Potatoes (1,12) Baked Beans	Crusty Bread (3)	Chips Peas
PUDDINGS	Ice Cream (1)	Krispie Cakes (3,6)	Chocolate Cake & Custard (1,3,6)	Fruit Salad	Shortbread Biscuit (3)

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard.

\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE\*





# Your Menu Week Two



## YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

WEEK COMMENCING DATES:

26.09.22

10.10.22

24.10.22

07.11.22

21.11.22

05.12.22



Available daily

WEEK TWO

Fresh Fruit or Yogurt

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Spaghetti Bolognese (3)	Jacket Potatoes	Pizza (1,3,6) (mc11)	Roast Chicken	Oven Baked Fish (2,3)
PLANT POWER	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)	Cheese Ham Tuna Salad (1,2,11,12)
SIDES	Broccoli Garlic Bread (3)	Cheese (1) Beans Coleslaw (11)	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes (12) Sliced Carrots	Chips (v) Peas (v)
PUDDINGS	Ice Cream (1)	Flapjack (3)	Buttercream Sponge Cake (3,11)	Jelly	Chocolate Cookie (3,6)

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## New Music Therapist

*A year ago, Pam qualified as a music therapist after training with Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy. Her main focus of work is delivering music therapy in SEN schools. However, she has also provided music therapy in children's palliative care, daycare for adults with learning disabilities, and dementia care.*

Before becoming a music therapist, Pam delivered the music curriculum in a mainstream primary school alongside volunteering for Singing for the Brain and Mind Song, as well as on several youth projects, charity events, and fun family days.

Pam plays the piano and sings. She strongly feels that everyone has a creative voice and should have opportunities to express themselves individually and as part of a wider group. "There is so much opportunity for growth, self-awareness, and the experience of being valued and belonging, when we play music together – I'm really excited to be joining the team every Wednesday at Wargrave House School."

She has a Masters in Music Therapy from Nordoff-Robbins affiliated with the Goldsmiths University of London and a BMus from the University of Manchester.



## Invitation



### Dear Parents & Students

You are invited to a Macmillan Coffee morning. The event is organised by The Cosy Corner Cafe team and will offer their guests different cakes and drinks.

### **The coffee morning will take place:**

**When:** Friday 30th September

**Where:** The Leap Cafe Area

**What time:** From 9.30 - Two slots to attend will be available, 9.30-10.30 and 10.45-11.45

We suggest a minimum donation of £1 per person. We are also asking for donations of nut-free cakes and raffle prizes. If you have a raffle prize to offer, please give it to LEAP College next week. Cakes on the morning of Friday 30th September before 9 am if possible.

To assist with the planning, please indicate by email to [tarathomas@wargravehouse.com](mailto:tarathomas@wargravehouse.com) if you wish to attend and, if so, which time slot would suit you best.

***We hope to see you all!***





# Ex-student Collected £513.42 Walking Five Miles



We were proud to welcome an ex-student back after achieving and surpassing his goal of raising £500 for the school & college. Neil Burton attended 14 years ago and walked from his home town, Warrington, to Wargrave House School & College on Thursday, 15th September and surpassed his goal, raising a total of £513.42. Neil had spent lots of his time during the recent months raising awareness and collecting donations from supporters.

Staff and learners were delighted to welcome Neil back, applauding enthusiastically upon Neil's arrival. The generous donation will go towards School and College's ongoing fundraising to enhance their outdoor play equipment.



Stuart Jamieson was delighted to award Neil a certificate on behalf of the organisation and said, "Neil has acted as a superb role model in raising such a significant amount of money. It's a great testimony to our whole organisation of both past and present staff and students that Neil has remembered us all so fondly. We are really excited about enriching the lives of our youngsters in their creative play through utilising Neil's extremely well earned donation."





# Empowering Engage Students for Meal Time Tasty Choices



Our Engage students have started the new academic year with great enthusiasm. Their tasks have included selecting new tastes, shopping at Aldi, and making delicious cream cakes with colourful sprinkles.

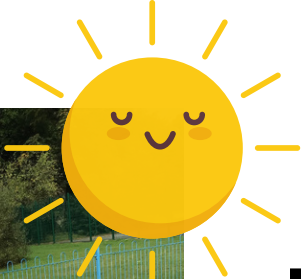
Our students from Engage have enjoyed being creative. When doing their "jobs", they were very enthusiastic and cheerful. All tasks were completed successfully.



One of the students' favourite things to do is play outside. Therefore, when the weather is sunny, we do not miss the opportunity to do activities outdoors.







# Rise1 Have Shown Excellent Golf Skills

Rise 1 have had a lovely trip to Sefton Park in Liverpool. The students played in the playground as much as they wanted and practised their excellent golf skills. The sunny weather made their day even more pleasant and cheerful.



Our students from Rise 1 have had the opportunity to explore different emotions and feelings. The students studied carefully with great interest what the angry face looked like. Then each made their stress ball with a balloon and flower. All of them, as well as their teachers, were proud of the incredible inventions they created.







# Rise 2 Enjoyed Visiting the Community Centre



Rise 2 has enjoyed visiting the community centre to see its functions and services. When break time approached, our handsome boys confidently asked for their snacks.



The teacher's question was, "Snack or fruit?". To our surprise, there was someone who preferred fruit to a snack. But the choice of the majority, of course, was a snack. Happy and satisfied after choosing the desired ratio, some students posed for photos hugging their friends, while others looked at exciting books.





# Base 1 Start with a New Classroom, New Students, and New Games



Since starting back, BASE 1 have enjoyed exploring their new classroom with many new games. They also welcomed new learners.



Base 1 also has enjoyed painting pictures of their interests. They explored a map of the world, located continents, and oceans, and recapped place values up to 6-digit numbers! BASE 1 enjoyed meeting Wargrave's pet rabbits during science.



Our lovely BASE 1 students enjoyed meeting Wargrave's adorable pet rabbits during science.





BASE 2



Base 2 has been making slime and play dough as part of their PSHE lessons.



They have visited the community centre and practised their road safety skills on the way.







## The Base 3 Teacher Is Impressed by the Resilience and Kindness of his Students

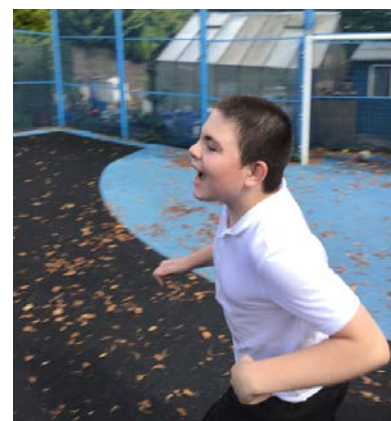
Base 3 has settled back into their new class very well. Mr. Barton has been very impressed by the resilience and kindness the learners have shown.



They have mainly been enjoying their computing lessons. They have also been making significant progress in PE, where they have been working with BASE 4 to play invasion games. So far, they have focussed on Basketball.



They have also been exploring shapes in their Maths lessons and have displayed a good understanding of the properties of 2D shapes.







## Amazing First 3 Weeks in Base 4



They have had a fantastic first 3 weeks back in Base 4! In PE this term, they have been learning about playing basketball and the importance of the movement. They have also been looking around our local community in Geography and seeing different physical features.



They were lucky to celebrate Lucy's birthday last week and had a lovely party, including fun party games!





## BASE 5 & BASE 6

# Students Have Enjoyed Dressing as Soldiers

BASE 5 & 6 visited Warrington Museum to look at the artwork. Students found historic garments and enjoyed dressing as soldiers and pharaohs. Students took inspiration from the artwork that they saw, for their BTEC studies which has started this week.



Both classes also had a Road Safety lesson as part of Preparation for Life, where staff could identify ways in which students were knowledgeable about road safety and areas they still needed to develop.

