



Headteacher Messages

As we reach the end of another academic year, it is difficult not to reflect on just how much has been packed into the last ten months. Looking back on the year, one thing stands out more than anything else, which is the incredible range of opportunities that our students have embraced and the extraordinary sense of community that continues to define life at WKGS.

Throughout the year we have celebrated academic success, performances, concerts, productions, sporting achievements, charity events, residential visits, enrichment activities, student leadership, community partnerships and countless individual acts of kindness that often happen quietly behind the scenes. Every one of these moments has been made possible because students have been willing to get involved, staff have been willing to go the extra mile and parents and carers have continued to support us every step of the way.

I have often written this year about our values and the WKGS Way, and I have been delighted to see these reflected so consistently in the daily life of the school. Whether through showing curiosity in lessons, demonstrating endeavour when things become challenging, supporting friends with empathy and compassion or contributing positively to the wider community, our students continue to remind us that success is measured by far more than examination results alone. They are growing into thoughtful, capable and caring young people, and that is something of which we can all be immensely proud.

Over recent weeks we have had the opportunity to recognise so many of these achievements through Activities Week, awards celebrations, concerts, performances and the many events that bring our community together at the end of each year. These moments are important. They give us time to pause, reflect and recognise just how much has been accomplished before we begin looking ahead to the next chapter.

As we now approach the summer holidays, I hope every member of our community finds time not only to relax, but to rest well. Rest is about far more than simply stopping work. It is about giving ourselves the space to think differently, to spend time with those who matter most, to enjoy new experiences, to be creative and sometimes simply to allow our minds to slow down a bit. In a world that constantly encourages us to be busy, there is real value in making time to pause, allow our minds to wander and return refreshed and re-energised for the year ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to another wonderful year at WKGS. To our students, thank you for your enthusiasm, kindness and determination. To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued trust, encouragement and partnership. And to our remarkable staff, thank you for the care, expertise and commitment that you show every single day in creating such a special place for young people to learn and flourish.



At the end of every academic year, we also take time to say goodbye to staff members who have made a lasting contribution to our community. This summer we wish Mrs Hughes, Mrs Camborne-Paynter and Miss Jolly every happiness as they begin the next chapters of their careers after a combined 68 years of dedicated service to WKGS. Their commitment to generations of students has helped shape the school we are today and we are incredibly grateful for everything they have given to our community. We also thank Mrs Walmsley for the enthusiasm, expertise and warmth she has brought during her year with us in Chemistry. We wish each of them every success and happiness for the future.

Whilst we are always sad to see valued colleagues leave, one of the great privileges of working in education is that every September also brings new beginnings. We look forward to welcoming new members of staff and the next generation of Year 7 and Sixth Form students into our community, each of whom will bring fresh ideas, new experiences and exciting opportunities as the story of WKGS continues.

Thank you once again for everything you have done to make this such a successful year. I hope the summer provides you with the opportunity to rest, reconnect with the people who matter most, discover something new and enjoy a well-earned break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed, re-energised and ready for another exciting year together.

With very best wishes,

Mr S Clarke
Headteacher

General Messages

Last Day of Term and Bus Arrangements – Friday 17 July 2026

The last day of term is tomorrow, **Friday 17 July 2026**, with the school day finishing at **12:45pm**.

Please be aware that there will be a change to bus arrangements on this day.

Calday Grange Grammar School will finish at 12:30pm, so all school buses that also serve Calday will collect pupils from Calday first. Once they have completed their Calday collection, buses will then travel to West Kirby Grammar School to collect our pupils at 12.45pm.

The following services will therefore arrive earlier than their usual collection time:

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| • W1 | • A1 |
| • W3 | • 614 |
| • W5 | • 670 |
| • W6 | • 672 |
| • W7 | • 674 |
| • C3 | |

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The only services that will **not** be arriving earlier are the Stagecoach services:

- 621
- 671
- 673

These buses will run at their normal times.

Please ensure students are aware of these arrangements for the final day of term.

Summer 2026 Examination Results

We would like to wish all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best of luck as they await their summer examination results.

GCE (A Level) Results Day – Thursday 13 August 2026

GCSE Results Day – Thursday 20 August 2026

Students will receive their examination results by email on the morning of results day. School will also be open from **8:00am to 1:00pm** on both results days for students who wish to collect their results in person and/or speak with members of the Senior Leadership Team or the Exams Team should they require advice, guidance, or support with their next steps.

Full details regarding results day arrangements will be emailed to parents and students before the end of term and resent the day before each results day as a reminder.

We look forward to supporting all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they receive their results and take their next steps.

Uniform and Equipment Reminders

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that students attend school in the correct uniform and with the equipment they need for learning.

Please refer to the attached Uniform and Equipment Guidance to ensure your child has the correct uniform, including appropriate school shoes, and all the equipment they need for September.

Uniform

From 13 to 19 July, parents/carers can enjoy free standard delivery on uniform orders over £50 from Monkhouse. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

Offer details:

- Free standard delivery on orders over £50
- Promo code: FREEDL
- Valid: 13th July – 19th July (ends midnight)





Y13 Students - Free NHS Meningitis B Vaccinations

Students who are leaving school this summer to begin university or further education may be eligible for a free NHS Meningococcal Group B (MenB) vaccination if they have not previously received it. The MenB vaccine helps protect against meningococcal group B disease; a rare but serious bacterial infection that can cause meningitis and septicaemia. Young people living in shared accommodation, such as university halls of residence, are at an increased risk of exposure.

A local community of pharmacies based on Wirral offer a free NHS vaccination service.

Students can book an appointment by:

- Calling on 0151 608 2609
- Booking online at: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/vaccination-and-booking-services/book-a-menb-vaccination-appointment/>
- Visiting the pharmacy in person at:

Woodchurch Road Pharmacy (CH42 8PE)

Heswall Hills Pharmacy (CH60 1XF)

St Anne Street Pharmacy (CH41 3SJ)

Please refer to the attached poster.

Thank You for Supporting Our Annual Giving Day

We are delighted to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we have now raised **just over £3,300** through this year's Annual Giving Day.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Wirral Way Walk and made a donation. Your kindness has enabled us to fund both the annual operating costs of our climbing wall and the subscriptions for our two Kitt Medical anaphylaxis kits.

We are also immensely proud of our students, who demonstrated resilience, determination, teamwork and kindness throughout the Wirral Way Walk. They were outstanding ambassadors for West Kirby Grammar School, supporting and encouraging one another every step of the way.

Although we have reached our fundraising target, the donation [link](#) will remain open to help support opportunities for students during the next academic year. Any additional funds raised will contribute towards our school reward shop, celebrating students with positive behaviour and attendance streaks, student celebration events, travel to competitive sports fixtures, and new and emerging extra-curricular activities.

Thank you once again for your continued generosity and support. Every contribution helps us to



provide enriching experiences and recognise the achievements of our students.

Beyond Horizons

CCF

Please see the attached letter for details of how to apply for a place in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) based at Calday Grange Grammar School. For more information about CCF please visit <https://ccf.calday.co.uk/>.

The application form can be completed here [CCF Application Form September 2025/26](#)

Dot Art School Competition – Summer Holiday Challenge!

Calling all Year 8 artists!

Over the summer holidays, we'd love you to start creating an original piece of artwork to enter into next year's Dot Art Schools Competition. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your creativity, with the chance for your work to be exhibited and celebrated.

Competition Guidelines:

Any theme – choose a subject that inspires you and best showcases your creativity and artistic skills. There is no set theme, so you have complete creative freedom.

Media - Any 2D artwork is suitable, including Drawing (pencil, coloured pencil, pen, charcoal, ink)/ Painting (watercolour, acrylic, gouache, etc.)/ Printmaking/ Mixed media/ Collage/ Original artwork only – no copies or AI-generated work.

Size - Please create your work on A4, A3 or A2 paper/card. These sizes are ideal for photographing, mounting and exhibition.

What the judges look for - The Dot Art judges will be looking for: Confident use of materials/ Strong technical skill/ Creativity and imagination/ A personal and original response to your chosen subject

Take your time, enjoy the creative process, and produce your very best work. We can't wait to see what you create when we return in September!

Good luck and have a creative summer!

Grass Fires

Merseyside Fire and Rescue has reported a significant rise in grass fires and some anti-social behaviour across all of Wirral's parks and open spaces during the month of July. They have asked that we share the attached flyers and information with all parents and carers.

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Lion's Den Hockey Camps

Please refer to the attached flyer for details of a hockey camp taking place during the summer holidays.

What: 1 or 2 Day Camp for 7-15 year olds

When: Thursday 27th & Friday 28th August 2026 - 9.30 - 3.30

Early drop off from 8.30 am and late pick up until 4.30 available

You can book 1, 2 or both days..

Where: Calday Grammar School - Glasspool playing Fields CH48 1NY

Cost: £40 for 1 day or £70 for 2 days

Mental Health and Wellbeing

If families require support during the holidays, there are a number of helpful resources available.

Online:

Zillo Wirral is a site with links to support for a range of different Health & Wellbeing areas
- <https://www.zillowirral.co.uk/>

Live Well Cheshire West provides mental health support for children, teenagers and young adults
- <https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/>

Kooth is an online support service, with resources and also 1-1 support available
- <https://www.kooth.com/>

Samaritans offer a listening service to anyone, at any time. They are contactable via phone, email, and have a self-help app. Phone: 116 123

Childline UK provides a free, private, and confidential service for children and young people. Whatever your worry, whenever you need help, you can get in touch online, by phone, via webchat, or through Sign Video—anytime. Phone: 0800 1111

Local Support

The Drop In

Pilgrim Street Youth Arts Centre

Open Monday–Friday, 2:00 PM–6:00 PM

For ages 11–18 (up to 25 for SEND). Offers one-to-one support for issues like grief or anxiety.

Contact: 0808 196 4147 | thedropin@wirral.gov.uk





Water Safety Reminder for Families

Over the summer holidays, many families will be spending more time near water, including beaches, rivers, lakes, canals and reservoirs. While these can be wonderful places to enjoy the outdoors, it is important to remember that water can be unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

To help keep everyone safe, please remember:

- Always supervise children closely when they are near water, even if they are confident swimmers.
- Be aware that conditions can change quickly in open water.
- Never jump into water unless you know it is safe, as hidden hazards and cold water shock can be life-threatening.
- Teach children the RNLI's Float to Live technique: tilt the head back, keep ears submerged, relax, and gently move hands and feet while controlling breathing.
- In an emergency, call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard.

Talking to children about water safety before visiting any location near water can make a real difference and could help save lives.

For further advice and free resources, visit:

- Water safety advice and guidance: <https://rnli.org/safety>
- Float to Live advice: <https://rnli.org/safety/float>
- Education and teaching resources for children and young people: <https://rnli.org/youth-education>
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service water safety advice: [Water Safety | Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service](#)

Thank you for helping us promote safe and enjoyable experiences around water this summer.

Wirral Family Hubs – Togetherness Pathway

Please refer to the attachment for details of a free of charge resource available to Parents and Carers in Wirral.

The resource can also be accessed here [Start learning on WhatsApp: https://wa.me/19282397906](https://wa.me/19282397906)
Tapping the link on a mobile device will open in WhatsApp. Tap send to begin.

If users open the link on a computer, users will see a QR code to scan with your phone. When asked to sign up, enter local access code “MERSEY”



Useful Contacts and Regular Information

School Office

Online contact form: <https://wkgs.org/contact>

Email: office@wkgs.net

Telephone: 0151 632 3449

Website: <https://wkgs.org/>

Finance

Email: finance@wkgs.net

Reporting Student Absence (Illness)

Please leave a message on our answerphone by phoning 0151 632 3449 and selecting Option 2.

Alternatively, email: attendance@wkgs.net

Leave of Absence/Medical Appointments

Please use this email to request a Leave of Absence or to notify us of medical appointments:

requestforleaveofabsence@wkgs.net

Lost Property

Lost property is located by the stairs in the H Block. We endeavour to return all named items to students, so please ensure belongings are clearly labelled.

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