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Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC

"Together we grow, learn and achieve"

Head Teacher: Barry Graham

7th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

It was lovely to meet so many of you at our P7 Open Evening last term, we hope that you found the visit both informative and reassuring. If you were unable to attend, please see the transition page on our school website for additional information <https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/transitions>

We are looking forward to working with all of our schools, pupils and families again this term to ensure that our P7 pupils feel prepared for their move to secondary school. Please find a summary of our Transition plans below:

Term 3 Jan-March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th February - Social Enterprise Day at WHA • WHA teachers to visit cluster primaries to deliver subject taster lessons • HWB visit to primaries from Transition Team staff • Meetings between P7 staff and Pupil Support staff to share information
Term 4 April-June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May - full day visit for all pupils to WHA • Letter to share S1 Class and timetable • June - 3 full Induction days for all pupils • Information evening for all P7 parents/carers

Summary of visits

Activity and Date	Schools
Social Enterprise Day at WHA	
Wednesday 12 th February	All schools
Social Subjects Taster at Primary School	
Tuesday 14 th Jan	Penpont & WHP
Tuesday 21 st Jan	Moniaive & Duncow
Tuesday 28 th Jan	Closeburn & Dunscore
HWB Activity and Sharing Information at Primary School	
Tuesday 11 th March	Penpont & Dunscore
Tuesday 18 th March	Moniaive & Duncow
Tuesday 25 th March	Closeburn & WHP

Social Enterprise Day – Wednesday 12th February

We are pleased to be able to invite all of our cluster pupils for a full day visit on Wednesday 12th February. This day is being delivered by our Business Studies department in partnership with Social Enterprise Academy, local entrepreneurs and senior pupils from our Enterprise elective. P7 pupils will spend the day in workshops, developing ideas to change their local communities, and will participate in a Dragon's Den finale.

Winner of

Silver Rights Respecting Schools Awareness Award 2023
D&G Rural Award Smarter Scotland
The SQA Star Award
Lantra School Project Award – 2013/2018/2020/2022

Scottish Education Award – Enterprise and Employability
World Teamwork Award Winners – World Robotics Festival
First Lego League Robotics Scottish/UK & Ireland Champions



Please use the following link if you would like to find out more information about Social Enterprise Academy:
<https://socialenterprise.academy/>

We will share a detailed timeline of events with the P7 pupils prior to their arrival in order to explain where to meet, what to expect and how we will support them during the day.

Transport

We would request that **parents take responsibility for organising transport to and from Wallace Hall Academy**. If this is not possible then please let your primary school know and we will arrange solutions. Pupils who live in Thornhill will be permitted to walk home.

Pupils can arrive any time from 8.30am onwards and will be welcomed at the front gates next to our School Office. The day will end at 3.45pm when you will be able to meet your child at the school gates if you plan to collect them.

What to wear, bring and eat

Pupils should wear their usual school uniform and bring a suitable snack and water to have during morning break times.

Lunchtime will be just before WHA's normal lunch time, giving pupils an opportunity to experience the canteen, where they can buy a meal deal for £2.10 or bring their own packed lunch. Unfortunately we cannot transfer any credit that is already on your child's primary account so please provide money unless you are entitled to a Free School Meal. **Free School Meals will be provided for those pupils who normally receive them.**

Medical information

During these visits it is vital that all medical equipment should be with your child e.g. epi-pen/inhaler/diabetic testing kit. **Please ensure that your child has their specific medical essentials in their school bag for their transition days, and that they are all in date.**

Sharing Information

Please contact your primary school **by Tuesday 28th January** if your child will be unable to attend. We still have a record of the information that you shared about your child prior to their visit in October, please contact our school office if you would like to update any of the contact, medical or personal details for your child.

Your child's primary school will also share information prior to the visit regarding specific learning, health and wellbeing information.

Communication

We will continue to update you throughout the year but you may also find it useful to follow our school on Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter. We also have a transition page on our school website, this can be accessed through <https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/transitions>

Please do not hesitate to contact us at Wallace Hall Academy should you have any questions regarding these visits.

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Mrs N Flint
PT ASL

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PEF Learning Assistant