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Dear all,

This week was packed full of excellent events for our students. The Year 10s received pizza reward for their efforts in mocks, the Year 7s finished their Morgan Stanley sustainable business challenge, Waseley choir travelled to London to see SIX front row at the Vaudeville theatre, high fived the cast and had a Q&A session at the end! The RSA8 students presented their social action project on 'Subtle Bullying and Its Impact in Schools' at Newman University and multiple years competed in a Trust athletics sports competition. But by far, the most poignant moment of the week was on Wednesday evening with our community open event to allow residents to see the building one last time before the new build takes its place.

The strength and power of our community was felt as 275 people of all ages came to pay their respects, soak in the memories and peruse the archives of moments that filled their schooling years. Those present felt a brief glimpse of a shared, near 100 year, history between a unique set of individuals bound together by our special school. Touching would be the word I would use to describe the pleasantries shared between the generations that evening. Proud would be the word to describe the parents and grandparents who came to see the original school bell which former Head Boys and Girls had the privilege of ringing during their tenure. Effervescent was the atmosphere as happy memories merged with excitement for what our next generation of students will get as a facility that begins the next century of memories.

It would be unjust to not touch upon the tinge of sorrow that was felt towards some of the history unearthed in stories told that evening. The joy and celebration was intense at the sight of a couple photographing the pride month celebration board in reception. They were beaming with delight as they witnessed the school they attended celebrate something they were persecuted for when it was their time in the halls of Waseley. The treasured beauty of the quad and its natural serenity was tainted slightly by the vivid descriptions of canings shared by some that evening. This dichotomy of joy and pain amongst buildings old and new ran as a current through everyone present that evening. The development of the facilities at Waseley perhaps resemble the development of education in the 21st century which has abolished those sanctions that sadly left a mark on some 50 years on from their experience. There was optimism shared by those who could still bathe in the happiest of memories in spite of some sombre ones. There was hopefulness shared by those who could see that times have changed, clearly for the better, when it comes to appropriate sanctions for children, and with that brings a new chapter.

The evening marked our pledge to never forget the rich history of Waseley whether that be the commemorative stone of the first Headmaster or the benches that recognise those no longer with us. The evening also marked the turning of a page into the newest chapter of an institution that serves a wonderful community and set of students who embody the values of the school. We are all but a fragment in time adding each day to the history of Waseley. These sorts of events show just how fleeting one's time is at this school. Thank you for those who shared their stories with us, we hope that you enjoyed being able to bring those stories back to life by seeing the building.

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For anyone who was unable to attend, there are virtual tours available on the school website [Waseley Hills High School - Year 6 Parents \(waseleyhillsschool.org.uk\)](http://Waseley Hills High School - Year 6 Parents (waseleyhillsschool.org.uk))

We move forwards as a school both in building and processes and strive to give our young people the first-class education that they deserve. Wednesday evening served as a reminder of this vision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Preston', written in a cursive style.

Mr Preston
Head of School