



# Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The hottest week of the year has seen an excellent response from the students. The conditions have made it a bit of a challenge, but the students have been sensible in bringing water bottles, adhering to the uniform expectations and managing themselves well.

The students have had some excellent experiences outside of the classroom this week. Year 10 GCSE PE students have been completing their Rock Climbing as part of their assessed coursework. Students have pushed themselves beyond what they thought they were capable of and succeeded in securing some high level skills that will contribute towards their final GCSE grade. Thank you to the entire PE department who over the week all contributed to this success. The Duke of Edinburgh expedition has set off today with students fully equipped to take on the great outdoors independently. This will be a true test of their navigation skills, physical endurance and culinary prowess on camping stoves. We wish them all good luck and thank Miss Burke Martin and Miss Brazil for their efforts to get this off the ground again at Waseley.

On Thursday night we held our Year 11 Prom at Grafton Manor. What a spectacular evening this was – our leavers looked incredible in their dresses and suits and the way our young adults conducted themselves showed that they are an absolute credit to everything we stand for at Waseley. Thank you to so many families who came to see students arrive in style. From sports cars to horseback – we saw it all! The Grafton Manor organiser told us that Waseley Hills were the best event they have had from all the schools that use them. They said the students had the most parental support and staff engagement. We must give special thanks to Mrs Williams who has dedicated the last 5 years to nurturing this year group. Her care, investment and commitment to the success of the group has truly paid off. Her work alongside Mrs Duncan, whose relentless drive, has clearly paid off as they have become young adults we are all proud of. Enormous thanks too to Mr Shaw who captured the whole evening – pictures coming soon – and Mr Blatherwick who worked so hard behind the scenes of their GCSE exam period. We wish our 2024 leavers all the best and look forward to seeing them next on results day.

Beaconside sports day was held on our field on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They were a credit to themselves and the community in how they competed and enjoyed the days. A thank you to Holywell for supporting with toilet emergencies and there was a real sense of community coming together to support an excellent event for students to take part in. Many of the students said how excited they were to be coming to the full transition days for new Year 7s next week. A reminder to those parents that the Year 6 into Year 7 Parental Evening is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm-7pm.

A final note of caution that has been brought to our attention by our Police Community Support Officer. Some residents have been approached by trades people reporting to work for the school and offering to help with odd jobs. These are scams and we would like your support in warning vulnerable members of our community that the

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school would never approach residents directly like this. Please be vigilant and report to us anything of that nature so that we can help stop such things.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Preston', written in a dark ink.

Mr Preston  
Head of School