



# Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for your ongoing support and to give you some exciting news about the leadership structure of Waseley Hills High School for September 2024.

You will be aware that Mr Tom Preston has been the Head of School this year, working closely with myself, staff, students and parents to bring about many of the exciting developments and improvements that we have seen for our students and the wider community during this academic year. Mr Preston and the Leadership Team have been relentless in their determination to offer Waseley students the best possible educational opportunities.

During this last week we have been interviewing for a Principal to lead the continued development of the school and community. The 2-day recruitment process involved CEO of CRST Guy Shears, myself as Executive Principal, Chair of Waseley Hills Governors Chris Passey and two of our amazing Sixth Form senior ambassadors, Amy Webster and Eloise Middleton. All members of the panel were unanimous in their decision making.

It is with great pleasure that I announce Mr Tom Preston has been appointed as Principal of Waseley Hills High School. Mr Preston spoke with real passion and determination about his plans for the students and their school. He talked through many of the changes implemented that have been widely appreciated by students and their families. The lead Ambassadors talked about the changes and improvements that have been seen in the school and how excited they are for these to be continued.

I will continue to work closely with Mr Preston on all aspects of Waseley Hills' development including the direction of the new build. I look forward to watching Waseley become the school our students and community deserve.

I wish all our families a fantastic summer break.

Ian Mellor  
Executive Principal

It has been another fabulous week at Waseley Hills to end an excellent year. The highlight for all was an incredible SportsFest on Wednesday in which students had the opportunity to see a music concert, create market stalls for each other to entertain, take part in inflatable obstacle courses, a disco dome and of course compete in sporting events in the afternoon. The students were exceptional in getting involved in the activities, enjoyed an ice cream and saw the big reveal of the four house mascots. A huge well done to Miss Harley, Mr Mason, Mr Blount and Mrs Bridgeman, the fabulous PE department, for putting on such a fantastic day for the students.

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The Waseley Newsletter is a wonderful collection of the events of this term, please take the time to read through the attachment or on the school website and see the amazing work that has gone into this year. Printed copies are available from school reception if you would like one.

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding our students is our number one priority at Waseley Hills and so wanted to signpost a few key contacts should there be any concerns during the holiday period.

Today in our celebration assemblies, we have been talking about how students can keep themselves safe during the summer holidays, whilst out and about and when online. During tutor time and the PSHE provision we have been reminding them about: water hazards; staying away from rail lines; staying safe online; safe and healthy relationships; safe behaviour choices.

There is a whole section dedicated to the latest Safeguarding issues and events in the Waseley News Summer edition where you can find helpful details for various levels of support.

During the summer holidays, if there is an incident that you believe is of a criminal nature involving students from Waseley or you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm contact the **Police**:

- telephone: 999

If you have any concerns about a child or young person living in **Worcestershire** and feel that they may be in need of protection or safeguarding, contact the Family Front Door. Staff are available Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Fridays from 9.00am to 4.30pm:

- telephone: 01905 822666

For assistance out of office hours (weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays):

- telephone: 01905 768020

If you live in **Birmingham**, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust. Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm:

- telephone: 0121 303 1888

For assistance out of office hours (weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays):

- telephone: 0121 675 4806

We look forward to welcoming back the students in September with Year 7,12 returning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, with all other year groups returning on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards,



Mr Preston  
Head of School