

27th September 2024

Dear Parent and Carers,

Though one of the wettest weeks on record, there has been a great sense of purpose at Waseley this week with lots going on.

Tuesday saw our Year 7 parents coffee afternoon in which parents and carers were able to come and meet their form tutor and find out how their son/daughter has settled into Waseley life. There was also a chance to get technical support with any of the parental apps and the SEND and pastoral team were there to answer any questions or queries about individuals. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers say how much their child was enjoying their time at Waseley and so many were effusive in their feedback about how pleased they've been with the transition and communication.

On the same evening, the Year 11 students were arriving to school incredibly excited for the update on the History trip due to take place at the start of the half term holidays. On Friday 25th October, the History Department are taking forty very excited historians to Belgium and France on a First World War battlefields trip. Having recently started their GCSE Medicine through Time topic, students will be given the opportunity to explore trench systems, hospitals, Commonwealth war graves, trace their family history and handle historical artefacts from the major battles of WW1. We cannot wait to see them further deepen their subject knowledge and have a truly unforgettable experience in the trenches.

Despite the heavy rainfall on Thursday, Waseley Hills were proud to witness the grand unveiling of the new mural in St Chads Park that some of our young budding artists helped to create. A group of talented Year 10 students were recently involved in a community arts project involving two local artists, Andy and Ruth Decomyn. The artists had been commissioned by Bromsgrove District Council to create a new mural to be displayed in St Chads Park, just next to the play area. The artists have run multiple art workshops here at Waseley and our talented students played a huge part in bringing the idea to life. The project has also involved younger children from the local artSENcrafts group whose pictures of native British wildlife have inspired our students here. The group of Waseley students took part in two sessions, the first being an opportunity to sketch out designs of native woodlands animals. These drawings were then taken away by the artists and made into life-sized plywood silhouettes which the students then painted in the second session, bringing the animals to life. We are beyond proud of what our students have achieved and encourage everyone to visit St Chads Park to see the beautiful new mural.



There's lots to look forward to next week which sees the start of Black History month. Our diversity student council committee have prepared ways in which we can educate all about the importance of inclusivity here at Waseley and in the wider context. There is a Year 8 football and Year 8 netball tournament taking place on Monday next week and a Macbeth theatre trip for our Year 11s on Wednesday.

Following Year 7, 10 and 12 school photograph day, the photos are ready to view and purchase if you wish. Your child was given a card on the day to take home with the login details.

A reminder that we will finish at 13:00 on Thursday 3rd October to prepare for Open Evening. We are expecting the highest number of parents and carers we've ever had and thank the fabulous students who have already volunteered their time to support making the evening a big success. If there are any more students that wish to help out on the evening please ask them this weekend, they are of course the stars of the show at such events.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr T Preston

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Preston', written in a cursive style.

Principal