

Dear Parent and Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Another fantastic week at Waseley which culminated in a fabulous Open Evening yesterday evening. We were delighted with how many of our brilliant students volunteered to be tour guides and help in department areas. The feedback from the families, who asked the students so many questions, has been extremely positive and they are a credit to themselves and the community. Their politeness, enthusiasm and knowledge of the school were all highlighted as being brilliant. Please share our thanks for their hard work on the evening over the weekend. Thank you to the staff who showcased their exceptional talents during the evening and it was amazing to see the hundreds of families come and see the school and feel the Waseley buzz.

This week saw our first primary headteacher pyramid meeting of the year in which we welcomed our local primary schools to layout a calendar of events that we will be collaborating in. This will now include events every calendar month of the year where we can share facilities, share expertise in areas and inspire the students in younger years for the educational journey at Waseley. I would like to thank the incredible support from all of the local primary schools for getting involved in as many projects which will benefit the students. Alongside this, I visited St James which was extremely positive and as a result of our meeting we are collaborating on a food technology project and science masterclass this year. I am still booking in further meetings with the remaining local primary schools over the next few weeks and months.

We were excited to launch our reward shop to the students called "The Ethics Exchange" this week in assemblies. This will allow students to use their Ethics points to purchase rewards on Classcharts. Students voted for the rewards to be included which range from sweets, free gym passes, raffle tickets for large prizes, house branded water bottles and pencil cases. This will open on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and students are already getting excited about earning as many Ethics points as possible to budget ready for the Ethics Exchange to open.

### **Elevate Education Parent Information Evening**

On **Thursday 10th of October, 5:30pm – 6:30pm**, Elevate Education, an award-winning study skills workshop provider, will be running an in-person session for parents at Waseley Hills High School to help you support your child with their schoolwork at home. This is open to parents of students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. Please note however, that the session is the same as the one delivered to current Year 11 and 12 parents last year so some information will be repeated if you were able to attend last time.

This year, Elevate are delivering sessions to our students to help develop their skills in time management, effective study, and keeping motivated. Next week's parent session is designed to help you reinforce these skills at home and will cover some practical strategies for getting your child motivated, organised, and prepared for exams. Elevate also offer a free live webinar series, details of which are online here: [Register your place in our parent support series \(elevateeducation.com\)](https://www.elevateeducation.com).

Finally, a reminder that mobile phones are only allowed on site if put out of sight at the bottom of bags. This is to ensure that students can contact parents for travel arrangements to and from school but that we can ensure issues associated with social media and bullying online are not present in school. We will continue to confiscate phones that are seen on site and thank you for the support we have been receiving with this from parents and carers who understand how this is in place to help students focus on their learning whilst in school.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support,

Mr T Preston

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

Principal