



Dear Parent and Carers,

11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

We have had another exciting week at Waseley with plenty of events happening in and out of school. The Year 7 and 8 Girls took part in a Football Associate refereeing course this week. This a qualification that allows them to referee matches and the course was held at the Worcestershire FA County Ground. Please see the pictures of the students below receiving their awards for completing the course. We look forward to them demonstrating their leadership over the coming months by running fixtures.



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October our student council and sixth form Lead Ambassadors attended our trust wide student council conference hosted at Arrow Vale in Redditch; joining Lead Ambassadors from student councils from all schools in the Trust to form our very first Trust-wide student council. During the event they participated in leadership development activities and worked with students from both primary and secondary schools to plan an exciting year of events covering charity, diversity, civic duty and eco drives. Our sixth form Lead Ambassadors took on the challenge of presenting to the conference and delivered information on what it means to be ecofriendly and shared ideas for reducing energy consumption in all schools. They did this brilliantly and presented with confidence and flair. This event really showcases how highly we regard student agency not only at Waseley but also within the Trust, supporting our young people to make real world change.



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October we are hosting our High Prior Attainers Parent Information Evening at 6pm, invited parents and students will have received communication via Arbor about the event and how they can confirm their attendance. We look forward to seeing those parents and students there.

There have been some exciting updates on the new build as you can see the steel sheeting for floor one has been put in this week. There is also an update from Tilbury Douglas (attached letter) pre-warning the community about the roundabout outside of school being closed over the half term break. They have scheduled the work to try and cause the least amount of disruption during a time when the school will be closed. Please read the letter for further details.

Worcestershire County Council have provided a community flyer for support for parents and carers with students with a disability and or additional needs. We hope this will provide useful resources and contacts to support families and children in our community.

It has been pleasing to see so many of you support in improving attendance for our students. Attendance has risen as a result. Please continue to speak to your young people about the importance of attendance, particularly as we have only two weeks left of school before the half term break. As we approach the colder months, we wanted to take this opportunity to re share with you the NHS guidance to support parents in managing their child's attendance through cold and flu season, <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Please ensure you have checked this website before deciding to keep your child off school.

Finally, please could I ask you share with your young people an announcement from Waseley Sixth Former Emily Chase who is starting a school newspaper: Please could any students who are interested in contributing and reporting on different areas of school life please come to O16 at lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr T Preston

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

Principal