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Dear Parents and Carers,

25th October 2024

The first half term of this academic year has finished and this week showed the extra mile our staff and students have gone to get the best educational outcomes.

On Wednesday, our Waseley Careers Fayre saw the entire school get the chance to engage with close to 30 different providers of careers advice, next steps and opportunities for students to start taking part in now. Each year group were given a 50-minute slot to go and discuss their futures with local and national providers and this forms part of our Careers Guidance programme in which we are at 100% against the Gatsby Benchmark as a school. Thank you to the local businesses and organisations who gave up their time to present to our students and this growing event which is annual at Waseley is showing the real connections between the school and the community growing.

It was lovely to see the coming together of our Diwali celebrations this week. In form time, the students have been working on celebrating the festival of lights and produced lanterns to place in reception as part of the celebrations. The inclusivity that comes with such care that has been taken into the making of the lanterns is a really important part of the culture of the school.

The English department is delighted to congratulate the talented students who participated in the Through Their Eyes 2024 National Poetry Competition. This prestigious competition invited young poets from across the nation to explore unique perspectives and share their creativity with the world. The theme of Through Their Eyes encouraged participants to write from the point of view of someone or something else, fostering empathy and imagination. These talented individuals have demonstrated exceptional creativity and skill in their poetic endeavours, capturing diverse perspectives and emotions through their words. As we celebrate the success of our students in the Through Their Eyes 2024 National Poetry Competition, we look forward to continuing to support and encourage their literary pursuits. Copies of the poetry book will be placed into the school library for all to enjoy. Congratulations once more to all participants and may their commitment to self-expression continue to flourish.

Today our Historians took off in the early hours on their residential trip to the Battlefields. 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 the pictures come in over the next few days and we know that they will have a truly unforgettable experience in the trenches.

We wish all our families a restful half term break. Please can we ask that you use the time to take stock of any borrowed uniform to return after the break and continue the high standards in uniform that the students have shown this year so far. A reminder that only the GCSE PE students wear kit to school and thank you for your support in students wearing the correct PE kit and school uniform that are a big part of the high standards at Waseley. For anyone looking to purchase uniform, one of our online suppliers [Waseley Hills High School – My Clothing](#) is currently offering 10% off with code UNIFORM10 until the end of the year, and free delivery with code FREESHIP this weekend only.

We are always keen to receive feedback and support and thank you to those who regularly communicate with us on areas to improve. Below is a link to the parental voice survey for your feedback on the school and we will endeavour

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to use this parental voice to keep Waseley moving in the right direction. Thank you in advance for your feedback.
<https://forms.office.com/e/E6ZkMAWNU4>

As part of the Relationships and Sexual Education guidance for schools, please see the attached letter to fully update you on your son/daughters' curriculum next half term including the option to opt out of certain aspects of the delivery.

Please see the latest Waseley Way to Wellbeing newsletter for parents in the link below, we hope you find this useful and supportive.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/9KmPggMMumiGsLWQ?ref=Link>

We wish you all a fantastic half term break.

Kind regards,

Mr T Preston

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

Principal