



# Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

This week has been an excellent week for students. There have been numerous events going on and a real sense of community started the week off with our remembrance on Monday in which we held a minute silence and paid our respects to our armed forces. It was great to see cadets wear their uniform to symbolise their support.

PE staff took 16 students from year 8 and 9 to compete in both boys and girls inter-trust football tournament at Holyhead School. The students performed excellently and were a credit to the school for their professionalism and showcasing their footballing skills against strong opponents. The girls team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and were just 2 points shy of taking home the inter-trust football trophy. The boys' team were met with very strong opponents finishing 5<sup>th</sup> place but coming away from the tournament with a win and 2 strong fought out draws. Well done to all involved and the PE department are putting on similar events to allow even more students to take part throughout the year.

We saw the start of the inter-house dance competition in lunch times. Students will dance off against one another in a bid to win points for their houses. Over the upcoming weeks we look forward to supporting the students taking part in their routines and showcasing their talents. Alongside this the Parallel maths club on Wednesday evening was once again well attended by students showing their flair and creativity in the realms of mathematics. Please encourage your young people to take part in as many of these such activities which are happening each week.

Our Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 students got the opportunity to take part in a cutting edge *Tech for Living in Space* interactive session this week. The students found the session extremely beneficial where they learnt about technology and science working in collaboration and discussed future projects of technology in Space. We hope our students have also been inspired to consider careers in technology linked to science. The Computing and Science department will continue to work together in future enrichment activities - please keep a look out!



Abi Sinclair with Mrs Joshi

We have been fortunate to obtain a successful careers session, led by Abi Sinclair, from SENDIASS Young Person Adviser for Worcestershire. This is a great opportunity for some of our vulnerable students to start considering their career journey and the skills/attributes they need. Abi has hopefully built the confidence and self-esteem of our learners with how to apply and discuss different pathways of higher education/workplace. We have booked Abi for another 4 days which we are looking forward to.

Our fabulous Year 11 and 13 students finished almost all of their mocks today. They have been excellent at applying themselves to their studies and have benefitted hugely from seeing the pressure and experience of what a real exam timetable feels like. They will have gathered valuable information about themselves and how their revision impacts on their results. It will also provide the teachers with a thorough understanding of which areas of the curriculum they need to focus on to teach before the next round of mocks in February. A reminder that we will continue the high expectations of these year groups when it comes to uniform, punctuality and standards in lessons from next week as their timetables revert back to normal.

Next week sees our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening from 5pm-7pm on Thursday 21st November. This is the perfect opportunity to see the increased offer of subjects that will be available to them. They will also get the chance to hear

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about our incredibly exciting iPad scheme and plans for our sixth form trip to the USA (destination revealed on the night). Please come along to find out more.

Finally, a reminder that next week the school is closed to students on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for a staff training day.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr T Preston

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

Principal