

29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic two weeks here at Waseley packed with activities and events for our incredible young people.

A selection of Year 11 students visited Cadbury College last week to explore their post 16 options and the courses on offer. Our Sixth Form open evening on Thursday 21st November was well attended by the year group and applications are now open for Year 11 students. Subject information and application forms can be found on our website and applications should be submitted by 10th December.

On Tuesday a selection of students in Years 7 - 10 participated in an interactive workshop focusing on 'Technology for Sustainability', exploring how we can utilise technological advances to support a more sustainable way of living, their participation and engagement was as always exemplary.

Our Year 10 Football Team competed against North Bromsgrove School on Thursday and despite not winning, our boys demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication and resilience and we look forward to the rematch! PE students also participated in specialist Rugby training with professional coaches, developing and refining their skills to support their studies in PE.

Students from all year groups have been putting their mark on our new build this week by signing pieces of plasterboard that will be installed in the new school building. Students have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to leave their mark and be part of the legacy created by the new build that will stand for decades after they have left us.

Our staff and students have been making a start on our annual Christmas Hamper drive, part of our Civic student leadership work, led by Sixth Form students. Lists of items required for the hampers have been shared with students and can be found as an attachment with today's letter. As always, our hamper drive aims to support local foodbanks within our community and donations are gratefully received. Should students be able to donate items we ask that these are brought into school no later than Tuesday 10th December. A big part of this event is the design competition for the hampers themselves, with Miss Harley's form claiming the winners shield last year. We can't wait to see the amazing designs that students create this year!

The Christmas Hamper drive is just one of the many charitable and Christmas events we can look forward to over the coming weeks. We are very much looking forward to our annual Charity Week, led by our Sixth Form, where we will once again be raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital, and we are hoping to exceed the £1200 we raised last year. Details of the events for Charity Week can be found on the attachment shared with this letter.

As the winter starts to set in, we would like to ask parents for their support in ensuring students are dressed appropriately for the weather, including appropriate winter coats. Students should not be attending school in

hoodies. Please can we also remind parents that the side gate is a pedestrian access for students and is not a vehicle access point; to keep our school community safe please do not enter or exit the school site by car using this gate.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Loveridge', written in a cursive style.

Miss G Loveridge
Vice Principal