

WASELEY NEWS

Working Together

Community Action

The new community hub and gym
Careers fair New build news
Helping food banks Art in the park

Enrichment News

Witnessing history in Belgium.....
Pioneer day Live theatre close up
..... The chance to be a stage star!

Wellbeing Matters

So many ways to connect Practical
workshops The hub and student
welfare support Keeping safe online



Helping others at Christmas



Waseley Hills
High School

Aspire, Invest, Respect

Waseley Hills is part of Central Region Schools Trust





The focus of this academic term has been to continue to forge ahead and cement the links with local businesses and local community. We have a strong belief that the local support networks enrich the lives of our students and can offer them opportunities to develop skills beyond the classroom.

We have successfully set up a yearlong programme of activities between the feeder primary schools and Waseley to strengthen those links. These have included Year 3 students coming to Waseley to partake in an Art project, a weekly Spanish club that is run by Miss Tobin and we have plans to share facilities for cooking, Science masterclasses and Maths problem-solving days in the new year.

Working together with the community has been brilliant to see and we thank our local council team for their support in the Art in the Park display in St. Chad's park where our students worked with a professional artist to regenerate the look of the building with spectacular art of local wildlife.



We have also continued our work with local businesses with our biggest ever careers fair when our students got the chance to network to help them towards their chosen path. This was complemented nicely with our first local community event which was well attended and will no doubt become a regular feature in future years.

It has also been exciting to see the new community gym open up to the public this term which has been well received by our local residents.



As our new build has taken shape and now sits proudly in the middle of our site, we have given all students and staff the opportunity to sign the plaster boards that attach to the steels of the lift shaft in block one.



Bringing the school community together to mark their name forever in the walls of our new build was a lovely moment to reflect on the history that is being made as our facilities become state of the art for our students and future community.



As always at this time of year, the students have been working incredibly hard towards their examinations. Many year groups have sat mock examinations to help them prepare for their subjects and give teachers valuable information on how to adjust curriculums to move students forwards in their endeavours for the highest grades. We are incredibly proud of how hard the students have worked in these exams.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please enjoy reading about the amazing work of Waseley this term and thank you as always for your support.

Mr. T. Preston

Principal

Just-in Christmas Pics!



These pictures just made it into the newsletter. Enjoy!

Hamper time again at Waseley. We love this competition! Each tutor group puts together a hamper of Christmas essentials and a winner is chosen within each year group for the most creative and innovative design.

The hampers are distributed within the local community. This year's hampers were distributed by Catshill Baptist Church and New Starts in Frankley.



Overall Winner - 8JSK



Sixth Form Hamper



Year 7 Winner - 7ZHA



Year 8 Winner - 8MCL



Year 9 Winner - 9KBI



Year 10 Winner - 10SNE



Year 11 Winner - 11LEA



Staff and students donned their Christmas jumpers to raise money for the Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser.

For anyone who needs some support right now, you're not alone.

Anxiety UK - 03444775774
 CALM - 0800585858
 Mind - 03001233393
 HopeLine - 08000684141
 Samaritans - 116 123

Did you know? You can now call NHS 111 and choose option 2 in a mental health crisis. NHS

You can also text SHOUT to 85258 if you don't feel like speaking over the phone.



Welcome to Waseley



Open Evening was a truly amazing event as we showcased our school to potential new school members. Our pupils shone as they showed Year 6 pupils and their families around the school, warmly welcoming questions and sharing their experiences.

This was a great chance to show prospective families the exciting new school development and celebrate the delivery of a building that our learners deserve and can thrive in.

Feedback from the evening was extremely positive with guests praising our pupils for all their efforts and especially for their confidence as tour guides.

We hope to see many of our visitors throughout the school year as we embark in our supportive and individually tailored transition programme.



Scan for Prospectus



Waseley Way Community Hub



This September saw our first Community Hub event organised and run by our fantastic Student Wellbeing Team. This attracted exhibitors from the local and wider community to share opportunities to work and grow together. Exhibitors included mental health and wellbeing organisations, housing, health community charities, art workshops, SEND information, clubs and fixtures as well as bereavement, mentoring and local parish support.



The event was open not only to our students and families but the whole community. We opened our school hall and over 20 companies and support agencies provided our visitors with leaflets, freebies and some fun activities to engage in.

The wellbeing team at Waseley fundraised to ensure all guests were fed with free pizza and refreshments. Visitors voiced their appreciation of the event with one saying, "I didn't realise there were so many people on my doorstep that can help".

One support service took 4 new referrals, and several visitors wanted to see more events like this in the future. Many of our students found the event to be an inspiration. They discovered and engaged with services they didn't know existed, enjoyed meeting other parents and external visitors, and especially appreciated the 'Green Machine' and the drama production.

It was lovely to see so many local residents and families come along and the feedback was excellent.

The Waseley Wellbeing Team have so much more planned for this year to ensure that our community continues to thrive.

Over the next few months, we are working towards the

WELLBEING

AWARD FOR SCHOOLS

An illustration of children playing and reading books. One child is playing a guitar, another is playing a skateboard, and others are sitting on a stack of books.

This is a whole-school activity to help improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health of everyone.

To find out more or to get involved, contact your Wellbeing Award Coordinator:

Mrs. E. Meredith and Mrs. K. McLeod

WAS Wellbeing Award for Schools OPTIMUS EDUCATION



Thank you so much to all of the brilliant organisations who came along and created such a lovely atmosphere.

- Starting Well Family Support
- Community Policing Team
- Young Solutions - Respect
- Papyrus
- WEST - Emotional Support Team
- SENDIASS SEND Support
- SEETEC
- St Chads
- New Starts
- Rubery Library
- Rubery Community Builder
- Art SEN Crafts
- Respect
- Rubery Swop Shop
- Rainy Community Creations
- The Basement Project
- Kings Norton Rhinos
- Stand Out drama
- Green Ape



Let our community thrive together !

Pioneer Day



As part of the Central Regions Schools Trust, we at Waseley believe that the enrichment opportunities for our young people are just as important as the exams that our students take at GCSE and A-level. In September, this core value was demonstrated through a fantastic Personal Development Day hosted by Pioneer Leadership, a DofE approved activity learning provider.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to build such attributes of character as resilience and confidence as they took part in six different workshops throughout the day.

Activities on the field particularly tested the students' abilities to work together to overcome obstacles and finish challenges. The Sixth Form Lead Ambassadors helped run these sessions fostering our community spirit and many of them who were year 11 last year commented on how much they got from being able to lead parts of the session alongside the Pioneer experts.



Students also took part in our 'Your Voice Matters' programme in which they fed back to the school ideas and thoughts about how we can improve and work together to get the best out of their time at Waseley. This included a survey which we use to provide support to those who might find certain aspects of school difficult. There was a Mental Health and Wellbeing session teaching our young people how to build mental resilience, healthy habits and how to ask for support along their journey. It was also an opportunity for teaching staff to design activities that fostered skills such as creativity and communication. These included escape room challenges, engineering challenges and careers focused activities.



It was lovely to see the students completely immerse themselves in the day and making the most of the chance to push themselves in a different way to normal classroom-style learning.



Waseley Sixth Form Application Form 2025 Entry



SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Submit
your application
online!

New
courses for
2025!

Sixth Form
Trip to
New York!

Sixth Form
iPad Scheme



IPad Purchase Scheme

£42.50

Per half term.
12 instalments

Perfect for
taking notes in lessons and
seminars!

Includes:

- 9th Generation Apple iPad
- Screen Cover
- Case
- Apple Care
- Insurance

Students can register for the
iPad scheme
when they enrol into the
Sixth Form on GCSE results day.

Subjects on offer

A Levels:

- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- English Literature
- Film Studies *NEW*
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Philosophy and Ethics (RE) *NEW*
- Art and Design *NEW*
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Computer Science *NEW*
- Spanish
- Physical Education

Level 3 Applied:

- Applied Science
- Performing Arts Acting
- Performing Arts Dance
- Sport
- Applied IT
- Health and Social Care



Central Sixth Form Trip...

TO NEW YORK!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO POPULAR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS
SUCH AS:

- STATUE OF LIBERTY AND ELLIS ISLAND
- EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
- TOP OF THE ROCK
- HARD ROCK CAFE
- BUBBA GUMP SHRIMP CO
- A BROADWAY SHOW
- MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
- 9/11 MEMORIAL
- BROOKLYN BRIDGE
- CENTRAL PARK
- TIMES SQUARE

This is a trust wide trip and will include Sixth Form students from all 4 secondary schools. The trip and its itinerary is subject to change and cancellation. More information will be provided in 2025



Careers Fair



In October, we hosted our second Careers Fair. We welcomed a wide variety of exhibitors including local colleges, universities, the armed forces, public services, and employers from a range of industries. It was great to see community in action with so many local exhibitors.

All students had the opportunity to visit the fair throughout the school day and were challenged to complete a 'careers passport' to focus their minds on pathways for the future.

After school, we held an open hour for parents and carers to visit with their children and we were thrilled to see it was so well attended.



A big thank you to all of our exhibitors:

The Royal Air Force, NCS, Newman University, NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare, Redditch United, S.J. Walchester Ltd., Corstophine & Wright, South & City College, Tilbury Douglas, West Mercia Police, The Army, Aston University, Cadbury College, David Bunn & Co., Dudley College, Heart of Worcestershire College, J.A. Burke Construction, NHS The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Scholars School Systems, Worcestershire Apprenticeships, NICE, MG Scaffolding, Heritage Building & Renovations, Amazing Apprenticeships.



Specialist Careers Support in School

We have been fortunate to secure a series of tailored careers sessions led by Abi Sinclair, SENDIASS Young Person Adviser for Worcestershire. This is a great opportunity for some of our more vulnerable students to start considering their career journey and the skills and attributes they will need.

Abi's expertise lies in building the confidence and self-esteem of our learners and advising them about the different pathways available to access higher education and work placements.



Birmingham SENDIASS provides Information Advice and Support to children under 16, young people (16-25) and the families of children and young people who have or may have special educational needs.

Experiencing the footlights ...



Understanding a text for its intended purpose is crucial in studying English. At Waseley Hills, we spent this half term ensuring that our students are fully immersed in the texts that they are studying through being exposed to the visual experience, giving our students the opportunity to question how methods have been used to make meaning for different contexts.

Year 11 watched the National Production Company's adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', performed in Redditch's Palace Theatre. Our students were reminded of the etiquette of theatres and were able to cross-reference their studies in the classroom with the performance.

Our Business and Enterprise hall transformed into a gothic scene as Year 9 watched the Redheart Theatre's performance of Edgar Allan Poe's 'Tell Tale Heart' and H. G. Wells' 'The Red Room'. Students visibly jumped out of their seats seeing the conventions of Gothic Literature in action, using the experience as inspiration for their own pieces of creative writing.



Finally, we finished off the half term with a Year 12 and 13 visit to Stratford to watch the RSC's production of 'Othello'. Emily (Year 12) watched it with her family on opening night and then again with the school a week later. She said, 'It was even better the second time! I was able to see what they had changed based on their first run, which was really

interesting!'

Celebrating the 'Festival of Lights' ...



The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. It is celebrated by Hindu people across the world. Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas'. Diwali is also celebrated in Sikhism and Jainism.

Our students worked ever so hard to design and create diya lamps for the Diwali celebration. Students demonstrated exceptional creativity and teambuilding skills, as well as working together as a school community.



... and looking for future shining lights!



In September, we auditioned for our new school musical, Matilda Jr. We had over 30 students sign up for a performance role in the show and lots more who wanted to help backstage. A fantastic turnout! Since then we have been working hard in rehearsals, setting the show, practising dances and rehearsing our songs. Performances will be on the 11th and 13th March and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

This term we have been running a competition for the best poster design to help promote Matilda Jr. All entries will receive a Values Ethic worth 50 points and the winner will receive two FREE tickets to Matilda. Entries could be either hand drawn or done digitally. Entries were to be submitted to Miss Boyle by Christmas and the winner will be announced in the new year.



We are looking for more Waseley drama superstars to take part in performances and be part of our Waseley Drama Club. We will be running trips, taking part in performances, playing games and creating some epic drama! Students just need to turn up at the drama studio on a Wednesday lunchtime to get involved.

This half term we introduced our very first Waseley Drama 'Star of the Week'. Every winner received a Values Ethic worth 50 points! Our first winner this half term was Emre G. in Year 9 - well done Emre!

We are running a trip to see Blood Brothers at the Wolverhampton Grand after Christmas. Blood Brothers is the set text for our GCSE students, making this a great opportunity. However, we still have some spare tickets. Speak to Miss Boyle if you are interested. This is open to Years 9, 10 and 11.

Qualified therapist Victoria, along with therapy dogs Gene and Reef, are here to support our students on a 1:1 basis every Friday.



Animals are loving creatures that offer comfort and reassurance, decreasing feelings of loneliness and contributing to increased feelings of happiness and enjoyment.

Stroking animals, such as cats and dogs, releases endorphins, having a calming effect and therefore reducing stress levels.



Taking care and spending time with pets can boost confidence and improve self-esteem. Loving displays of affection such as a dog wagging their tail or licking can make people feel more positive.

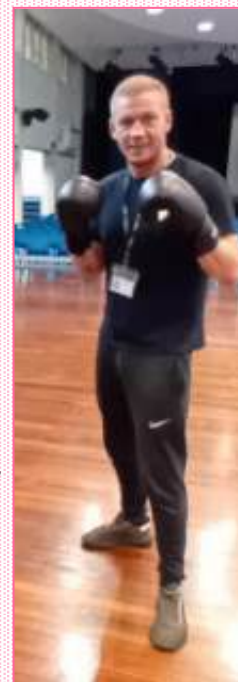
People with anxiety can feel stressed and frustrated when they are unable to communicate or are unable to express their ideas or feelings. Spending time with animals allows them to bond without relying on any language.

Pet therapy has also been proven to help children overcome emotional disorders and speech problems.

Boxing is a great way to get your body and mind in shape. It also releases endorphins which are known to tackle depression.



Waseley Hills has been working closely with mentor Carl Dickens of Redditch Community Boxing & Mentoring to support our students with 1:1 boxing sessions. An ex-pro boxer and owner of Wallop Boxing Club (see below), Carl helps build our students' resilience, boost their confidence, and physically find the best version of themselves.



Carl supports our learners here in school every Monday and Tuesday.



Wallop Boxing Club is focused on making the community a better place. We are strongly anti-knife crime and anti-bullying. Boxing is a powerful deterrent to bullying and knife crime, by instilling discipline, fostering self-confidence, and strengthening relationships in the local community.

wallopboxingclub@gmail.com

Art in the Park



Despite the heavy rainfall on the day, Waseley Hills were proud to witness the grand unveiling of the new mural in St Chads Park that some of our budding young artists helped to create.

A group of talented Year 10 students were recently involved in a community arts project involving two local artists, Andy and Ruth Decomyn. The artists had been commissioned by Bromsgrove District Council to create a new mural to be displayed in St Chads Park, just next to the play area. The artists have run multiple art workshops here at Waseley and our talented students played a huge part in bringing the idea to life.

The project has also involved younger children from the local artSENcrafts group whose pictures of native British wildlife have inspired our students. The group of Waseley students took part in two sessions, the first being an opportunity to sketch out designs of native woodland animals. These drawings were then taken away by the artists and made into life-sized plywood silhouettes which the students then painted in the second session, bringing the animals to life.





Inter House Photo Final

At the beginning of term, we held our first Interhouse photography competition. The theme of this first competition was 'Nature'.



First Place - Euan G. Yr 9



Second Place - Lewis P. Yr 9



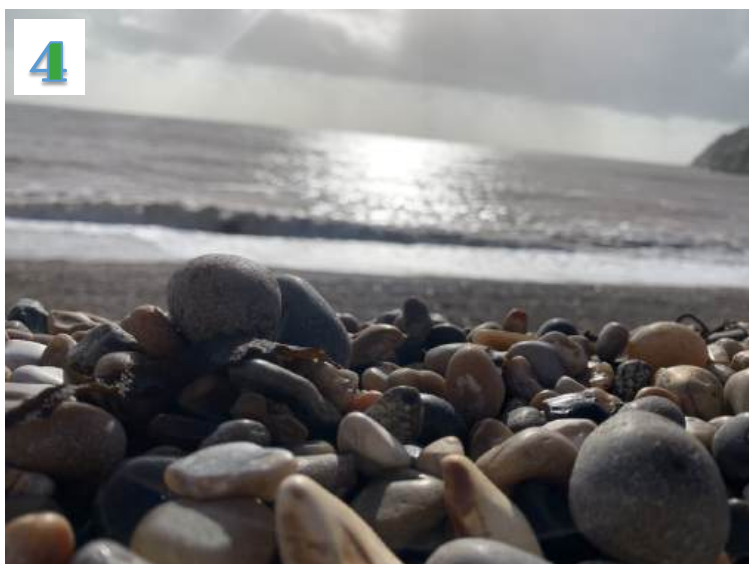
Third Place - Demi-Lee C. Yr 7



Fourth Place - Joseph B. Yr 8

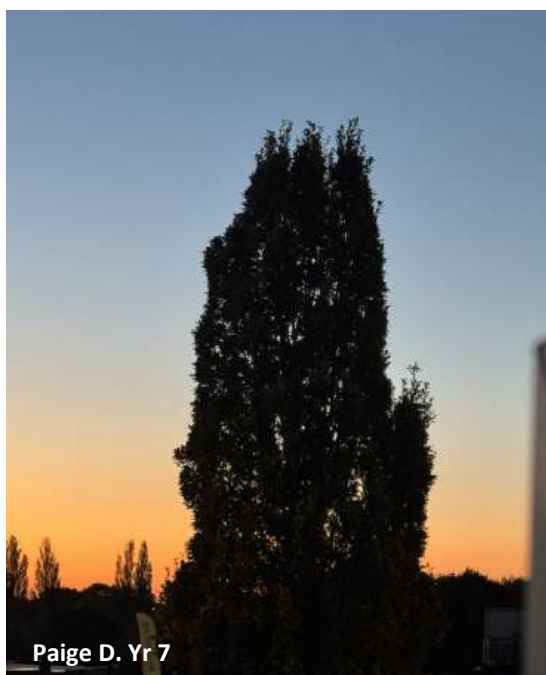


Fifth Place - Emily E. Yr 7





Here are some of the many other entries that our judges loved and thought you might like to see. Thank you to everyone who entered. We thoroughly enjoyed looking at all of your beautiful pictures.



Sixth Form Leads Eco-Drive



On Thursday 10th October, our Student Council and Sixth Form Lead Ambassadors attended the CRST Trust Student Council Conference hosted by Arrow Vale Secondary School in Redditch. They joined 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 eco-friendly and shared ideas for reducing energy consumption in all schools. They did this brilliantly and presented with confidence and flair. This event really showcased how highly we regard student agency not only at Waseley but also within the Trust, supporting our young people to make real world change.

How we can all help



All donations of school uniform are so welcome. If your child outgrows an item of clothing, please consider dropping it off to us at Reception. There are always families who would be grateful for help with uniform costs and there are always clothing accidents we have to help with! Recycling is the way forward.



As part of our commitment to reducing plastic waste, we have been phasing out plastic cups on site to serve water. You can help us by ensuring that your child brings a refillable water bottle or has the funds in their sQuid account to purchase a drink in the canteen.

Big Switch Off
Please complete this checklist before leaving your classroom for the term.

- Turn off all lights
- Turn off all PCs/monitoring
- Turn off Projectors/Power boards
- Turn off heating appliances
- Turn off Fridges
- Turn off General appliances
- Turn off all ICT Assistants

We are re-launching our "Big switch off" campaign to help tackle and reduce Waseley's carbon footprint.

If we can switch off all unused electrical appliances, we reduce our energy costs and we can use the savings to improve our school.

Please follow this checklist in your classrooms before the end of school term, and please spread awareness for this challenge amongst your colleagues and peers. Thank you.

Think about the trees

The paper we use at Waseley is produced from 100% managed forestry whose nurseries plant around 12 million trees every year.



Think

Do you need to print all those web pages or can you cut and paste what you need into Word, Powerpoint or Publisher?

Reduce

See if you can reduce the amount of paper we use. Can you print 2 copies to a page? Can you print double-sided?

Eliminate

Try to eliminate wastage - don't print that last blank page. Don't print a whole document if you can select only the pages you need.

Explore

Explore other media. Can you e-mail this information? Can you use the school's shared areas for exchanging information?

Save

Save the school paper. Re-use uncollected prints and copies for scrap paper and notepads.

LEAVE THE LIGHT OFF!



Energy Sparks



Energy Sparks

TO STOP WASTING ENERGY



SAY GOODBYE TO STANDBY

SWITCH IT OFF AT THE WALL

Moments in History

It has been a really busy start to the year for the History Department. In September we welcomed Miss Ahmed to our team, meaning there are now four History teachers all bringing their skills and enthusiasm to our department.

In September we also launched our History club (on Monday lunchtimes) and have been taking the opportunity to celebrate our diverse nation. The group initially looked at the work of Olive Morris in the 1970s to bring racial equality.

We are now looking at the history of disability and how preceptors and attitudes have changed over time. This has tied into our Black History Month assemblies in October, which were well received by all, and hopefully prompted a few conversations.

In October, Year 11 historians had a fantastic few days exploring the Battlefields of France and Belgium to link into our 'Medicine Through Time' Historical Environment Study.

Our visits included Bayernwald trench system, the amazing Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Sunken Lane and Thiepval. It was an incredible trip, with highlights including walking the line of evacuation to Achonvilliers, and exploring Lochnagar Crater.



The Lochnagar Crater was created by a large mine detonated beneath the German front line by the British Army's 179th Tunnelling Company Royal Engineers, at 7:28am on July 1st, 1916. The explosion marked the beginning of the Battle of the Somme and was the largest of 19 mines, placed beneath the German front line to assist the British infantry advance. At almost 100m wide and 30m deep, it is the largest man-made mine crater from the First World War on the Western Front.



We were honoured to be able to lay wreaths in memory of relatives of students and to honour soldiers of Worcestershire and Warwickshire at the Thiepval and Tyne Cot memorials. Students were also moved when they heard the Last Post at the Menin Gate.

Our thanks to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Stanford, Mr. Wolstencroft, Mrs. Dumycz, Beth our guide, and Curtis our driver.



On 11th September, we marked Armistice Day with a display of poppies covered with pupils' messages of appreciation and remembrance. The money raised by the sale of Royal British Legion poppies contributed towards a district total of £26,263.



ICT Round Up



Co-design Meeting

Central Region Schools Trust holds subject-based conferences throughout the academic year called co-design. Subject colleagues from all the schools in the Trust meet to develop the curriculum, share best practice, enrichment opportunities and resources to ensure positive outcomes for pupils. This means the material being taught to our students is the highest calibre provision possible.

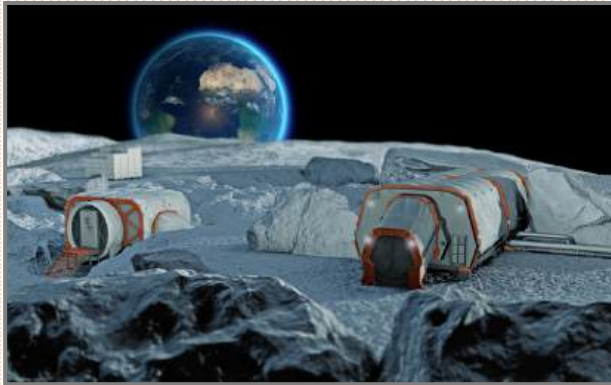


This ICT co-design photo shows Heads of ICT across the Trust working alongside a guest speaker, Pam from STEM Learning, planning activities related to programming.



Living in Space

Key stages 3, 4 and 5 students learned about technology and science working hand in hand at the Tech for Living in Space interactive sessions presented on 26th November.



This is a national workshop delivered by STEM professionals in collaboration with the Royal Air Force Charitable Trust teaching students about electric cars, drones and bikes. They discussed future projects of technology in space, developing sustainable transport and careers in technology linked to science.

The computing and science departments will continue to work together in future enrichment activities - keep a lookout on school social media for photos.

Extra GCSE Classes

Students who have taken additional qualification in BTEC Level 1 / 2 in Digital Information Technology have successfully completed Task 1 of their assignment, working towards Grade Distinction.



Inter-house Competition

One of the inter-house competitions this term was to design an interactive games app. Congratulations to Mille A, Freddie G and Michael P who won certificates and prizes. They certainly have the skills for a graphics or games designer career!



Server Workshop

ICT students with a passion for networking were able to participate in a bespoke workshop with our very own CRST ICT Technicians.

Students visited the Waseley server room and were taught about wired and wireless networking. Students learned about the computer systems and essential hardware/software, operating system and CPU. They were introduced to the components of a computer system and why they are essential, pricing and where to purchase parts.

They also explored the inside of a computer and learnt how to take components apart by planning in teams how to do this and the order of assembly.



Online Safety Ambassadors

Our Online Safety Ambassadors have worked incredibly hard to complete the Cyber Security course and in promoting online safety to all year groups as well as delivering small groupwork to support our most vulnerable learners.

Families can create their own cyber safety action plan at home in 2-3 minutes here: [Stay](#)



[protected](#)
[online with a](#)
[Cyber Action](#)
[Plan -](#)
[NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk)

Cadbury World

ICT is everywhere – including chocolate, as our Year 11 BTEC Digital Information Technology students discovered. Year 11 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Cadbury World where they explored the wide range of technologies used to improve communication and remain competitive in the ever-growing market.

Students had to team up to plan and present a radio session then air it live!



Year 7 Online Safety Assembly

ICT's assembly this term was for our new Year 7 and emphasised the importance of online safety.

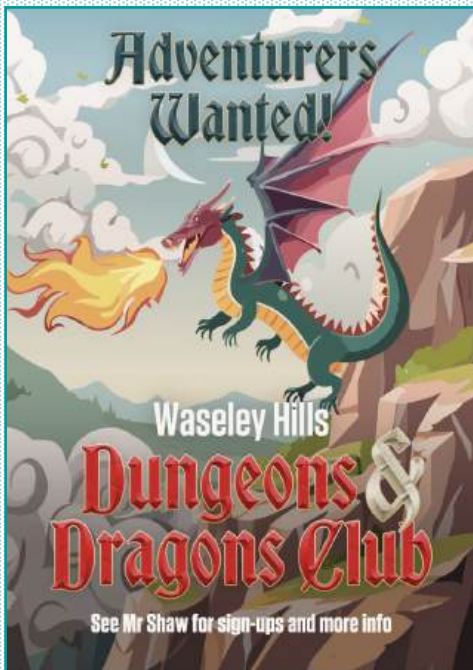
- The importance of protecting usernames and passwords
- Issues with sharing emails that could have a virus
- Dangers of social media
- How to report an activity which they know has taken place.
- The importance of Firewall and Anti-virus

Students were taught about the SENSO monitoring used by teaching staff in school. We use a system that emails the class teacher and safeguarding staff when particular websites, words and phrases are typed in, or clicked on, by a student. This stops access to inappropriate content and enables us to educate and support students where needed.

Waseley works in partnership with West Mercia and West Midlands Police to help keep our young people safe in person and online.

If you would like tips, ideas or support in supervising your young people online, please contact your Head of Year who will be happy to help. If you would rather not speak to school, please visit [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#). We regularly attach helpful one-page advice posters from The National College to our Friday letter communications which can be accessed on the school website under Parents > Letters Home or you can follow them on socials.

Club in The Hub



The game Dungeons and Dragons is set in a medieval fantasy world in which multiple players form a group that is led through an adventure by one player who assumes the role of the storyteller or Dungeon Master. The Dungeon Master makes up story events, or chooses them from one of many published adventures, to which the players may respond in different manners to create a unique gaming experience. All actions have some probability of failing, which is determined by rolling one or more of the game's polyhedral dice.

Dungeons and Dragons players meet every lunchtime in The Hub with one of our student Welfare Officers, Mr. Shaw. There are 5 groups of players who each meet up once a week to do battle!



Hub Drop In

Every Breaktime 11-11.20

Have a concern, worried about something, forgotten your PE kit, need help with your cooking ingredients, need to chat through a friendship concern, worried about your mental health... whatever it is, pop to the Hub during breaktime and speak to a SWO. They will be happy to support you with whatever you need

To become a member of the exclusive Student Welfare Office 'Zero' Club, you need to have 0 lates, 0 days off and 0 negative points!

In Autumn Term 1, 84 students celebrated this highly commendable achievement.



Can't Work on an Empty Stomach!



First meal of the day is Breakfast Club in the Café from 8-8.30am. Attended by a mix of students from across the year groups, Breakfast Club offers a selection of toast, fruit and cereals. It is hosted and run by Mr. Shaw from The Hub, is absolutely free and anyone is welcome. Just drop in.

Lunch is served from 1-1.40 in the Café. There is a wide choice of both hot and cold meals including jacket potatoes, pasta pots, daily meal deals and chef's specials. Take a look at our Week One menu below.

STREATERIES LUNCH MENU

WEEK 1
2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11,
25/11, 16/12, 6/1, 27/1

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
MAINS	MEATBALL MARINARA PASTA BAKE topped with Cheesy Garlic Crumbs ASPENS LOADED MAC & CHEESE ✓ with Spring Onion, Pepper & Garlic	NASHVILLE BAKED CRISPY CHICKEN BURGER with Ranch Slaw CAJUN SPICED BAKED VEGGIE BURGER ✓ with Ranch Slaw	ROAST PORK, STUFFING & APPLE SAUCE with Gravy <small>(either as a classic roast dinner or loaded into a tobaguette)</small> ROASTED ROOTS FILO STRUDEL ✓	GARLIC CHILLI CHICKEN CURRY SWEET & SOUR CHICKPEA VEGETABLE PATHIA CURRY ✓	Choose from: BATTERED FISH SAUSAGE or VEG SAUSAGE <small>(battered or plain)</small> ✓ Margherita Pizza ✓ Chicken Nuggets ✓ Chips ✓
SIDES	CRUNCHY RAINBOW SALAD ✓	CRISPY BAKED HOME FRIES ✓	SKIN ON ROASTIES CARROTS & BROCCOLI ✓	CARDAMOM RICE & GREEN BEANS ✓	MINTY PEAS, BAKED BEANS, GRAVY OR CURRY SAUCE ✓
- PASTA & NOODLE POTS -					
CARBONARA PASTA		VEGGIE THAI STYLE NOODLE POT ✓	BOLOGNESE PASTA	CHINESE CHICKEN CHOW MEIN NOODLES	CARBONARA PASTA
BEANS - CHEESE - JACKET POTATOES - TUNA MAYO - SIMPLY PLAIN					
BIG BOWL SALAD	CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	FALAFEL & POMEGRANATE COUSCOUS SALAD ✓	QUINOA & FETA SUPERFOOD SALAD ✓	HARISSA ROASTED CAULIFLOWER, CHICKPEA & SPINACH SALAD ✓	TIKKA CHICKEN & MINT YOGURT SALAD
DESSERTS	WARM LEMON DRIZZLE SPONGE with Custard	BLACK & WHITE SHORTBREAD COOKIE	STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING with Toffee Sauce	FLAPJACK	STRAWBERRY TRIFLE POT

Daily Meal Deals
Regular
Chef's Specials

Freshly Made from Scratch
DAILY!

Fresh Cut Fruit & Yogurt Pots
Available Daily

HANDCRAFTED DELI SANDWICHES, BAGUETTES, WRAPS, SALADS & MORE!

DELI KITCHEN
HOT GRAB & GO

Use the QR code to view and download all three weekly menus.





Waseley Hills
High School

SEND

Department



HOW HAVE WE SUPPORTED OUR SEND STUDENTS THIS TERM?

The autumn term has been very busy for the SEND department at WHHS, with our students benefitting from a wealth of amazing support opportunities - here are just some of them:

- Boxing (SEND Mentoring)
- IDL Literacy Intervention
- Lego Therapy
- My Amazing Mind (SEND Counselling)
- SEND Club: Art to Support SEMH
- SENDIASS Careers Advisor
- The Zones of Regulation
- Therapy Dogs



WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Sensory Adventure Walk
- Ambitious about Autism: Autistic & OK! (Peer-led programme)
- We are also working towards achieving the National Autistic Society's Accreditation Award



Some of the beautiful coasters made in our Art to Support SEMH Club!



OUR MAINSTREAM AUTISM BASE

Our Mainstream Autism Base continues to grow and develop, and this academic year caters to students from Year 7 right through to Year 11. The wider SEND student population at WHHS also benefits from having the MAB onsite, as resources can be shared across the school, enhancing our provision for all our autistic young people. Earlier this term, all teaching staff at WHHS received CPD training on the autistic PDA profile, and how they can support children with this profile in the classroom. The training was very well-received and is of benefit to all of our autistic students, both with and without a PDA profile.

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Congratulations to our Year 11 SEND students - we are so proud of you for your commitment and effort throughout your recent mock exams!

Mr Ravenhill, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants, has passed his CPT3A - if you're just as confused by these letters and numbers as we are, it means that Mr Ravenhill is qualified to assess our students to determine which Access Arrangements they are allowed to have for their exams. Well done Mr Ravenhill!

Miss Snell has recently passed her assessment to be able to drive the school minibus, in order to be able to take MAB/SEND students out to gain invaluable Preparing for Adulthood experiences.

Parenting Workshops



The Starting Well Partnership offers an exciting array of parenting groups and workshops. All sessions are free to attend and run by trained staff and volunteers from the Starting Well Partnership.

Some of the workshops available include:

- Fussy Eaters
- Sleep
- Understanding Your Child's Behaviour
- Understanding Your Teen's Brain & Development

These workshops run across the county. Book by scanning the QR code to visit www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership



Provided by:



In partnership with:



EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE



Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



Do you have a child with additional needs? Or, do you need signposting and support for the whole family



Join us at WPC or find out more about how we can support your family at www.worcestershireparentcarers.org.uk
Or scan the QR Code



Charford Fish Bar Free Christmas Day Meal

If you or someone you know would like a chip shop meal on Christmas Day between 12 - 2pm, please call **07563 789176** to book or pop in within those times.
(Limited delivery available)

You can choose from the following options:

- Doner Kebab Meat & Chips
- Chicken Kebab Meat & Chips
- Sausage, Chips & Curry Sauce

Open to all



WASELEY CARES



Mrs Meredith
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Blount
Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Williams
Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs McLeod
Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Masters
Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Joshi
Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Ashley
Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead

THERE IS SUPPORT ALL AROUND YOU

AT WASELEY HILLS

All members of staff undergo safeguarding training on a regular basis and understand the importance of protecting the young people in their care.

Students across the school have access to trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who can be identified by their badges.

We work closely with a number of outside agencies to support students and staff - Malachi, Birmingham Children's Trust and Worcestershire Children First are just a few of them.

Students in Year 11 are supported with additional tutoring and specialist GCSE interventions.

The PSHCE programme keeps students healthy and safe and prepares them for life and work.

Behaviour support is available to students who are at risk of suspension and permanent exclusion.

Free period products are available from the PE Department, Reception, Learning Support and Student Services.

Your Form Tutor is your first point of contact followed by Student Welfare Officers then your Head of Year

If you are concerned about your own wellbeing or the wellbeing of others outside of school hours, please contact

CHILDLINE 0800 1111 SAMARITANS 116 123

Safeguarding Information

Mobile Phone Safety at School

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 also to ensure that issues associated with social media and bullying online are not present in school. We will continue to confiscate phones seen on site and thank you for the support we have been receiving from parents and carers who understand that this is in place to help students focus on their learning whilst in school.

Access to our School

Full Access - Unaccompanied



Black Lanyard:
Sixth Form Student
Burgundy Lanyard:
Member of Waseley/
Central Region Schools Trust Staff
Green Lanyard:
Visitor whose credentials
have been checked and
approved

 Waseley Hills High School
Aspire, Invest, Respect

Restricted Access - Accompanied



Visitors on a red lanyard must be accompanied at all times by a member of staff.
If you see anybody with a red lanyard walking around unaccompanied, please report this immediately to the nearest member of staff.

No Lanyard - No Entry to School

Nobody (except students) should ever be seen in school without a lanyard.
If you see anyone walking around without a lanyard, please report this immediately to the nearest member of staff.

 Central Region
Schools Trust
Powered by the CR

Hi-Vis - Know the Colours



Waseley
Hills
Staff



Tilbury
Douglas
Staff

 NSPCC
CHILD PROTECTION
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000

 West Midlands
POLICE

 West Mercia
POLICE

**kooth**
Kooth is a free online service
offering emotional
and mental health support
for children and young people
www.kooth.com

**ChildLine**
0800 1111

**SAMARITANS**
Call us free 24/7 on
116 123
samaritans.org

TEAM PE Sporting NEWS

Referees of the Future

In October, a group of our Year 7 and 8 girls were treated to an 'Introduction to Football Refereeing' course at the Worcester FA County Ground. The session was aimed at girls who have shown an interest in refereeing and want to pursue completing an official qualification. The course introduced them to the personal attributes needed to be a referee as well as the basic 'Laws of the Game'.

The girls were an absolute credit to the school taking part in all activities with great enthusiasm. We look forward to them demonstrating their leadership skills over the coming months by running fixtures at school.



Trust Inter-Schools Football

The first of the PE co-design inter-schools competitions kicked off with football. 16 girls and boys went to the tournament hosted by Holyhead School in Birmingham. The students performed excellently and were a credit to the school for their professionalism and footballing skills against some very strong opponents.

The girls finished 3rd place overall and were just 2 points shy of taking home the inter-Trust trophy. The boys met some very strong opposition. They finished in 5th place but came away from the tournament with a win and 2 strong fought-out draws. Well done to all involved. The PE department are planning more events to enable even more students to take part throughout the year.

Autumn 1 Inter-house Results

These results are from Autumn 1 PE lessons for Years 7-10. The qualifying sports were bench ball, handball and basketball and the overall winners were **Fire** with an impressive 820 points.



Air	660
Water	760
Fire	820
Earth	520

TEAM PE **Sporting NEWS**

Brilliant Judo Achievement

A huge congratulations to Paige D. in Year 7. In November, she competed in the SKK Judo Competition in Merseyside and earned two medals - one for her category and another for competing in a higher weight and grade category. She fought really well and came away with gold.

She did an amazing job and should be really proud of herself. This was Paige's last competition until after Christmas, which is when she hopes to represent Waseley at the Schools Minors Judo Competition. We are sure we will be hearing her name again in the future.



Swimming to Victory

Maria N. of 7JBR has won the Sandwell Aquatics Club Swimming Championships 2024. Maria took part in the following events and won first place in every one: Under 11s 100m Individual Medley, 50m, 100m & 200m Freestyle, 50m & 100m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 50m and 100m Butterfly!



Through Maria's dedication, commitment and sheer determination, she was awarded the Best Swimmer of the Year.

Maria trains Mondays and Thursdays before and after school, Tuesdays and Fridays after school, Saturdays 6:45-8:45am and Sundays 9-11am.

Maria has said, "My goal is to go to the Olympics. I know this is not going to be easy so I have to train hard."

Fitness Training Really Works

Pictured are Year 10 students Dylan M. and Ethan B., the hard working participants, and Riley B., AKA: Coach Hench.

In Dylan's words, "I am on my fitness journey and it really is helping me with learning new exercises. It's a good routine and I feel way stronger since Riley has been my personal trainer. This is encouraging me to do more fitness at home. My words of advice to other students are to try your best even if you do not like fitness because it's good for you."



TEAM PE Sporting NEWS



Year 10 GCSE students spent 4 days at Wyre Forest Leisure Centre taking part in Indoor Rock Climbing as part of their GCSE PE practical qualification.

Students acquired new skills and knowledge in tying various knots, securing/checking safety harnesses, belaying or supporting other students whilst they were climbing before taking on the climbing various climbing challenges themselves.

24 Boys took part for 2 of the 4 days. There were different climbing routes available to the students throughout the days, all varying in difficulty.

All of our boys challenged themselves tremendously well over the 2 days and students left the instructors very impressed with their progress, hard work, and professionalism on the GCSE rock climbing course.

Climbing Champion Frankie G (pic. on right), Most stylish abseil: Aidan H, Tried the hardest: Jack T, Challenged themselves the most: Nayshaun M, Most safety conscious: Ben W



Wasleyhill Secondary School - GCSE				
Day	Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
Time				
9:45	Group 1	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2
10:00	Fit Shoes	Fit Shoes	Fit shoe and harness	Fit shoe and harness
10:15	Demonstrate fitting a harness and helmet, practice and film	Demonstrate fitting a harness and helmet, practice and film	Matching & cross through, footwork (traverse), Layback/sidepull, Bridge/Mantle, Dynamic movement	Matching & cross through, footwork (traverse), Layback/sidepull, Bridge/Mantle, Dynamic movement
10:30				
10:45				
11:00	Teach figure of 8 on the bite, re-threaded, clove hitch and over hand knot practice and film	Teach figure of 8 on the bite, clove hitch and over hand knot practice and film	Matching & cross through, footwork (traverse), Layback/sidepull, Bridge/Mantle, Dynamic movement	Matching & cross through, footwork (traverse), Layback/sidepull, Bridge/Mantle, Dynamic movement
11:15				
11:30				
11:45	Teach belaying with an ATC	Teach belaying with an ATC	Matching & cross through, footwork (traverse), Layback/sidepull, Bridge/Mantle, Dynamic movement	Matching & cross through, footwork (traverse), Layback/sidepull, Bridge/Mantle, Dynamic movement
12:00				
12:15				
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:45				
13:00	Practice belaying each other up climbs and use a Gri Gri. Explain grading system.	Practice belaying each other up climbs and use a Gri Gri. Explain grading system	Film lots of climbs with the aim to have increased their grade by atleast one, demonstrating good technique.	Film lots of climbs with the aim to have increased their grade by atleast one, demonstrating good technique.
13:15				
13:30				
13:45	Film belaying and Lowering with both devices	Film belaying and Lowering with both devices	Film lots of climbs with the aim to have increased their grade by atleast one, demonstrating good technique.	Film lots of climbs with the aim to have increased their grade by atleast one, demonstrating good technique.
14:00				
14:15				
14:30	Film climbs, even falling off to show progression. Use a ground anchor	Film climbs, even falling off to show progression. Use a ground anchor	Film lots of climbs with the aim to have increased their grade by atleast one, demonstrating good technique.	Film lots of climbs with the aim to have increased their grade by atleast one, demonstrating good technique.
14:45				
15:00				
15:15				

TEAM PE Sporting NEWS

Young journalist Tom E., Year 7, Interviews the GCSE Girls' Climbing Crew

Why are you going climbing?

It is part of our GCSE PE. We are hoping to get a better grade with climbing than we might do by choosing table tennis or badminton.

What skills do you have to learn?

We learn to put a harness on correctly and safely, tie a figure of 8 knot, secure the rope to the harness using the figure of 8 knot and complete this with a stopper knot for safety.

Which is the hardest skill and why?

Tying a figure of 8 knot. All the knots are hard.

What is it like to be videoed for the assessment? Does it make it harder to remember the knots?

Yes - it's much harder as you are under pressure.

What is belaying?

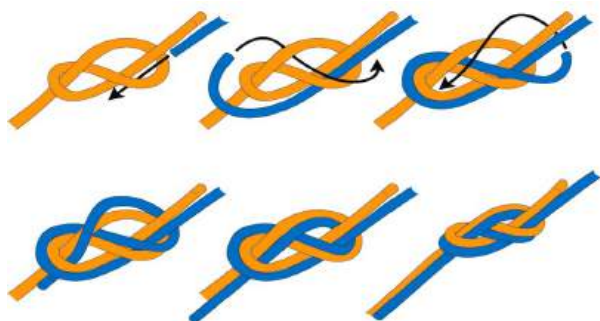
Getting someone up the wall safely and back down the wall when they abseil.

How are you helped to get better at climbing?

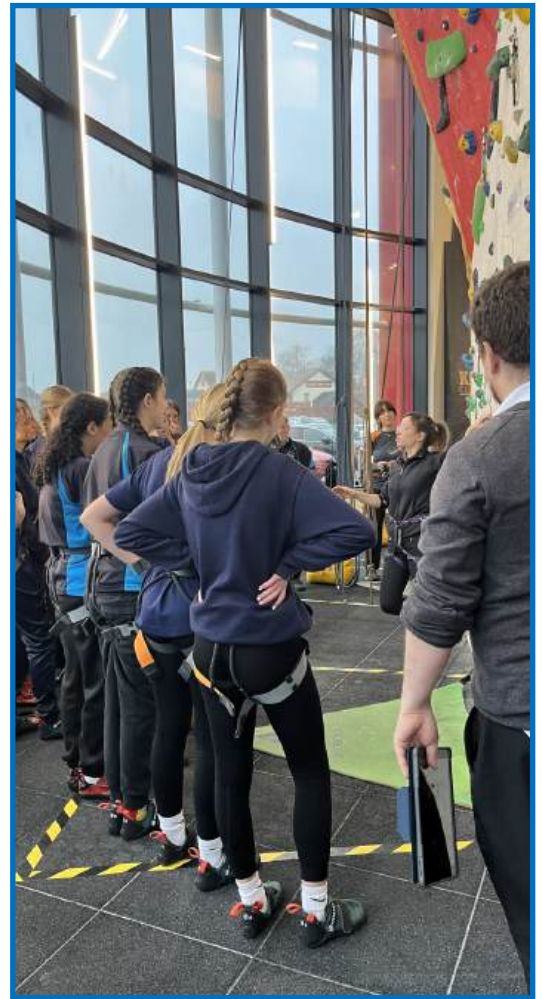
Miss Harley, Mr. Shaw and the climbing coaches give us tips and tell us where to put our feet next by shouting at us to foot swap and cross through.

What are the fun parts of the experience?

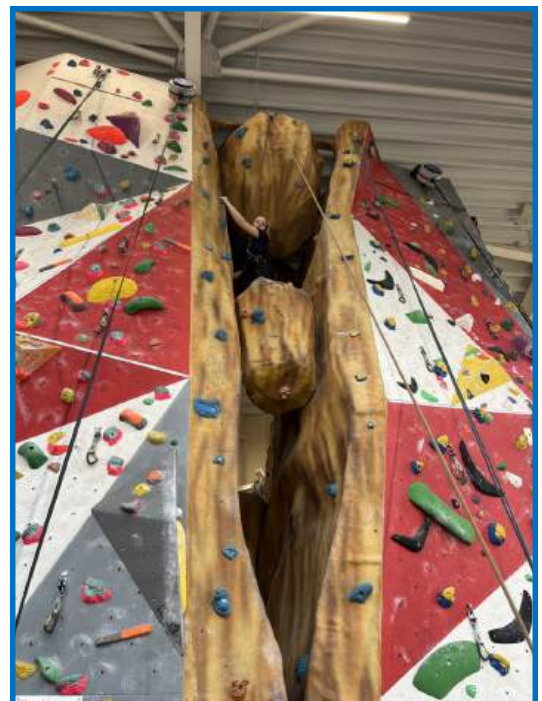
The actual climbing and abseiling. Seeing if you can get a faster time on the speed wall and who can get up the hardest route.



Tying a figure of 8 knot



Learning the skills of foot swapping and reach throws



Rosie scales the heights to become worthy winner of the girls' competition

School Information 2024-25

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Monday 6 th January 2025
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 11 th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

TERM STARTS	Monday 28 th April 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 26 th May 2024 – Friday 30 th May 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 th July 2025
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 21 st July 2025

Contacting School

Absence

Please contact the school on **0121 453 5211** and select **Option 1** to record a message or you can report the absence via the Arbor app. A useful website if you are unsure whether or not to keep your child off school is [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

School Apps

We recommend downloading the following three apps to remain fully informed of what is happening at Waseley:

Arbor - to report absences, for academic reports and for messages to the office

Class Charts - for behaviour and rewards, detention notifications, student timetables and homework

sQuid Pay - for the café, school trips and any other payments to the school

Reception is open 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday during term times - **0121 453 5211**

You can email us at any time on office@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk



Follow us on Facebook, X, Instagram and via the school website:



T 0121 453 5211 • E office@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk • W waseleyhillsschool.org.uk

Waseley Hills, a high school operated by Central Region Schools Trust,
a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Company Number 08166526.
Registered Office: Suite B06 Assay Offices, 141 Newhall Street, Birmingham B3 1SF