

17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students have had an excellent first full week in 2025. The week has been full of events including the KS3 grading moderation of PE that took place across trust where selected students took part in football, basketball and handball. They worked with resilience in mixed teams with other schools and students they didn't know and performed well. Our students were excellent and other trust staff commented on how our students mixed well with the other students and they were a credit to Waseley. Elevate Education ran another session on revision skills and techniques for our Year 11 students ahead of their February mock examinations. The sixth form had their Parents Evening yesterday and we shared the progress they are making and next steps required before their upcoming mocks. Thank you for your support with this evening and promoting the importance of the next few months.

As part of our normal schedule of drills, we will be holding a Lockdown drill on Monday 20th January at 12:45pm in school. This will be done in controlled conditions where students and staff will, upon hearing the Lockdown alarm, stay in classrooms for a short period of time without talking. These drills are an important part of us ensuring that we can maintain the safety of students in emergency situations. Students have been informed today and are aware. Some students may find this distressing and have therefore been identified by staff as having support put in place during this drill. If you have concerns that your son/daughter may require support during this drill please email office@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk and we can accommodate this.

Could all parents please take the time to read through the attached letter from Mr Baker which contains the arrangements for the Academic Mentoring Evening taking place next week.

Finally, could we ask parents to check their children's hair over the weekend as we have had reports of headlice in school and, if required, please treat before returning to school on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr T Preston



Principal

School Early close at 12.10pm on Wednesday 29th January.

Bookings open for Academic Mentor Meetings at 1pm Monday 20th January 2025.

KS3 Academic Mentoring Meetings take place with Form Tutors 1.30pm – 6.00pm on Wednesday 29th January.

KS4 and 5 pupils will be expected to complete Elevate independent guided study activities.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to invite **KS3 parents/carers to our face-to-face Academic Mentoring Event on Wednesday 29th January 2025**. This will be an opportunity to seek further information about your child's progress in their subjects and gain an insight into how to best support them in their education and personal development.

Pupils and their parents/carers will have the opportunity to attend a **ten-minute meeting with their form tutor to review key information including attendance, attitude to learning, rewards, and progress data across their subjects** to gain a holistic view of their current performance and discuss with their tutor the next steps required to support them to grow as individuals.

Prior to the Academic Mentoring meetings pupils and parents/carers will receive a progress report to allow them to review this information, alongside the live information shared on Class Charts daily this provides a picture of your child's current performance. Pupils will complete, over the course of the week, a guided self-reflection activity in culture time the week before your meeting. These reflections will be shared with you and be used to structure the conversation in the mentor meeting. We are intending to help students engage in their reports and support them in their journey of improving their outcomes through this process. We will seek feedback from you as parents and carers on the afternoon/evening as we value your viewpoint on this.

KS4 parent/carers will also receive progress data and pupils will use this to set targets in tutor time to build on their current progress. KS4 parents receive separate subject based parent evenings throughout the year and will not be required to attend on Wednesday 29th January. On the afternoon of our early close pupils will be provided with a range of study skills activities to support them to improve their independent approach to learning. These will be returned to school the following day and revisited with their tutors. These activities will support Year 11 in their mock exam preparation and build good habits in Year 10 pupils ahead of their subject assessments.

Booking – Parents/Carers please note we will now be using Arbor for booking appointments.

Academic Mentor meetings will be ten minutes in length between 1.30pm and 6.00pm on Wednesday 29th January.

Booking System Opening Date/Time

Booking will open on Monday 20th January at 1pm and remain open until Tuesday 28th January 2025. Additional support and guidance can also be found for the Arbor App or Desktop Portal here: [Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parent's Evenings\) on the Parent Portal or Parent App – Arbor Help Centre \(arbor-education.com\)](#)

IT Support

If you have issues accessing the booking site please email us at the address office@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk clearly stating your name, child's name and the issue so we can attempt to support you as quickly as possible (please be understanding that operating school lessons is a priority and therefore our response times may not be immediate).

If you require further assistance, please contact office@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk.

We are excited to meet you. Please arrive 5 minutes before your appointment and enter the school via the main reception.

Kind regards,

Mr Baker