

Dear Parent and Carers,

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

This week has been an incredibly busy and productive week at Waseley. There has been a real buzz around the place as we have had a full Section 5 Ofsted inspection which started on Monday and finished on Wednesday evening. This involved a team of Ofsted inspectors in school on Tuesday and Wednesday scrutinising the school around the main areas in their framework. These included Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Sixth Form provision. They observed lessons, assessed the quality of the written work in books across many subjects and all year groups. There were meetings with teachers, support staff, middle and senior leadership on the progress the school is making.

The students were an absolute credit to themselves and the community.

The inspectors commented on how polite, courteous and hard working the students at Waseley are. Many of them were spoken to during lesson visits, break and lunch times and some were required to have conversations in a panel about all aspects of school life. They were so impressed with them and we held assemblies for all of them yesterday where I fed this back to them about how proud we are of them and our community. I spoke to the students about how we are privileged to see this every day and Ofsted visit schools every week across the country and for them to share how brilliant they were was a real commendation to them.

I would also like to thank the incredible staff at every level for their hard work, expertise and passion which shone through in abundance. The inspectors commented on how visible the passion and strong working relationships between staff and students plays a vital role in the day to day life at Waseley Hills.

I would also like to personally thank you as a brilliant community for your support. The parental view results were fabulous and showed the strong working relationship we have between the school and parents/carers. We will continue to work alongside one another to get the very best educational experiences for our students.

Although I am not allowed to share the outcome of the report as they are confidential until they are published publicly which will be within 30 days of our inspection. We are eagerly awaiting this report which we know the students, staff and community will be extremely proud of.

Thursday evening saw the information event about the New York trip for Year 11 and sixth form. The itinerary looks absolutely packed with fabulous experiences that will enrich the student's cultural capital for the rest of their lives. Thank you to those parents and carers who shared our enthusiasm for what an unbelievable opportunity this will be for our students.

A reminder that Matilda Jr. ticket sales are now open for our performances. The cast are excited to be able to showcase their spectacular performance very soon. A number of CRST trust conferences ran this week for our teachers where they joined subject specialists from across the trust to develop curricula and support for examination groups.

The environmental eco committee began their recycling push and strategy in school today visiting tutor groups to promote recycling. They are also heavily involved in the new build travel plan which has an environmentally conscious theme running through it.

Finally, the Year 11 and Sixth Form students started their final mock examinations before the real examinations in the summer. They have been resilient in their examinations so far and we wish them all the best in their revision this weekend before the final week of mocks prior to the half term where they will need a well-earned rest.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr T Preston

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

Principal