

Dear Parent and Carers,

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

It has been a fabulous week in an incredibly successful half term for Waseley Hills High School. The last few weeks of this half term have been filled with studious activities and a clear desire from students to make the most of every chance they get to improve their educational outcomes.

We have been so impressed with our Year 11 and Sixth Form cohorts who have completed a full two weeks of mock examinations. Many students have clearly put an enormous amount of time and energy into revision at home. Alongside this, the students have worked hard in lessons in between exams and continued their content learning. The resilience and character they have shown to be able to do this consistently well has been brilliant to see. We can already see the resilience of Year 11 improve from the first set of mocks in November and this will no doubt translate into better scores for their mocks. Of course, the most important part of this process is for our staff to clearly know what the students have remembered and which bits they haven't understood to allow us to adapt the lessons between now and the real exams to support the students with their individual knowledge gaps. As a reward for their excellent application towards exams the Year 11s enjoyed a food reward period 6 today and we wish them a restful half term break ready to go again next half term.

The example set by our brilliant Sixth Form in their examinations has been noticed by our Year 10s. A significant number of them have begun to stay behind to attend interventions, particularly noticeable in the past two weeks. They have been getting ahead with their revision for their mock examinations and the good habits being built now will stand them in good stead for the months ahead.

In amongst all of this revision, the Matilda cast are busy rehearsing most nights it seems at the moment. The finishing touches are being put into the set, which many of our student leaders have helped paint and design. We are incredibly excited to showcase their amazing efforts next month. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased via Squid Pay. The performances are on 11<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March and we would encourage as many of you as possible to bring friends and family along to see the amazing work that has gone into it.

The half term break will allow all to have a rest after a great 6 weeks. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a wonderful half term,

Mr T Preston



Principal