



Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been at Waseley! We finally got the Ofsted report showing that we are Good in all areas and were able to share the news with you all. This was in amongst the usual high number of amazing opportunities and special moments. Yesterday evening was a truly special moment in which the community came in enormous numbers to support a fabulous performance of Matilda Jr. The atmosphere was incredible and meant such a lot to the cast and crew to be able to showcase their amazing standard of performance to such a wonderful audience. Moments like these will stay in the memories of students and parents for life so thank you for the excellent work from all involved.

This week, Waseley took part in a trust-wide handball tournament at Arrow Vale school. Students from years 8 and 9 played against five other schools from across the trust in both boys and girls tournaments. Both teams performed excellently, coming home with a strong third place behind two very strong handball teams from Holyhead and Churchill. Waseley organised and ran the tournament with tremendous help from our Year 10 sports leaders and Year 7 sports journalists. They were an excellent representation of the school and showed fantastic leadership and in-depth analysis of the tournament, which other schools commended them on their efforts throughout the day.

We have been very fortunate to work with Morgan Stanley for a fourth consecutive year. On Wednesday our Year 7 students were able to learn and discuss the importance of interpersonal skills required in employment and developing team building. They developed their organisational and communication skills as teams planned a sustainable, but profitable, business. The Year 7s have already worked on their corporate image and promotional items. They will soon be working closely on their social media posts and working on Profit and Loss sheets ready to present to the Morgan Stanley "Dragons" in June 2025.

Throughout this week the Year 11 students have completed their food practical part of their GCSE exam. They are required to cook a full three course meal, present it and are observed in their safety, skill level and execution in the kitchen. The staff have thoroughly enjoyed tasting the food that has been provided and giving feedback which also forms part of the coursework. A number of staff commented that the standard of food was the best they have ever tasted. We are extremely proud of the students and their hard work and dedication.

On Thursday the Waseley Hills Science Quiz team triumphed over the other CRST schools in this year's KS3 Science week quiz. They answered questions on a range of Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics before a tricky True and False round where they correctly determined the number of cells in the body and the smallest particles in the universe. They showed amazing teamwork and staff commented on how articulate and polite they were. A big congratulations to Holly and Cole (Year 9), Lilah (Year 8) and Peter (Year 7) who brought back the Science Trophy meaning we retain the title for the second year in a row!

Today staff from Aimhigher West Midlands came into school to deliver an aspiration and attainment-focused workshop for our Year 7 and 9 high prior attaining pupils. The 50-minute session focused on the importance of 'Aiming Higher' and exploring future pathways to success. Students charted their journey from KS3 to GCSE, A-Level and beyond to explore how university degrees can be pivotal in successfully achieving their goals.

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A reminder of the Year 10 study support evening on Wednesday 19th March to help parents support their young people in their upcoming mock exams and start their transition to Year 11.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr T Preston

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

Principal