



Dear Parent and Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

As we head towards the Easter holidays which has seen us see some better weather it is time for a few reminders in terms of punctuality and uniform. A reminder that uniform includes ankle socks (no knee high or over the knee socks) and we continue to ask for ties to be returned if they have been borrowed. As part of our safeguarding of students we ask for skirts to be close to knee length. We have included our guidance on our website below to help support those conversations with young people. [Waseley Hills High School - Uniform](#)

Only pleated black, knee length skirts are permitted.



No tight fitting or short miniskirts are permitted.



The number of students losing out on learning from arriving late to school is much lower this week and we want to continue that trend. We would like to remind parents and students that the school day starts at 8.45am and students should not be arriving on site later than this time. It is important that students are in classrooms ready to begin their learning as promptly as possible and we ask for your support in achieving this. Students who continue to be late to school may face increasing sanctions further than break time detention. If there are extenuating circumstances that will affect your child's ability to arrive at school for 8.45am then please contact your child's tutor so we can work together to address the problem and support you.

Another great week full of opportunities for students across numerous year groups. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, a group of Year 11 students took part in Maths and Science booster days with training company Pet-Xi. The days saw subject experts and motivational support staff deliver innovative, intensive revision sessions focusing on topics identified from the recent mock exams. Students spoke incredibly highly of the sessions, expressing increased

confidence, new knowledge and progress made on weaker areas of their mocks. We hope to see the students apply their learning in the final GCSEs very soon!

Tuesday Evening we invited families in for the 'Cooking Together' event led by Mrs Ross. It was fantastic to see how the students were able to share what they had learned in the sessions and are now confident to contribute to life at home, developing life skills whilst having the opportunities to engage in activities together as a family. The 'take away' recipe book was an added bonus as Mrs Meredith took one to do with her family at home.

On Thursday we welcomed our friends from "Worth It" to lead our Wellbeing Ambassadors on the first part of their training. The students engaged in the workshops positively and their contributions were well thought out and informed. The students will gain a recognised award and become active members of the Waseley Wellbeing team. Exciting times ahead and we are definitely in good hands with this cohort!

May is the month where nationally we look at Mental Health, raising awareness and educating around the issues and topics. We have some exciting initiatives, celebrations and events coming up after Easter. Move it in May is this year's theme and Waseley will be in full swing!

Our Online Ambassadors have been extremely busy with judging the World Book Day Online Safety competition where we have had a huge number of entries from Year 7s to Year 10s. Students have been able to demonstrate transferable skills from their English lessons to ICT. They have planned their story and designed it to be fit for purpose. The Online Safety stories involved an element of the positive impact of technology, alongside the dangers and how we can protect ourselves and each other. Students that had entered received 30 ETHIC Points, alongside certificates to appreciate the time invested in planning and creating their short story. Our winners are: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Amelie S, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lola N and 1st place Michael P at KS3 and Tanya J at KS4. Students have been excited to receive their certificate, ETHICS and Medal this morning.



Well done to our Year 11 Drama students who performed their examined piece to the moderator today alongside the music students who recorded their compositions and practical assessments this week also. The Year 12 and 13 students reward trip for their efforts in mocks was well received as students went to Go Ape to test their team building skills and resilience in challenges throughout the day. Our Year 10 students also completed fieldwork for Geography this week and were excellent in their efforts. Finally, another group of students used their ETHICS to buy access to the gym period 6 today, a lovely reward for students getting it right on a regular basis.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support,

Mr T Preston

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

Principal