

Dear Parent and Carers,

23rd May 2025

This week marks the end of the shortest half term of this academic year and it has been crammed with everything from exams to work experience. The students have been excellent and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the excitement build around the school as the students with 100% attendance have been entered into the draw for Apple AirPods and nearly 400 students have had 2 L's or fewer this whole half term and are in with a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet. It's lovely to celebrate the masses who get it right day in day out and work relentlessly to improve and be a credit to the school community.

Waseley competed in the first round of the summer Trust tournaments. Students from across years 8 and 9 competed in a mixed boys/girls rounders tournament hosted by Gospel Oak. Waseley performed excellently under the Tipton sun, eventually coming away in third place, just missing out on a medal by 6-rounders points. Holyhead ran away as first-place winners, not losing a single game in a very competitive tournament. Students were yet again a fantastic representation of the school; they were commended on their behaviour and sporting ability by the Gospel Oak teachers and sixth form leaders who coordinated the scoring and order of play.

We saw our Year 10s and Year 12s on work experience with placements taking place at the most amazing diverse placements. Our students have experienced a week of work with our feeder primary schools, West Midlands Police Firearms Unit, Air Traffic Control at Birmingham airport, local care homes, BMW, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation and the Primrose Hospice. Thank you for those who have supported in placing the students and the incredible efforts of the staff involved to ensure the students make the most of these opportunities to learn whilst contributing to our local community.

A huge shoutout to the examination year groups who have reached roughly the halfway point in their exam season. The efforts, resilience and determination to give their all has been there for us all to see on a regular basis this half term. The Year 11s and Year 13s in particular have shown the grit needed to survive the first two weeks of almost back-to-back exams and we implore all to utilise the half term for a rest. There will of course be revision and cramming for those students, who have shown more than anything their desire to push themselves to reach their full potential. Please support us in reminding them that these exam seasons are a test of stamina though too and the half term should be a great time to recharge the batteries before the final push.

We would like to thank you for your efforts in supporting us with the uniform standards and as the warmer weather arrives this has been particularly important. We would like to remind any parent or carer that has a student who has borrowed uniform to replace during the half term and return the Waseley stock so that we are fully prepared for those one-off emergencies. Thank you for your support in this.

We hope that you have a wonderful and safe half term and look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 2nd June.

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