

Dear Parents and Carers,

10th October 2025

Thank you for all your work in supporting the attendance of our young people. We are ahead of where we were this time last year as a whole school, and this is great to ensure our students get the best learning and experiences. A reminder to report all absences on the Arbor App prior to 8am each day of absence. Please speak to your form tutor if you have any queries about the Arbor App.

As part of our support for positive mental health we have all worn yellow today in support of Young Minds' excellent work in helping our young people navigate the challenges of the modern world. Students today were given reflective tutor time activities to help understand and promote positive mental health. It was wonderful to see so many of the students take part and gain so much from the day.

All year groups received financial education provided by HSBC bank today. The Year 7 cohort got their introduction to banking whilst Year 8 and Year 9 got a masterclass on budgeting and spending plans. Years 10, 11 and sixth form received training on cyber security and fraud to help protect themselves. We are delighted that due to our continued partnership with HSBC we have been awarded The HSBC Smart Money Award. This is a national recognition for schools and colleges in the UK that demonstrate excellence in financial education, celebrating their students' commitment to developing money management skills, budgeting, saving, and smart consumerism through HSBC's financial literacy programs. The award honours schools that actively participate in HSBC's educational initiatives, which include interactive sessions and programs like the [Money Heroes programme](#), to equip young people with vital financial knowledge and confidence for life.

This week some of our fabulous students attended a Lickey Hills Primary School parent question and answer session. They got the chance to share their experiences of Waseley and the Lickey Hills' parents asked questions about the cross-school collaboration for things such as joint Spanish clubs, maths masterclasses and planned sharing of the musical and drama performances between the two schools. Thank you to Mr Dathan for organising this opportunity to strengthen the partnership between the two schools and well done to the students who were a credit to themselves and the school.

I invited Mr Harrold, Executive Principal at Holywell, to share our new build progress and discuss how we can continue to share ideas around joint experiences between the schools. He was incredibly impressed with how calm the school was and enjoyed seeing the opportunities for sporting and performance-based events within our new build. We are working together to improve the facilities on the field between our two sites for the benefit of both Waseley and Holywell students and will update you on this throughout the year.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend ahead of the start of our mock season for Years 11, 12 and 13.

Thank you for your continued support,

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