



# Waseley Hills High School

Aspire, Invest, Respect

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Dear Parents and Carers,

24th October 2025

It has been a fantastic first half term in our new home of Waseley Hills High School. The students have risen to the improved facilities that are now the daily experience for our young people. The attendance of all students is 2.1% above where it was this time last year and represents the strong partnership between school and parents and carers in sharing the importance of attendance. The daily climate for learning has improved further this half term and there has been a plethora of opportunities that the students have made the most of.

This week has seen our Year 7s have such an entertaining Halloween Party, full of Halloween treats; baked by our fabulous Bistro team - Halloween themed cakes and cookies, lots of lollipops and sweets. We had stalls of tattoos delivered by our lovely Year 10 students (Molly and Nahum). Some enjoyed the hide and seek (Casper game) whilst others enjoyed our colouring stations; extremely popular. Year 7s enjoyed the balloon games, ending the party with high energy level-dancing time! We look forward to further celebrations with our hardworking and kind-hearted students.



The celebrations for *Día de los muertos*, Day of the Dead, happened yesterday in which several departments came together to celebrate the Spanish holiday. The Spanish lessons were all themed to educate students of the cultural significance of the holiday in remembering and respecting those family and friends who are no longer with us. The Creative Arts department supported with activities to create classroom decorations and a competition for students to produce the best piece of art to be used as a symbol of remembrance was held. The quality of the work produced was outstanding.



We would dearly like to appreciate and thank our Year 7 students and families for supporting us to raise £110.00 for Macmillan Cancer Research. Our team of Year 7 students brought very scrumptious cakes which many of our students and staff thoroughly enjoyed as well as making donations. To appreciate the excellent commitment, each student was awarded with 50 ETHIC points for investing their time and effort to purchasing cakes. Well done Team 7 for Aspiring, Investing and Respecting our values and working as a team.



We are working with BIT to encourage our youngsters (Years 9 and Years 10) to reduce their screen time which will develop their social skills and also improve their mental wellbeing. There is evidence that too much social media use can harm young people's wellbeing and learning. The goal of the research is to examine the impact of a free smartphone app in reducing social media use and improving pupil wellbeing for pupils in

Years 9 and 10 in UK schools. Letter to parents has been sent, please can any parents/carers who do not want their child to participate then please email BIT on [socialmedia@bi.team](mailto:socialmedia@bi.team).

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### **Key Notices**

After half term we will only be opening the green pedestrian gates at 8:30am for all students to come into the school building. Students who attend Breakfast club from 8:15am can continue to do so as normal in the Bistro café. For all other students we will ask to wait outside either the blue gates on School Road or by the pedestrian green gates at the front of the school building. This is to ensure the safety of all students as they can be supervised from 8:30am onwards.

We will continue to support our students with using mobile phones safely within school. A reminder that students are expected to place their phones off in their bags once past the blue school gates that lead onto School Road. We will follow our behaviour policy for students who we see not having their phone off in their bag whilst on site which includes confiscation and parental meetings. We hope that you will support us in allowing students to have mobile phones for travel purposes but to not use them throughout the school day where they can distract and contribute to bullying.



We hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr T Preston



Principal