



# Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a fantastic celebration of enrichment and has started the wonderful countdown to the Christmas holidays. Thursday saw our launch of the 12 Days of Christmas countdown where every student who attends every day from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December gets entered into the raffle draw for the celebration assembly. Prizes include a £50 Amazon voucher for a winner from each year group so please encourage your young people to attend and be in with a chance of winning!

This week started with us celebrating the fantastic Year 11 band who played their first public gig at the Rubery Christmas Lights switch-on last Saturday evening. They were amazing and members of the public were very impressed with their performances. The band are called Road to Nowhere and we are reliably informed that they are in the process of recording their first track. We will let you know where to find them once it has been released!

On Wednesday the much-anticipated Dance Showcase took place in the evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers witness the incredible talent that the students demonstrated. The hard work and effort of the students in the build-up to and the performances on the night were special to see. Well done to all the students and Miss Boyle and Mrs Meredith for their amazing commitment to the Dance provision at Waseley.



Thursday evening saw Mrs Edwards coordinate the Christmas Music Showcase performance. A whole host of performances were showcased to celebrate the Christmas period. The students excelled and their talent shone through. Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who supported and got to see the live performances.



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## Christmas Hampers

This week we saw the handing over of our form time hampers to the Catshill food bank. Our incredible students have spent weeks preparing Christmas hampers in form time, donating food for those who need support over the Christmas period. This competition is one of the most special parts of the Waseley year as each year group competes for the prize of being named Best Hamper of the Year. The winners will be announced in assemblies next week but we've included a number of photos to share with you the unbelievable generosity and creativity shown by our community. Picking a winning hamper was even harder than last year but, more importantly, seeing the Catshill food bank's response when so much was donated to them was a special moment. Thank you for all of your efforts in supporting our community.



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will celebrate Christmas Jumper day. Students will wear normal uniform with the addition of a festive jumper in support of Save the Children charity. We ask for donations of £1 on Arbor and can hopefully raise a large amount of money to support such a good cause.

## Charity Week

Charity Week will run from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This year's Charity Week **wristbands** are now on sale via Arbor at £3 each. Money raised from sales will go towards our Charity Week total for Birmingham Children's Hospital. The wristband will include the donation for Non-uniform Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. **Candy and Cans** sale every breaktime throughout the week - £1 each CASH only. Below is a schedule for the week to look forward to:

Monday - **Teacher Taskmaster Challenge** – lunchtime in the theatre - £1 tickets available on Arbor (get your tickets quickly as there are only 200 on sale).

Monday - **Movie Night**- 3:30pm- Christmas film and refreshments for sale (cash) - further details will be shared.

Tuesday - **Lip Synch Battle** - Heads of Year v. SWOs! In the theatre - £1 tickets on Arbor (get your tickets quickly as there are only 200 on sale).

Wednesday - **Christmas Lunch** in the Bistro - £2.60 for students (top up on Arbor account).

Thursday - **Christmas Fair** - all students will visit the fair with their class throughout out the day for festive fun organised and run by our Sixth Formers.

Friday – **Non-uniform Day** and an early finish at 12:15pm.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Updates**

Year 13 Parents Evening takes place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December next week. Event booking opens today so please book slots with your subject teachers. A reminder that the Post 16 applications for Year 11 students should be submitted before the Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December deadline. Please ensure applications are in by this date.

Finally, a reminder to keep students provided with warm coats as the weather turns colder and please do not send students in wearing flared trousers/nail polish to avoid sanctions in school.

Thank you for all of your continued support,

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

*Mr T Preston  
Principal*