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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a fantastic week with another incredible forward step for the school in being awarded the Wellbeing Award from The National Children's Bureau. On Tuesday this week we welcomed the Optimus company into school in order for us to share our journey so far in order to gain the Wellbeing Award. We were measured against 8 key objectives, promoting wellbeing for all stakeholders. The inspector from Optimus Education spent the day examining parental feedback, student feedback, staff feedback, curriculum offer, examples of engagement, enrichment, behaviour processes and our graduated response to attendance, safeguarding, pastoral, SEND and wellbeing. She examined our whole school approach to wellbeing, and our school mapping to trauma informed practice. She looked at pupil progress across the school, interventions as well as spending time walking the school, speaking to students, staff, parents and Governors and then examined our evidence markers from the last 2 years for each of the categories of the award before giving feedback. We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded The National Children's Bureau Wellbeing Award in dedication to our commitment to the wellbeing of all our school community. The full report will be published soon and we are excited to share this with you as it reflects the exceptional Waseley team and the provision our young people get.

This week we also announced the winner of the whole school Christmas Card competition. The entries were fabulous and showcased both the artistic talent of the students and the importance of the houses to the students (you may notice the subtle reference to them in one of the winners entries below). We had to announce winners in several year groups because of the quality of entries and they are shown below. The overall winner was Libby Morrall in Year 9 and this submission is now on the front of our Waseley Hills Christmas Card which goes to all of the local primary schools and community partners.

Sixth Form Applications close this week so please ensure your Year 11s have filled out the application form to help us in the next steps to securing places and building the timetable for next year.

A huge thank you for the £190.82 raised for Christmas jumper day this week. A reminder that Charity wristbands are on sale all week £3 to raise money for Birmingham Children's hospital and covers donation for none uniform day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets for Taskmaster and Lip synch on sale until midnight on Sunday £1 each and cans and pick and mix on sale every breaktime – cash only from next week.

We all need a little help sometimes so just a little reminder that our Heads of Year and Student Welfare Officers can issue food bank vouchers should you feel, this would help you over the Christmas period. Also worth seeing that New Starts Frankley are offering free toys and gifts this week which again could be a great opportunity to make the most of.

Finally, a reminder that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will close early and students will start their Christmas holidays at 12:15pm. Students will be able to get their meal at break time on the final day of term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr T Preston  
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Overall Winner: Libby Morrall Year 9



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