

Dear Parents and Carers,

16th January 2026

The first full week back after the Christmas Holidays this week, which was set on the back of a large amount of snow last Friday. Thank you for all your support as parents and carers in ensuring the safety of our young people and staff are held at the forefront of any decisions to shut the school. I would like to publicly thank the incredible efforts of the examinations team which ensured that 4 of our sixth form students were able to sit their exam safely and not have their hard work disturbed by the disruption.

The week started wonderfully with Mrs Edwards Year 7 assembly. It was a group performance of Keane's Somewhere Only We Know that they complete for the singing assessment as part of AC1 in Music and the first time getting all of Year 7 together to perform it as a year group. They were brilliant and should be congratulated.



This week has seen two large trips go out. The first of these was on Tuesday, when we took our GCSE and A-Level Art students down to London to visit the Tate Modern art gallery. Our students showed exemplary behaviour when exploring the galleries and really impressed us with how they interacted with the art. We saw lots of famous pieces of art from artists around the world, including Andy Warhol, Henri Matisse and Alberto Giacometti. It was an opportunity for students to really broaden their understanding of the art world. It also helped to fuel lots of conversations about what is considered art and, as artists themselves, how they could express themselves through their own artwork. We believe that this experience will really help to kick-start the Year 11's exam project that they have just begun. A huge 'well done' to all the students involved who really represented what Waseley is about.

The second trip this week was to the Birmingham Hippodrome to see their production of Robin Hood. The students had the opportunity to see a live performance and with many of the students in attendance also being part of our whole school production of Oliver this was a fabulous opportunity to hone their performance skills and learn from the experience.

During ICT lessons this week students in key stages 4 and 5 have been introduced to the Digital, IT and Computing opportunities for work experiences which your child will access virtually. This is a perfect opportunity for your child

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to gain a certificate(s) which is a great achievement when applying for jobs, apprenticeships and universities. However, if your child is in key stage 3 and would like to register and start their virtual experiences then please encourage them to. Mrs Joshi will also be placing the attached document on Class charts for your child to easily access, along with having the room open after school from 3.20pm-3.50pm should they wish to work on these tasks in school.

Year 10s Digital Information Technology qualification have now successfully completed their Pearson Set Assignment; we are extremely proud of our students' high standard of work, which was also mentioned in the External Standard Verifier's report - please congratulate your child. We are now starting our theory component (Component 3), where we have explored some exam questions, including the importance of servers. Year 10s were shown the server rooms today, understanding the purpose of the servers and how organisations use them securely. Please speak to your child about the enrichment activity.

We saw the first full week of our PE Enrichment Clubs offer swing into action. These clubs offer students a great chance to stay active, build confidence, and take part in a variety of enjoyable sports after school. All clubs will run from **3:30–4:15pm**, with **Netball on Tuesday (Mrs Bridgeman)**, **Rugby on Wednesday (Mr Rogers)**, **Basketball on Thursday (Mrs Hill)**, and **Futsal or Multi Sports on Friday (Mr Mason)**. To register your child's place, please complete the online consent form using the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/xBxcBMN2Hc> Early sign-up is encouraged, as spaces may be limited. If you require any further information, please contact **Mr Mason** at bmason@waseleyhills.crst.org.uk.

Thank you for all the parents and carers supporting our students to be in school and have attendance as a big priority this year. A reminder that should you want your son/daughter to take any medication on school site that parents/carers give the medication to reception staff to ensure we can control medication on site. Please do not send your child with medication on them to take without the school being made aware as it could cause issues if there were a medical emergency for whatever reason.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr T Preston



Principal