



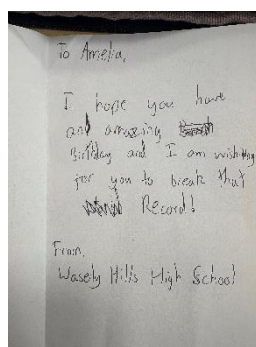
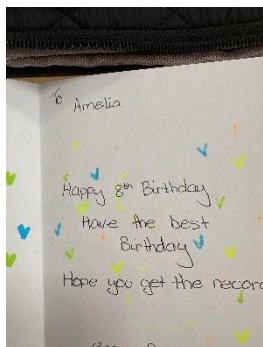
Dear Parents and Carers,

6th February 2026

This week was full of planning and preparation for an excellent end to the half term. The Year 12 parents evening on Wednesday was brilliantly attended with lots of happy Year 12 students receiving positive feedback from staff about their start to sixth form, but also many excited families getting ready for the CRST New York trip which leaves in only 10 days' time! What an opportunity of a lifetime for our young people and an advance thank you to the staff for organising, supporting and giving their time to ensure the students have the very best time.

This week, Team Waseley came together with bright smiles and even brighter hearts, creating handmade cards during Culture time filled with kind words, drawings, and encouragement for Amelia Kolpa. Amelia is a local girl from Rowley Regis, who is battling with an ongoing diagnosis of Neuroblastoma with courage and has been doing so since she was 2 and a half years old. Each card carried a message of hope and belief in her amazing dream to break a world record of receiving 8,000 cards by her 8th Birthday on 3rd March 2026! Through colour, many hearts and rainbows and thoughtful notes, the students showed Amelia that she is not alone—that an entire community is cheering her on, inspired by her strength and determination and we hope to have helped her on her way to breaking that world record!

[Black Country girl with neuroblastoma sets 8,000 birthday card target - BBC News](#)



On Thursday, nine year 7 students visited Arrow Vale to visit samples of rock from the Moon, brought back from the Apollo missions. They held actual samples of meteorite and held "desert glass", formed when a meteor landed in the Sahara Desert, melting the sand and turning it to glass. They also watched a show inside a planetarium and now have aspirations such as discovering an exoplanet and designing rocket engines. They were a real credit to our school!

As we get ready next week with Chinese New Year celebrations where we say goodbye to the snake and welcome the year of the horse we will encourage students in Culture time to understand the significance of this celebration which falls in the half term holiday. As part of our inclusion and diversity drive across the school this will provide an important opportunity for students to learn about the cultural significance of the celebrations.

Please be reminded that for the final week of term we expect the high uniform standards to continue. A particular reminder for some to avoid getting their nails done earlier than the holidays as this will lead to unnecessary lost learning time and ensure that nails are compliant with the uniform policy during all of term time. A gentle reminder that hoodies are not allowed in school (apart from the approved GCSE PE and Dance Waseley hoodies).

Thank you for your amazing support in alerting the school to a number of Tik Tok accounts that have been set up sharing inappropriate content amongst students. This has been a particular issue in Year 7 which the pastoral team have put a significant amount of work in to remove accounts and support those affected. All Year 7 students were given an assembly today on keeping safe online, including a reminder that Tik Tok usage is age limited to 13 years and above. Can I encourage all parents and carers to discuss this with their young people as part of our continued drive to educate young people on the dangers of phones.

Finally, thank you for your continued hard work in dropping off students safely outside the blue gates to reduce traffic on school site to ensure the safety of all pupils. A reminder that the residential roads are the safest place to park and we will continue to ask parents to move offsite in the mornings and afternoons to ensure that all of our young people can get to and from school safely.

Kind regards,

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

Mr T Preston
Principal