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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been an absolute whirlwind of activity within the school for both examinations and extra-curricular activities. The students have risen to the challenge whether that be Year 11 Food examinations, invitations to perform theatre, Masterclasses in sixth form delivered by CRST staff or Year 8 students from across the trust coming together, it has all happened this week!

On Tuesday, Year 7 High Prior Attainment (HPA) students visited the University of Birmingham to learn more about higher Education. They participated in a workshop with the school of medicine and received a campus tour. The students were an absolute credit to themselves and Waseley with university staff saying the students were engaging, asked intriguing questions and demonstrated respect towards each other and staff. The students themselves were very positive and said they found the experience very inspiring.

This week, 15 of our year 9 and 10 drama and dance students took part in an incredible workshop and performance opportunity as part of the ReNEW: Sharing Stories, Shaping Futures launch event. This was in partnership with professional theatre company Highly Sprung and Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils. Waseley were selected as one of 4 schools across the county to be part of such an exciting event.

The performance, entitled "A Carnival of Stories", consisted of a vibrant outdoor procession celebrating local Showmen heritage, storytelling traditions, and the creativity of young people. It brought together students, professional artists and the wider community in a powerful and playful expression of movement and imagination. Waseley were selected to create work inspired by an iconic fairground ride - the Carousel.

On Wednesday, students worked with one of the performance artists for a full day's workshop. This was an intense day of rehearsals to learn 3 separate routines as part of a 30 minute performance. This in itself is a very demanding and challenging rehearsal schedule even for professional performers and the students completely outdid themselves, giving their all to the entire rehearsal process.

The following day, students travelled to Arrow Valley Country Park where they rehearsed for a final time with the other schools in preparation for the final performance, alongside Highly Sprung's spectacular flying machine, raising one of the highly skilled artists into the air. The day itself was entirely outside and all the performers truly battled the elements, with rain interrupting rehearsals several times. Nevertheless, despite the wind, rain and cold, the final performance was a huge success with Waseley students performing to a very high standard, delivering one of the longest and most challenging sections of the whole piece, witnessed by an invited audience from both councils and local press. They showed nothing but resilience and commitment throughout the entire day without any complaint of the difficult rehearsal and performance conditions. We are so incredibly proud and in awe of them all!

Wednesday also saw Waseley host the RSA8 2026 Launch event for the Year 8 students in the trust. The student leaders from each of the CRST schools were amazing. They were immaculately turned out and represented each school fantastically. The students were particularly impressive with sharing their contributions and articulating answers during the morning, in front of 60 staff and students from the 6 different trust schools. The passion and enthusiasm of the students was impressive and this was only helped by the expertise of the staff in facilitating discussions and empowering our young people to want to make a difference for others whilst developing their own character.

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The students were attentive to the guest speakers and took inspiration from their work to begin to look at their own community and driving their own social action projects. They were polite, confident and conducted themselves professionally throughout the event. We look forward to our next meet up in April to see how the projects have progressed.

Our Year 11s have had a busy week in Food examinations where they had to design, prepare and present a full three course meal showing off their high-level technical skills in a range of dishes. Thank you for your support in providing ingredients and motivation for the students to achieve some exceptional quality results. PE students also took part in PE moderation today ahead of their technical assessments in their sports. Well done to all of those students who executed under pressure in front of our moderators today.

Waseley Sixth hosted the Chemistry Masterclass session this week delivered by our expert Chemistry teachers from across the trust. All four CRST sixth forms came together to be given an intense session to support them with their A-level studies. The academic prowess was inspirational, but it was also lovely to see the sixth formers have the opportunity to collaborate with our sixth form students from across the trust schools.

Year 9 have been working hard on their 'Childhood Memories' project using coffee and fine liner pen. We are proud to share some amazing examples with you:



We look forward to seeing all our Year 9 families next Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> March) at Options Evening.

Could all parents and carers please be aware that students are not permitted e-scooters on school site and ensure their young people are not riding them to school. It is currently illegal to ride privately owned e-scooters in public spaces and they are too hazardous to remain on site for the school day due to the increased reports of fires associated to e-scooters.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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

Mr T Preston  
Principal