



# Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

One of our core values at Waseley Hills High school is **Aspire** and we speak to our students regularly about academic excellence being a way in which we instil a sense of high aspiration in our students. We know and understand the doors of opportunity are often opened to those who have demonstrated, through academic excellence, the key characteristics of self-belief, determination and of course a strong work ethic. This week saw a number of our students take part in aspirational extra-curricular opportunities.

## The University of Oxford



We were absolutely thrilled to take a group of our high-prior attainment Year 8 students on an inspiring trip to Oxford University this week. Our young scholars were exemplary throughout the day, representing Waseley Hills High School brilliantly and making us incredibly proud. They had the incredible opportunity to tour two historic colleges, Worcester and Oriel, soaking in the academic atmosphere and imagining their future steps. A real highlight was participating in an engaging "Oxplore" workshop in a proper university lecture theatre, sparking their curiosity and intellectual ambition. To complete the authentic university experience, they even enjoyed lunch in the grand dining hall! We saw students who on the journey down were questioning whether university was something they could achieve or aspire to but on the return journey were researching courses and entry requirements needed. It is experiences like these that ignite a sense of self-belief in our students which we envisage will support them in their academic studies.

We encourage all parents and carers to visit the Oxplore website which is home to the big questions as a great resource to spark debate, develop young people's curiosity and demonstrate the super-curricular commitments that many of the top universities look out for in applications. Visit here: [Oxplore | The Home of Big Questions](#)

## MP Work Experience

As part of the growth of the school and its recent success, MP Bradley Thomas visited Waseley Hills High School to see the progress we are making. On his visit he saw the high standards of our students' politeness, eagerness to learn and offered our school a work experience placement in London with him in Parliament. We were delighted to see three Year 12 students: Billy, Zain and Dylan successfully apply for the work experience placement. They took part in the parliament work experience, a once in a lifetime opportunity! The boys called the experience really insightful as they enjoyed



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the different activities and tour around Parliament seeing things most of the public do not. They held a Q&A session with MP Bradley Thomas, prepared and carried out a mock peace negotiation between Russia and Ukraine and sat inside the House of Commons and saw the Prime Minister. We continue our strong working relationship with another Parliament trip booked in later in the year for some of our younger students.

### Year 12 Residential



Meanwhile, our Year 12 students enjoyed an exhilarating residential trip to the Bell Heath Outdoor Centre. Embracing the great outdoors, they 'glamped' in bell tents, building teamwork and resilience under the stars. The programme was packed with exciting activities designed to challenge and inspire, including bush craft skills, archery, the thrilling 'quad pole' challenge, and some impressive crate stacking. It sounds like a truly great time was had by all, creating some fantastic memories and strengthening friendships along the way.



It has been lovely to see so many students take up the opportunities on offer and a reminder that Year 10 work experience starts on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May as we aim through our careers program to ensure all year groups get strong aspirational career support across the year.

We hope that you all have a wonderful May bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the students return on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Preston'.

Mr T Preston  
Principal