



Waseley Hills

High School

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Friday 4th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year we have had. Although our students have only been back with us for two days, they have already shown just how impressive they can be. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome them back into school and to see the maturity, enthusiasm and pride with which they have started the year.

I have also been delighted to hear so many parents and carers commenting positively on the smartness of our students following the changes to our uniform expectations. I would like to thank our whole school community for the support, time and effort that has gone into ensuring that our students represent the school to the very highest standard. I hope you will agree that, when seeing our students arriving at and leaving school this week, they have looked exceptionally smart. We want our students to stand out for the right reasons within our local community, and that sense of pride and high expectation is something we want them to carry into everything they do inside the school building too.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to achieve this.





A studious start

Our Welcome Back assemblies this week focused on setting the tone for the year ahead: one of ambition, hard work, respect and academic excellence. Our staff have worked incredibly hard in preparation for the new academic year to ensure that lessons and our curriculum are as challenging, engaging and inspirational as possible. The past two days, I have had the pleasure of walking around the school alongside other members of the Senior Leadership Team and seeing this work in action.

Whether it was students using creativity in Art to produce Sealife projects, or our new Year 7 students being inspired by the fascinating geographical knowledge being introduced in their lessons, there was a real sense of purpose throughout the school. Most pleasing of all was the atmosphere within lessons. Students were calm, focused and respectful, allowing teachers to teach and everyone to learn.

Our new school values

During our Welcome Back assemblies, we also introduced our new school values, which were chosen and voted for by our students: **Respect. Inspire. Support. Excel.**

Over the past two days, we have already seen these values coming to life. Our students have shown respect for one another, their teachers and their learning. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to inspire them through excellent lessons. Across the school community, students and staff continue to support one another, and together we will maintain the high expectations that enable every young person to excel. We know that when students attend school regularly, work hard and learn in a calm and purposeful environment, it makes an enormous difference to what they can achieve. We therefore hope that this excellent start becomes the standard for the year ahead.

Looking ahead to next week

As we prepare for our first full week of the 2026–2027 academic year, we look forward to seeing students build upon such a positive start. In particular, we hope to see excellent attendance continue across the school. We would also be grateful if parents and carers could use the weekend as an opportunity to check that nails and jewellery meet our school uniform expectations, so that students arrive on Monday ready for another successful week. Thank you once again for the tremendous support you have shown the school and our students at the beginning of this academic year.

I hope that you and your families have a fantastic weekend, and we look forward to seeing our students return on Monday for the first full week of what I am sure will be a very successful year.

Kind regards,



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