



Waseley Hills
High School

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Friday 11th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have completed the first full week of the academic year and students have been excellent at adapting back into the routine and normality of the school week. They have shown exemplary behaviour and attitude towards their learning in classrooms. Staff have put a real focus on designing lessons that stretch and challenge the students and the students have risen to that challenge.

This week we took students to one of our feeder primary schools, Lickey Hills, to share with parents and carers the experience of Waseley Hills and how they are supported in transition and throughout their time with us. The students were incredible at sharing their favourite things about Waseley which included the sports clubs, extra-curricular trips, supportive teachers, the brilliant pastoral team and the feeling of staff who believe in them. They were part of a question and answer session with parents and did incredibly to articulate so well how they are finding Waseley. It was particularly nice to hear them speak so highly of the teaching staff and Caitlin describing her lessons as being in a different league this year from previous. Well done to Emily Bonner, Zane Tang, Thomas Chase, Caitlin Brunn and Ava Parton for demonstrating inspirational communication skills and representing the school so well.

Year 10 had a brilliant assembly this week preparing them for GCSE expectations and the journey of KS4 delivered by Miss Donovan and have already started requesting flash cards and resources to start the process of examination preparation.



Open Evening

We of course look forward to seeing more parents and carers at our Open Evening on 30th September where they can experience the Waseley Way in action and meet the incredible staff.

Upcoming Events

There is a whole host of exciting events happening next week to look forward to for students. Year 10 are going on a drama trip to see *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* at the Birmingham Rep on Wednesday. We hope that seeing the live performance aids their analysis of theatre productions that forms part of their GCSE assessments across the course. Next Friday 18th September is the Personal Development and Wellbeing day for the whole school in which students come off normal timetable and get to have a bespoke finance session by HSBC; a pioneer team building activity on the field; the Army are running a mini-boot camp and departments run their own activities designed to bring personal development to life in their subject areas. Students need to wear PE kit for the whole day on Friday to make the most of the amazing activities that are on offer to them that day.

The SEND team warmly invite you to the Parent Carer workshop (for either SEND learners or learners that are going through the referral process), with your child on the dates and times listed below. The purpose of these workshops is to gain access to expert knowledge from Mrs Stanton (Worcs), understand the pathways to SEND referrals, signposting to the local support groups and to enable a setting to social and build connections. Alongside the Parent Care Engagement workshops, we would like to invite you to coffee mornings (your child's attendance is not required). The coffee mornings enable us to share experiences and meet other parents/carers who may have similar challenges. They are an opportunity to have a relaxed environment to talk openly and celebrate small wins and allows emotional relief, knowing we are not alone. **Parent/Carer engagement workshops (9.00 am until 10.30 am)**, both, you and your child's attendance is important:

- Friday 25th September
- Friday 17th November
- Friday 8th January
- Friday 12th March
- Friday 28th May
- Friday 9th July

Coffee mornings (9.00 am until 10.30 am), your child's attendance will not be required:

- 16th September
- 21st October
- 3rd February
- 19th May
- 14th July

Please confirm your attendance through email to njoshi@waseleyhills.crst.org.uk or give the school reception a call on 0121 453 5211. We look forward to meeting you and working together to support your child's journey at WHHS.

Kind regards,



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