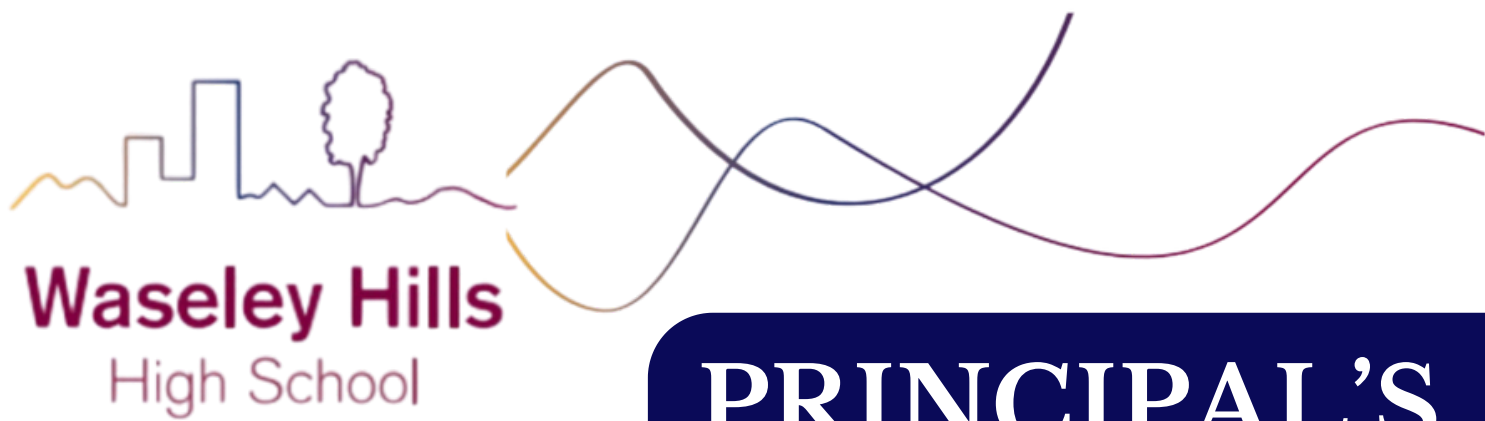




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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Friday 18th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have seen a wonderful Waseley week and it has certainly felt like we are back to the exciting, varied weeks we have come to be used to. There were extra curricular activities running for all year groups alongside some precise, focussed learning as students are into the swing of preparing for their upcoming mocks in Years 11 and 13.

Today Miss Boyle and Mrs Edwards took the cast of last year's musical show Oliver! to the Birmingham Council Chambers for gaining over 90%. There they were awarded Third Place overall for the show!

The Competition for the Columba Trophy has a rich history and Waseley Hills High School were the inaugural winners of the competition over 30 years ago and have once again been recognised and awarded for their excellence. The Lord Mayor of Birmingham Councillor Zaker Choudhry and Archbishop of Birmingham The Most Reverend Bernard Longley presented the students and staff with the award today in a wonderful celebration of what was a fantastic show. Waseley were awarded a Judges Commendation for Trey Moore's performance of Mr Bumble.

The countless hours and months of rehearsal and dedication shown by the students and staff created something magical last year and it was lovely to see this recognised on such a grand setting today. Well done to everybody involved, we are so proud of you!





Wednesday saw Mrs Edwards and Miss Loveridge take our drama students to the Birmingham Hippodrome to see the new adaptaion of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*. The new adaptation, which focuses on the main character navigating the world with Autism, included a female in the lead role and brought a new dimension of analysis in seeing how individuals mask the symptoms of Autism differently. The students were impeccable as usual and the quality of the students' analysis of what they saw upon return to school was impressive. This will certainly give them the enriching experience of professional performances that we want our young people to have but no doubt contribute significantly to the quality of their own performances and analysis for their examinations.

It was wonderful to receive a letter from the Rubery Library this week sharing some wonderful news about Alice Beale in Year 9 who volunteered at Rubery Library to support them and customers during the Summer Reading Challenge which ran during the summer holidays. "Alice provided valuable support and was a pleasure to work with. We would like to recognise her contribution of volunteering for a total of 5 1/2 hours." This is such a lovely thing to contribute to our community during her summer holiday time. Well done to Alice for representing Waseley so well.

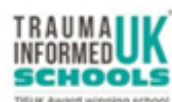
We were happy to see so many families attend our coffee morning on Wednesday, we were able to introduce the members of the SEND team along with being able to speak to parents/carers about their child, barriers they may have and how we can support as a team in order for their child to succeed academically and emotionally. The feedback is now used to work with curriculum, pastoral and safeguarding leads to follow our graduated approach. We look forward to meeting our parents again on the 25th September at 9am until 10.15am to participate in the Parent Carer Engagement with Alison, from WORCS. Please email Mrs Joshi (njoshi@waseleyhills.crst.org.uk) to confirm your attendance; thank you to parents who already have. Some feedback from parents "thank you so much for arranging this coffee morning - it's good to see there are other parents in a similar boat", "I have never been to coffee morning before but seeing the staff has really assured me", "high schools can be scary but the coffee morning has shown how much Waseley cares". We look forward to having the half termly mornings to form a parent forum too.

Personal Development and Wellbeing day was a great success today as all students experienced a range of activities in place of their normal curriculum lessons. The students got an insight into careers for the RAF with two serving soldiers sharing their experience of working in the Royal Air Force and how students can get involved if this career pathway might be of interest.

We hosted HSBC once again who awarded Waseley Hills High School the Smart Money Award for Waseley's support for financial education for our students. We believe it is hugely important for students to be clued up when it comes to money and for the third year in a row we are lucky enough to welcome HSBC to educate them on how to become financially proficient. Students also took part in team building activities on the field with outdoors company Pioneer. Sixth form ambassadors were incredible throughout the day in supporting the younger years with what can be a daunting challenge, especially for Year 7 who may not be expecting to be pushed outside of their comfort zone so early on in their Waseley journey. Well done to all for making the most of it!

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PE Enrichment

Please see below the update from Mr Mason about the amazing opportunities in PE that are taking place this term. We encourage as many students as possible to make the most of these as they gain so much from them.

The PE Department at Waseley Hills High School is excited to launch our new programme of after-school enrichment clubs and fixtures for the 2026-27 academic year.

Whether students want to develop their skills, improve fitness, try something new, or represent the school in competitions, there is something for everyone.

Meet the PE Team

Head of Department: Mr Mason

Teachers:

- Mrs Bridgeman
- Mr Blount
- Miss Oliver
- Miss Blackadder
- Miss Tibbatts

We are committed to providing a wide range of sporting opportunities for all students, regardless of ability or experience. These are open to all students; Develop skills and confidence; make new friends; represent Waseley Hills in fixtures and competitions and improve physical and mental wellbeing.

Monday: KS3 Rugby

Tuesday: KS3 Netball | Y7/8 Girls' Football

Wednesday: KS3 Dance | KS3 Badminton | KS4 Netball

Thursday: KS3 Basketball

Friday: KS3 Boys' Football / Futsal / Multi-Sports

Parent/Guardian Consent Required. To participate in PE clubs and fixtures, parents/carers must complete the online consent form: [PE Clubs and Fixtures Parental/Guardian Consent 2026-27 – Fill in form](#)

We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of the fantastic opportunities available this year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,



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