

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Friday 2nd October

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the leaves fall and the days become shorter, we move into October having enjoyed another exciting and productive time this week at Waseley.

This Month we mark Black History Month. The students have experienced an informative and thought-provoking assembly to explore the themes around the topic. The assembly was well received and has worked as a springboard for further discussion and learning around the subject. The school Bistro is also serving a themed menu on 14th October to celebrate.

On Monday the Year 11 Child Development students were joined by a very special visitor. 2 year old Rohan came to spend time with the students as part of their BTEC course. The students were able to observe his interactions and behaviour as well as talk to Mom about his developmental progress in all areas including intellectual, physical and emotional. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative afternoon which will inform the next part of the course as the Year 11's plan and design their own play activity.

On Wednesday evening we opened the doors and welcomed families from our local primary schools. It was clear that they could see for themselves what a great community we have here at Waseley. I was so proud of our student ambassadors who volunteered their time to support staff in departments and talk to prospective families about their experiences and growth as young adults during their time here. We look forward to the applications and a reminder that all applications are due in online by 31st October.





On Thursday we celebrated National Poetry Day with poems posted around school and on classroom doors. Students have enjoyed staff sharing their favourite poems with them and discussing the theme of 'Wonder'. In Key Stage 3 English lessons, students have explored a range of poems and have had the opportunity to create their own. We will be encouraging students to become Waseley poets and enter our Poetry Competition next week, so watch this space!

Next week we continue into our second week of gaining important student voice through our PASS survey. This is vital for us to be able to analyse student response and ensure that we offer the right support to the right students through our intervention offer.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are beginning to prepare for their first round of mock examinations. These mocks are a valuable opportunity for students to practise exam conditions, identify areas for development, and build the resilience and confidence they'll need for their final examinations.

The first mock examinations will take place next **Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October**, with Art and 3D Design.

The full mock examination timetable is available on **SchoolWorkSpace**.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the standard examination regulations:

- Mobile phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices must not be brought into the exam room.
- Pencil cases should be clear or see-through, and should not contain any unauthorised notes or materials.
- Water bottles must have labels removed and be plain/clear.

We wish all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best of luck with their mock examinations.

Thank you to families for reporting your child's absence using our online reporting form. We have had an increase in the number of children not attending school due to medical appointments. We understand that sometimes this is completely unavoidable but to support your child with their learning, wherever possible, please can these be scheduled for outside of the school day.

Kind regards,



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