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Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been an action-packed week at Waseley and a fantastic end to the first half term of 2024. The staff and students have been excited by the diggers arriving onsite to start our new build. The complete transformation of the front grass area has happened in a matter of days and begins the first stage of work. Half term will be busy when it comes to the building work.

Our Year 10 GCSE Drama students enjoyed a trip to the Alexandra theatre in Birmingham to see *The Woman in Black*. Members of the public commented on how incredible our students were and Miss Loveridge was blown away by how much the students got from the experience. Plans are underway to take more Drama students down to Covent Garden in London to continue the exposure to Theatre performances.

Waseley hosted a netball tournament in another inter-trust competition against Arrow Vale. I am pleased to say we beat their Year 11 team 19-1 and we beat their Year 9 team 16-5. Congratulations to the girls who represented us so well. These sorts of experiences are the ones where memories are made at school and I make it two wins from two against Arrow Vale this year already (not that I'm competitive).

Students were given the opportunity to reflect and understand more about their mental health in assemblies delivered by Miss McCleod this week. We are fortunate to have her expertise in how young people can support themselves and others in promoting good mental health. Alongside this our Year 10 and 12 students took part in an assembly on apprenticeships as part of their wider careers programme. Students were able to explore what an apprenticeship is, the various levels available and the types of industry they can find them in.

Our Year 11s and 13s have started their mocks well this week, we wish them luck as they revise over half term for those exams which take place the first two weeks after we return. The GCSE food students welcomed Morrisons Rubery Fishmonger for a masterclass in fish preparation to help them get the highest grades when they complete their GCSE practical assessment next half term.

We wish all of those involved in the half term ski trip to Austria the best of luck. I have no doubt that they will have an amazing time and we will be sharing some brilliant photographs in half term break. Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to make this trip happen.

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting Waseley and the community. We had a visit from an external expert on school attendance who reported "I have done this in 47 different schools, and I have never seen one that has made such rapid progress."

We wish you a safe and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely

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