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Dear Parents and Guardians

The students have done an excellent job of returning to school this week and showing how well they can adapt as the new build has begun. With the playground space reduced, the year 10s and 11s are now regularly taking on each other in football matches at break and lunch whilst key stage 3 have moved inside to the sports hall and studio for basketball and football matches of their own. The students' route through school has been adjusted to maintain calm transition between lessons and as with most things, our wonderful students have just got on with it and followed the new process.



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This week saw the return of our ski trip cohort who have spent all week sharing the amazing time they had in Austria over the February half term holidays. Thank you to the staff for giving up their holiday to put this on and for the parents and carers for their support in making it a memorable trip for the students. The hotel and ski instructors all commented on how amazing the students were in their conduct and resilience in taking on the Austrian mountains, many skiing for the first time ever.

The Year 11s and 13s have completed their final mocks before the real examinations this week. They have done this with a real focus and determination which will inform the final stage of teaching, intervention and tutoring as we quickly approach coursework deadlines and examination season. Thank you to the parents and carers for nagging them, helping set up revision timetables and giving them the motivational talks needed to succeed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and parents and carers for their support in ensuring our uniform expectations continue to be upheld. It is great to see the majority of our pupils wearing the Waseley uniform with pride and looking so smart. We have however, seen a few students in trainers, which aren't permitted, students without ties and a small amount are pushing the boundaries when it comes to jewellery. Can we just remind students and with the help of parents and carers that it should be one pair of small stud earrings, no rings and no necklaces or bracelets. If a student has their nose pierced, then a spacer or flesh coloured plaster must be worn until the piercing has set and then it can be taken out. Again, the students are very good at addressing this and working with us when highlighted to them but, it would be great if they could take ownership for this in the first instance.

Just a quick reminder that our students should wear tailored trousers or pleated skirts to the knee, no leggings and hoodies are to be worn only for PE and not on top of the Waseley school uniform. If on Monday students are in trainers, then we will provide appropriate footwear and someone from the pastoral team will be in touch to confirm the next steps. Of course, if you are having difficulty with any of the above then please do contact your child's Head of Year or one of the pastoral team so we can support in any way we can.

Thank you again in advance of your support with this.

Finally, our High School Musical performance takes place next week on Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. Tickets for this will be available to purchase on the door for £5 (cash only). We will also have refreshments available to purchase so please remember your change!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Preston', written in a cursive style.

Mr T Preston
Head of School