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Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Carers, 1st March 2024

We have had a fabulous week at Waseley rolling out the first school performance in 12 years, High School Musical Jr. Our fantastic cast both on stage and backstage performed two evening performances which were a huge success. It has without doubt made a huge imprint on the memories of those students who have shown dedication in rehearsing and practising for 6 months. Their performances were seen by parents/carers and other students and because of their brilliant performances we have had numerous other students ask what shows will be happening in the future and whether they could be a part of the next production. Our cast have clearly inspired the next generation of Waseley students. They themselves have commented about the skills they have developed throughout the experience. We would like to thank Miss Loveridge and Mrs Meredith for their inspirational choreography and direction of the musical. Needless to say, they loved it and have already begun to plan the summer showcase and future performances.

We also welcomed 260 students from Lickey Hills, Beaconside and Holywell on Wednesday to see the performance during the school day. They were incredible and their enthusiasm, politeness and positivity made for a wonderful matinee. The cast thrived off the energy of the primary school students and of course seeing siblings and family members in the crowd. Thank you for the amazing staff who showcased their amazing students. They were a credit to their respective schools and the community.

Our competitive spirit shone brightly this week. Our Sixth form won the Trust University Challenge knocking out Arrow Vale in the first round and defeating Gospel Oak in the final to be crowned champions. Despite being the smallest sixth form in the trust, we once again showed our fighting spirit, this time in academia. Well done to the students involved who are hoping to continue that success in the future competitions.

Our Year 8 and 9 students took part in a Handball tournament across the trust and took 2nd place in the boys competition and 3rd place in the girls competition. The students reported that they loved the experience and it has been amazing to see how so many of our students have taken up the high number of sporting fixtures that are now on offer to them. We now need to bring back the trophy cabinet to showcase the success that they have had across multiple disciplines this year.

Thank you to Stuart Palmer from Tilbury Douglas who delivered assemblies to all students this week on the new build updates, safety procedures and plans for site visits in the future. The students enjoyed seeing the different careers available and an understanding of the architectural plans. Stuart is planning to run future assemblies to keep students up to date with the progress they are seeing on a daily basis.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend,

Mr Preston

Head of School

