

Waseley Hills High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

This week has seen our Year 9 students visit the Lapworth Museum of Geology - University of Birmingham for a Geography lecture and trip. The students were impeccably behaved and got the chance to explore the campus. This will inspire many to aim high when it comes to further studies. The Year 11 students have had their second instalment of Elevate Education with external coaches showing students how to revise effectively. This will help them prepare for their mock examinations which are only two weeks away but with an early English mock on Monday 22nd January.

We also saw our Sports Leaders partake in training and get ready for their sporting competitions. These students will run, organise and officiate sporting competitions between different schools and host these competitions at Waseley over the coming months. The students were really excited with this opportunity and it will support our continued pledge to open doors to the community and feeder primary schools.

Thank you for all of the parents and carers who attended yesterday's Year 8 Parents Evening. This was a well-attended and successful evening with many happy students being given excellent feedback from staff.

We had an external visit from our School Improvement Partner looking at Personal Development across all year groups this week. The feedback was excellent, with a particular highlight showing that students are getting over and above the national curriculum and have a wide array of clubs and activities to get involved in. The visitors described the provision as 'best practice' and wanted to thank the students they spoke to throughout the day who were unanimous in saying that they are learning more and enjoying the opportunities at the school.

Further to requests from parents we are really pleased to inform you that Waseley uniform is now available to purchase from Marks & Spencer. Hopefully this offers you more choice and accessibility to uniform stockists. Please go to https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/ the link is also on our school website on the Parents > Uniform Information page.

Students in years 7, 9 and 11 have been selected to take part in Sport England's Active Lives Children and Young People Survey. This helps the Department for Education source valuable information that will shape investment in sport and physical activity for years to come. It is anonymous and about your child's thoughts and feelings about sport, PE and health. These will be carried out during PE lessons shortly and the school will receive some free equipment for taking part.

Finally, we are excited to share with you that Waseley Hills along with the DfE and our development partners have now signed contracts for our new build. Work is now confirmed as starting in the first weeks of February, so it is all systems go for Waseley Hills new build!

Yours sincerely

Mr T Preston Head of School

