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Dear Parents and Carers,

19th April 2024

This week has been another showcase of how excellent our students can be with adapting to changing situations. We started the week having to shut the sports hall and studio to allow it to dry out for the GCSE PE moderation. Students in Years 7-9 had to move to the main hall for break and lunch times and sports options were limited as a result. Needless to say, the students coped brilliantly and showed once again their willingness to support each other and allow the Year 11 PE students the best chance to succeed. The PE moderation itself was a great success with many students, some who don't take PE, choosing to get involved to support those who were being watched closely by the exam board whilst they completed a range of practical sports. It was lovely to see Year 11 come together to help each other out at a time that is nerve wracking. Year 11 have also turned up on mass to interventions after school showing the dedication to their studies. Thank you for your support in encouraging (sometimes forcing) your son/daughter to attend these vital revision sessions.

Miss Brazil took our KS3 football team for a football fixture against St John's Middle School. The team were on a high having performed well earlier in the season but unfortunately were beaten. They showed excellent sportsmanship throughout though and demonstrated brilliantly the Respect part of our Waseley Way. Miss Brazil is already booking in another fixture to allow the girls to get back to winning ways.

Some of our Y8 student leaders visited Arrow Vale on Tuesday to meet up with their fellow RSA8 social action ambassadors from Church Hill, Ipsley, Holyhead and Gospel Oak. They took part in an oracy and communications workshop which helped them develop skills that they will apply to their presentation at Newman University in June. The students and Mr Mason had a wonderful day, and it was fantastic to get a message from one of the leaders to say they were impressed by our students. *"Their behaviour and commitment to the session was outstanding"*. We are very proud of our Y8's and we look forward to hearing the next steps in their project.

Our Year 7s have had a busy week with an attendance celebration morning of hot drink and cakes. We would like to thank our families for encouraging their child to be punctual and attend school to support with their academic and social development, along with our Year 7 tutors, Achievement Assistants and SWO who always check in with students and support them when needed. The Year 7s ended the week with a fantastic Parents Evening yesterday. Thank you for all of those who attended and the feedback that was given to us on the night by parents was incredibly positive. We value hugely that close partnership in working together and regular feedback is a key part of it. Thank you for all the kind messages that I will share with staff - this makes such a difference to them as they work so hard to get the best from every student.

Finally, an update on the first inter-house competitions since the student council launched our new houses. The inter-house sports events this week have seen Air in the lead with 1140 points, Water in second with 1000, Fire in third with 920 and Earth fourth with 880. Well done to all the students who participated and earned house points as a result. Remember all the inter house competitions this term add up to see who wins the coveted house cup and receive reward trips chosen by the students. Current totals overall for the year are Fire 72,570; Earth 70,843; Air 68,647; and Water 57,631. All still left to play for as we continue with inter-house competitions in chess and Art over the next few weeks.

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A final ask to allow us to continually improve as a school we would very much appreciate 2 minutes of your time to fill out our parental survey:

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A gentle reminder that as part of our commitment to reducing plastic waste, we no longer have plastic cups on site to serve water. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, or has the funds in their sQuid wallet to purchase these in the canteen.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Preston', written in a cursive style.

Mr Preston
Head of School