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Dear Parents and Carers,

26th April 2024

Firstly a thank you for your excellent response to the dropping off and picking up of students on site. The changes made on site have meant a much safer environment for students leaving and your adjustments to allow this have been greatly appreciated. Thank you for working together to keep everybody safe during the new build project.

It has been a fantastic week at Waseley Hills with lots of exciting events taking place for all students across the school.

We continue to celebrate sporting victory this week; our Year 9 Football and KS3/4 Basketball teams competed against Arrow Vale and managed a last minute 4 -3 win in Football and comfortable 29-9 victory in Basketball. Well done to all those involved.

On Tuesday, 65 of our Year 10 Geography students took part in field work that is a vital part of their GCSE. Students completed their Physical Geography Field investigation study at Carding Mill Valley, Shropshire. This will enable them to put their practical skills into their examination write up and will boost their chances of great outcomes in Year 11. The students were confident with their data collection techniques, working politely with the public and pupils from other schools in the beautiful rural surroundings.

On Thursday we hosted our very first Careers Fayre for all students across the school. We welcomed over 25 exhibitors to speak to students about further and higher education and careers across a range of industries. Guests included: the Army, the Royal Navy, HOW College, Halesowen College, Cadbury Sixth Form and College, South and City College Birmingham, Dudley College, Waseley Sixth Form, WCC Young Adult Learning, Aston University, Birmingham City University, Newman University, NCS, Redditch United, Corstophine and Wright, SJ Walchester Demolition, JA Burke Construction, David Bunn & Co Solicitors, Big Green Coach, West Mercia Police, Marlowe Compliance Services, Prosser Knowles Associates Ltd, David Paradine MEP Ltd and BCHC NHS Trust.

It was a fantastic event that students in Years 7 – 13 visited throughout the school day; students had prepared for the event by reviewing exhibitor information during culture and preparing questions to ask. Students completed a 'passport' whilst visiting the event and those who completed their Careers Fayre challenge will be awarded 50 house points for their house. Our students were insightful and engaged throughout and their excellent conduct was praised by all guests. It was lovely to also see so many Year 10 and 11 students and their families visit the fayre afterschool. We would like to thank all of our guest exhibitors for their time and efforts during the event and making it so meaningful for our students, we can't wait to host the event again next year and welcome even more guests from an even wider range of industries.

Students in Year 11 continued with their one-to-one careers interviews this week with a qualified careers advisor and students in Year 10 will shortly begin their interviews. These provide students with impartial expert advice on their next steps and career aspirations.

Students across the school continue to be rewarded for 'getting it right' by receiving house points for their attitude to learning, attendance to and engagement in lessons and conduct. Next week sees our next inter house competition with our 'ETHICS challenge'; students who achieve 30 ETHIC points or more next week will receive a 20 house point

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bonus for their respective house. The race for the House Cup is still on with Fire in the lead but only by 1000 points, it is still all to play for!

We continue to impress on students the importance of attendance and punctuality and would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that students are expected on site by 8.45am for an 8.50am start. Students who arrive on site after 8.50am will be issued with a break time detention. Please ensure you have contacted your child's Head of Year if there are mitigating circumstances that mean students are unable to arrive by this time. We will also be focusing on students' punctuality to lessons over the coming weeks, ensuring that students are able to make the most of their learning time by arriving to lessons promptly ready to learn, we appreciate your support in discussing the importance of this with your young person.

Finally, students in Years 7 – 9 have all had assemblies this week focusing on how they can best prepare for their end of year assessments and how they can be studious in their approach, more information about these assessments and how you can support your child in their preparations will be sent to parents of those in Years 7 – 9 shortly.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mr Preston'.

Mr Preston
Head of School