

Waseley Hills Connection

ISSUE ONE

Friday 6th May

A message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the summer term, I want to wish all of our exam classes the best of luck. I know that our year 11 and 13 students have been working exceptionally hard and that they have taken the opportunities they have been presented with. I am certain that this will be reflected in some excellent individual results in August.

We have begun the Summer term with a real sense of purpose at Waseley and the improvements in the school continue to be noticed and commented upon by visitors. We are an open school and I want to ask you to keep talking to us and giving us feedback about how and where we can improve.

The big goals we have set ourselves for the rest of the year involve a new homework routine called Independent Learning Tasks, the development of the curriculum and continuing to improve lessons.

We are also pleased to launch our new Waseley Ethic - you will read more about this below.

Thank you ever so much for your continued support.

Mr Belshaw

Introducing the 'Waseley ETHIC'

We are committed to acknowledging and celebrating student success. This week, we have launched our new rewards policy, the 'Waseley ETHIC'. Our aim is to capture and celebrate positive behaviours both inside and outside of the classroom. All students have been made aware of how they can demonstrate the 'Waseley ETHIC' and achieve points.

E – Excellence
T – Team
H – Honesty
I – Intelligence
C – Confidence

Celebrating our Reward Champions

Last Friday marked an exciting time for us at Waseley as each year group celebrated the achievements of the 'Rewards Champion'. The student with the top number of points for each year group received a prize, as well as an exclusive VIP pass to be redeemed in the Café. Congratulations to the following Champions:

Year 7 – Maisie Solomon

Year 8 – Issy Sherrington-Lowe

Year 9 – Niamh Solomon

Year 10 – Luke Vanes

Introducing our new school Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to inform you that we have recently appointed our Head Boy: Luke Pitt and Head Girl: Ellie Marriott.

Ellie, an aspiring mathematics scholar shared the following message;
'I applied for this role because I believe that I have the skills and capability to make our school a better environment for everybody. With this position, it is my aim to improve the way we approach mental health within the Sixth Form community.'

We wish to thank all students who applied for the positions and we look forward to the great changes ahead that both Ellie and Luke will influence.

100% Attendance Champions



Congratulations to our Year 11 100% Attendance Champions: Morgan Williams and Ella Field. We are looking forward to issuing more certificates and rewards to students who continue to attend school each day.

Key Calendar Dates

- Tuesday 17th May
4.30 to 6.30pm
- Year 9 Options evening
and Core subject
consultations
- Waseley Hills Connection
Friday 20th May

Year 11 and Year 13 Examinations

We are fast approaching the Summer 2022 examination series, with the official start date of Monday 16th May. We would like to use this as an opportunity to wish all of our year 11 and 13 students all the best in their examinations. If you have any queries regarding the examinations, please do not hesitate to contact our exams officer, Kate Benson at kbenson@waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk

'Brunch with Belshaw'

At Waseley, we value student voice and have created a new opportunity for our learners to share their views. Each half term, our Heads of Year will nominate students in each year group to meet with our Principal to discuss any school issues, what students are enjoying at school and an opportunity to share suggestions for improvements. The first meeting was a real success and we look forward to hearing more from our student voice in the upcoming weeks.



Year 12 Geography Worcester University Visit



This week, Mrs Harris took a group of Year 12 Geography students to visit the University of Worcester. Students enjoyed taking part in two lectures; one on migration and the other on climate change on European glaciers. Students also took part in a campus tour and enjoyed the opportunity to have a taster of University life.

Pet Food Appeal

A huge thank you for all your support towards the Pet Food Appeal at Waseley in conjunction with 'Paws Here'. We were astonished by the number of donations that we received in just two weeks. All food collected went on to a warehouse in Redditch and then directly onto Ukraine the same evening.

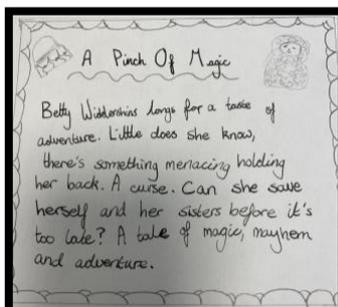


ICT / Computing Club



Our Year 9 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to meet the school technician, Mr P Metcalf. He demonstrated how the internal parts of the computer interconnect and the purpose to each. Students were able to visualise and work in small groups to feel, observe and learn about the function to each of the components: motherboard, CPU, RAM, ROM, hard disk drive, expansion cards. Students had the opportunity to ask specific, technical questions and it was amazing to see how many students were encouraged to try and assemble the computer parts together!

'Brilliant Blurb' Competition



Congratulations to Eleanor Brooke (YR7) on her entry to the Trust 'Brilliant Blurb' competition. We are delighted to share that Eleanor was a runner up – Well done! We look forward to reading more of your writing!

'Staff Success'

Our very own school receptionist Miss Nicholls ran her first half marathon in just 2 hours 15 minutes – very impressive! Congratulations!

