

Waseley Hills Connection

ISSUE TWO

Friday 20th May

A message from the Principal,

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks have seen our exam groups and teachers working hard to get the amazing grades we know they are capable of. It has been so heartening to see how they have been revising and studying, completing past paper after past paper and giving their all. They have been a true embodiment of the Waseley Ethic and I can't wait to see some of their smiling faces come August.

We have also been really pleased to welcome the parents and students of year 9 where we welcomed over 90% of the cohort to our recent Options/Parents evening. This was a real success and showed us the appetite our community has for their schooling.

Last Tuesday we welcomed a selection of year 4 students to Waseley who had an amazing time. We look forward to many more of these events and to making Waseley into the heart of the community once more.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Belshaw

Celebrating the 'Waseley ETHIC'

Teachers have relished the opportunity to celebrate students who are demonstrating the 'Waseley ETHIC'. Our students have been awarded positive points for showing Excellence, Teamwork, Honesty, Intelligence and Confidence. We are looking forward to celebrating individual student success in our tutors and assemblies towards the end of this half term.



A tribute to Mr John Glasgow

Waseley are lucky to have a benefactor in Mr John Glasgow, an ex-teacher. Mr Glasgow who taught Classics at the school during the 1980's, sadly passed away in October 2021. However, he kindly left his library to the school. Mr Glasgow is remembered fondly by members of staff both past and present.

Ms Bidgood said *'he was lovely person and a very supportive Teacher.'*

Every day, our school library is full of students wanting to have a quiet space to read and an opportunity to take home new books. We are very lucky to have this space and our books. Thank you.

Year 9 Core Subject Parent Consultation and Options Fayre

We were delighted to welcome year 9 parents and guardians into school on Tuesday to meet with core teachers and to discuss their option choices with teachers. The evening was extremely busy and it was lovely to hear the discussions that our students were having regarding their option choices.



We look forward to receiving your child's option choices forms from Monday 23rd of May with the final deadline for submission on **Thursday 26th May**.



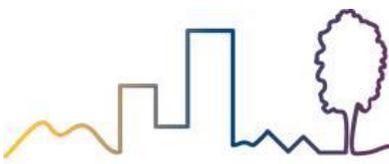
Year 4 Primary Visit

On Tuesday, we welcomed Holwell, Beaconside and Lickey Hills Primary. In total, we welcomed around 120 Year 4 students from some of our local primary schools to take part in exciting activities in Drama, Art, PE and Music. It was fantastic and ended with a celebration assembly recognising Waseley rising stars from each of the schools. It gave our 6th Form student leaders the opportunity to tread the boards at delivering sessions and will soon be out at primaries offering more provision for our primary schools. Thank you to all staff involved.

Celebrating Success – ESSA Track and Field Events

This week, we took thirteen year 8 students and one year 7 student to the ESSA track and Field Athletics Regional event. We have not received the final results yet, but all students competed well and we are very proud of them all! Alfie in Year 8 gained 2nd place in his 200m heat – congratulations Alfie! Our girls came 2nd in the relay race but were unfortunately later disqualified due to an illegal changeover.

Congratulations to all students who were involved in the event – you have done a fantastic job with representing our school.

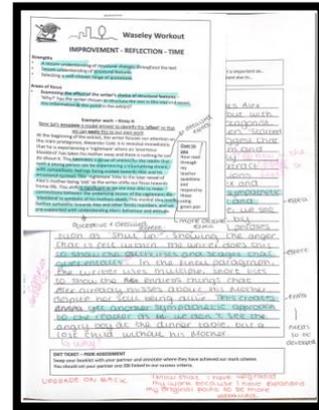
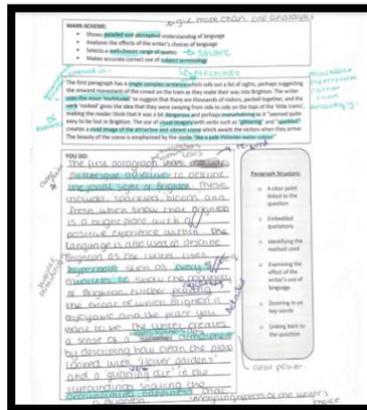
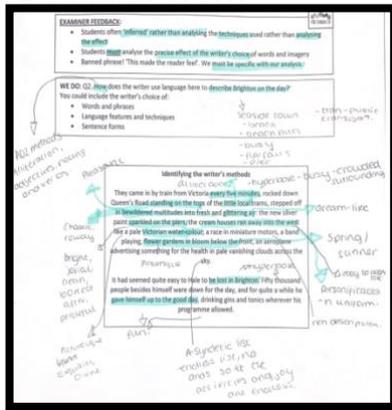


Celebrating Reading

We are very excited to launch a brand-new tutor reading programme for Year 7-10. We want to develop our school culture of reading and to celebrate reading together. Each year group have a tutor novel to read and we will start this programme after half-term. This week, tutors have enjoyed receiving training on how to support tutees with reading and we are all excited to get started so that we can read and discuss ideas literature together.



'Beautiful Work'



Students in English have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming GCSE examinations. Students have had the opportunity to look closely at examiner feedback, model answers and then upgrade their own work. Well done for continuing to work so hard right up until the end of your examinations! We are very proud of you all!

Year 10 Mocks

Year 10 students will begin mock examinations on Monday in English and Maths on Wednesday. Students will be able to experience the exam setting in the hall and will have an opportunity to demonstrate their current understanding. Students will be reassessed later in the term and we will celebrate the progress that they have made. We look forward to reviewing all the amazing work that our students produce and celebrating achievement together.

'Staff Success'

This week we would like to celebrate all teachers of YR11 and YR13. Exam season can be particularly challenging, but you have continued to be the kind, calm and reassuring support to our students.

Thank you for going above and beyond for our pupils.

Key Calendar Dates

- Waseley Hills Connection Friday 10th June
- Non uniform Day - Friday 27th May - Children's Cancer Trust