

Autumn Newsletter September 2019

Dear Parent /Carer

I am pleased to welcome students and parents to the new term at Waseley Hills. The term has started well and there is a positive atmosphere both in and out of lessons. We will be asking all of our students to think hard about **Aspire, Invest** and **Respect** in assemblies and about how important these simple words are to the success of their education and how they can make the most of opportunities in school.

Last year we had a big emphasis on homework and expectations of students' work in school; this will continue in the new term. We use 'Show My Homework' as an online communication tool to replace the Homework Planners and the feedback from students and parents has been excellent. All parents/carers will have received their login details and it is really important that you check in regularly and support the school's policy of regular homework.

New Staff

I am delighted to announce that the following staff have been appointed to new roles at Waseley Hills. The staff took up their appointments in September 2019 and I am sure that parents will join me in wishing them every success.

- Mrs Barlow – Teaching Assistant SEN
- Ms Harvey – Cover Manager
- Mrs Kobiela – Teacher of English
- Miss McCallum – Teaching Assistant MAB
- Mr Peace – Teacher of Mathematics
- Miss Whitehead – Teaching Assistant MAB
- Mr Whiteside – Teacher of Art & Design

An Excellent Start by Year 7

Our new Year 7 students have quickly settled into school routines. It is a pleasure to see young people so enthusiastic about a new school year and we are delighted that they have joined our school community. Parents of Year 7 students are invited into school on **Tuesday 17th** from **4.30 - 6.00 pm** for a '**Waseley Welcome**'. At this new 'workshop' initiative, parents can drop in to topic workshop tables, talk to staff and learn how you can support your child in all aspects of year 7; parents can also discuss any concerns. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

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There is a 'Meet the Tutor' evening on **Tuesday 22nd October**, the week before half term, when parents can discuss the first 8 weeks with the Tutor. There is a full Year 7 Parents' Evening on **Thursday 6th February 2020** when parents can meet subject teachers and the annual report for Year 7 is issued at the end of the school year.

Parking on the School Site

Could I please ask for parents' help with parking on School Road, Gunner Lane and Gannow Road. Residents report parents parking across their driveways and blocking access to properties. I am sure you will agree with me that this is very frustrating. There is an overflow car park on the school site midway between the two schools on the right hand side and many parents collect from the country park car park on Holywell Lane. Can I also politely remind parents not to park at the top of the staff car park at the end of the school day unless you have a blue badge; access is required at all times for taxis and emergency services.

School Uniform

At the start of term our students were looking very smart in school uniform. The school currently has two school uniform suppliers; Kids Essentials, New Road in Rubery and School Days in Bromsgrove who offer a range of services. Details of both are on our website. Can I please ask parents to ensure that they use the advised school uniform suppliers for all compulsory uniform items; school trousers, blouses, shoes and other items of uniform can be bought from any supplier provided they meet the school uniform colours and specifications. Again, please check the school website for details.

Please note that we are no longer in partnership with School Trends the online school uniform supplier.

Open Evening and Important School Dates

There is an Open Evening on **Thursday 26th September from 6.00 – 8.00 pm** for all Parents considering choosing Waseley Hills High School as their secondary school. To help us to prepare, we will have a shortened school day. All students will finish school at 1:30 pm and leave the school site. The Bromsgrove Bus services have been adjusted to take this into consideration. The following day Friday 27th September is a late start morning and students will arrive at school by 11:00 am ready to start lessons after breaktime at 11:20 am.

Dates of Parent Consultation Evenings for this academic year are given below and are also available on the school website. In addition I have published the dates of the termly Parent Forum and INSET days here and on the website. I would particularly invite parents of new Year 7 students to attend this Forum where I will be available along with senior staff to discuss issues or answer questions about the school that parents wish to raise. Refreshments are provided at this meeting.

Parent Event	Day and Date	Time
Parent Consultation Year 13	Tuesday 1 st October 2019	4:30 - 7:00 pm
Meet the Year 7 Tutor	Tuesday 22 nd October 2019	4:30 - 6:00 pm
Parent Consultation Year 11	Tuesday 12 th November 2019	4:30 - 7:00 pm
Parent Consultation Year 12	Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	4:30 - 7:00 pm
Parent Consultation Year 10	Tuesday 21 st January 2020	4:30 - 7:00 pm
Parent Consultation Year 7	Thursday 6 th February 2020	4:30 - 7:00 pm
Parent Consultation Year 8	Tuesday 11 th February 2020	4:30 - 7:00 pm
Parent Consultation Year 9	Thursday 26 th March 2020	4:30 - 7:00 pm
Parent Forum - Autumn term	Monday 30 th September 2019	6 - 7.30 pm
Parent Forum - Spring term	Monday 24 th February 2020	6 - 7.30 pm
Parent Forum - Summer term	Monday 15 th June 2020	6 - 7.30 pm
INSET day - school closed	Friday 18 th October 2019	All day
INSET day - school closed	Monday 25 th November 2019	All day
INSET day - school closed	Friday 19 th June 2020	All day
Last day of Summer term	Friday 17 th July 2020	

All of the dates given above are also on the school website and can be accessed through the 'live' calendar which is updated weekly. In addition, 'be the first to know' by following the school Facebook page for other updates and notification of school events.

We wish all of our parents and students a happy and successful year.

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