Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our summer term edition of the Waverley Newsletter and the end of my first term here. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know pupils, parents and staff.

Staff and pupils have been busy preparing for their important external examinations this term within lessons, through the Easter break, after school clubs and Saturday mornings. We said ‘goodbye’ to our Year 11’s and Year 13’s this term and I do hope that all the hard work is rewarded. I hope you enjoy reading about the other achievements in the curriculum areas as you browse through this newsletter.

This term we welcomed international visitors from both France and China to our school; sent pupils as part of the Eramus+ project to Poland and raised over £1700 towards BBC Children In Need.

There is still a strong sense of competition amongst our mini-schools and congratulations to last terms winner Phoenix. We also held our Grand Iftaar event again this year, which was a wonderful success in terms of community involvement and the money raised for charity.

A few changes are on the horizon for September. Our primary and sixth form pupils will become part of the schools House system. The current Assistant Heads under the existing system will now be identified as Heads of House; these individuals along with the Achievement Coordinators currently attached to each House will be your point of contact.

It just remains for me to wish you all a lovely summer break.

Ms J Newsome Principal
Our Year 11 pupils have been busy preparing for their exam via Mathswatch and SAM Learning - it’s a very powerful resource for secondary age pupils and will support the work that we are doing with pupils in school. SAM Learning is an online learning experience for young pupils to enhance their prospect of getting better GCSE grades. It is impressive to see that Year 11’s have shown a lot of commitment across the cohort.

After school revision classes have gone from strength to strength, Thank you to everyone involved in running after school and Saturday sessions. In addition we have set up a Booster Class for years 7-10 on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school. Any pupil is welcome to these additional sessions to help them recap on the week's work or take things a step further.

Finally from the Maths Department, we’d like to welcome Ms Afzal for joining our team as our new Head of Faculty.

By Mr Zaman

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It’s been another busy term for everyone with lots to cram in before the Easter break. The rewards assemblies were lovely and it was great to see the right students being rewarded for making a positive contribution to the school. Pupils’ termly assessment results was recognised and rewarded by their subject teacher.

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MATHS

ENGLISH

‘Question Time’ with Liam Byrne

A group of year 10 English students at Waverley School have just completed a unit of work analysing aspects of the British political system and considering how they can make informed choices within a democratic system. On Friday 15th April, they met with their local MP Mr Liam Byrne in a question and answer session covering current political topics as part of their work.

By Mr Ali
7Y pupils have recently been exploring tropical rainforests in their cross-curricular geography and textile lessons with Miss McAuley and Miss Quadir. They have looked at different aspects of the rainforest with a particular focus on plants, animals and the people who inhabit it. They have examined the reasons behind the destruction of rainforests and discussed why they are being cut down on a daily basis. Pupils have also produced a textile response based on the plants and endangered animals found in these tropical rainforests, such as lemurs, poison dart frogs and macaws. They have learnt the technique of stencil printing by using paper stencils to print on natural cotton fabric using sponges and printing ink, as well as developing hand embroidery skills. Well done Sihaam, Junaid, Hashir, Javed, Ismail, Piotr, Jake, Kyle, Aymun, Ibrahim and Abdulhaq! By Ms Quadir

**FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

Year 7 were tasked with creating a fun fruit product to attract children to eat more fruit. This was their first practical lesson and they produced some fantastic results. Pupils practiced their knife skills and worked hygienically and safely with some very difficult fruits. By Miss Jones
Art - Pupils in Year 7 Study the work of Vincent Van Gogh to celebrate new film, ‘Loving Vincent’

Pupils in Year 7 have been investigating the work of Vincent Van Gogh as part of their ‘developing skills’ scheme of work, by looking at the work of the artist and using a range of different media to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of his technique. They have produced their own original work in the style of van Gogh and to help them they have been looking at the film Loving Vincent which is all about the life of the artist and which is the first fully animated feature film to be made entirely of oil paintings. By seeing how the film was made, pupils can get a real insight into how Van Gogh worked and a fuller understanding of his style. This then informed them when they produced their own work in the style of Van Gogh. Here is a picture of Van Gogh’s chair produced by Hadiqa Kausar (D7) as part of her homework and a self-portrait in the style of Van Gogh by Rahima Begum (P6). By Mr Poole

KS3 PRODUCT DESIGN

Students in KS3 are learning about Computer Aided Design and Manufacture (CADCAM). They have looked at groups of people who might use their product and what themes would appeal to each group. These themes formed the basis of their design ideas. They have learned how to use some CAD software to draw the design for their products. Their CAD models were then downloaded to a laser cutter to cut each piece of the product for the students to assemble.

Year 7 have been making desk tidies from wood to organise their school stationary and to keep their desks clear for studying. They could also choose to make additional decorations from acrylic to improve the look and the appeal of their product.

This year, Year 8 students have been making lanterns out of wood and acrylic. The lantern diffuses light through a pattern of holes cut into each side to create a calming atmosphere. They learned how to solder a simple electronic circuit to put into their lantern to light it up. By Ms Hathaway

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Year 11 have continued to work towards their RE GCSE. Following some very pleasing performances in their mock exams at Easter, students should be aiming for excellent grades this summer. Their first exam, on the Islam: Ethics paper was on the second day back after half-term. To support them with their revision, all students were issued with two specially made revision guides.

By Mr Harris

LGBT HISTORY MONTH

Earlier this year, Year 7 students took part in activities to celebrate LGBT History Month during their RE lessons. As part of this year’s theme of ‘Religion, Belief and Philosophy, students considered what it means to be LGBT and how this links to religious beliefs. They also studied how LGBT rights have increased over the years but how, unfortunately, many LGBT people still suffer discrimination.

By Mr Harris
Over the last term, the technology has changed at Waverley School. We now have a brand new computer suite designed to promote the best possible outcomes from our students. With new technology and new curriculums coming into effect, we are excited for the new academic year and the courses that we can offer our students. There are more exciting developments planned so watch this space!

Waverley pupils enjoyed a visit to Paris after hosting 25 French pupils at Waverley School. Pupils were involved in a project entitled ‘Food from the Empires’ our students worked in groups to create a recipe book with their French friends. During the visits pupils worked in school and tested their recipes but also were able to enjoy cultural visits and workshops held outside school.

While we hosted our French visitors we showed them Cadbury World, Liverpool and Stratford-upon-Avon where they learned a lot about Food from our Empire and how it has been ingrained into British culture.

During our visit to France, alongside the hard work the pupils did on their recipe book we were able to visit Paris and Parc Asterix (French theme park). Pupils were also able to present their work in the town hall to the Mayor and other officials.

The work continues in school to ensure a great recipe book, students will be holding assemblies in July to show their final outcome to the whole school.

All the students had an amazing time and have made lifelong friends. We hope that this successful partnership will continue next year.

By Ms Tromans
There has been an increase in numbers for PE extra-curricular clubs. Well done to those pupils who are taking part to develop their skills and fitness. This is very pleasing to the PE Department. Remember to look out for when the clubs take place as they change each term. Ask your PE teacher if you have any questions.

**CRICKET**

On Thursday 9th June we hosted our first year 7/8 cricket fixture against Small Heath. The boys showed a great enthusiasm in the game and there were some great scenes to witness when we managed to take some wickets. Unfortunately we lost by 2 runs. Small Heath batted first and set a total of 83. Our star men with the ball were Naqueeb Habib, Yousaf Khan and Mohammed Danyal all taking two wickets each.

Chasing 83 from 16 overs was a reasonable target to chase down. Mohammed Danyal top scored with 16 runs. Yousaf Khan again excelled, he came in at number 9 and hit 3 consecutive 4’s. Needing 4 to win off the last ball we could only manage 2 runs.

The boys were very gracious in defeat and made Mr. Melsopp and myself very proud representing the school in such a good light.

Also a special mention to Liam McRobert for assisting with the scoring for the game. Our next fixture is at home on Thursday 23rd June against Yardley.

**ROUNDERS** Rounders at the Birmingham School Games

Miss Siviter and Miss Thompson would like to congratulate the year 9 girl’s rounder’s team on their success. They played a tournament against 3 other schools and won! We are now in the final of the Birmingham School Games.

Well done to the team for their dedication to practice and effort during every game. They were a credit to the school.


**ERASMUS PLUS POLAND TRIP**

Mr. Cross took 3 pupils Hamim Hussain, Mustakim Choudhury and Hagi Marin to Poland as part of the Erasmus plus project. The three boys were representing the UK along with 5 students from Calthorpe in the international project.

As ambassadors of the UK the boys had to do several presentations about the school and UK and they competed in 5 different sporting events in mixed ability teams. The boys excelled in the events and found themselves all winning one of the competitions.

The students were an absolute credit to the school in the way they conducted themselves, acted as role models for the Calthorpe students, showed maturity during the week and gave 100% commitment to all the activities.

The Calthorpe, French and Polish staff were very complimentary of the boys and they did themselves and the school proud during the week. By Ms Siviter

**YEAR 11 FOOTBALL**

The year 11 boy’s football team got through to the Arthur blades final against Holy Trinity. Unfortunately, the final score was 2-0 but they put in a great effort throughout. Well done boys.

By Mr. Milward.
RECEPTION

In Reception this term we have been working on our super writing. We have been reading lots of stories and having a go at writing our own, based on the fairy tales that we have read. We climbed through a web of ‘thorns’ and built towers to help Rapunzel escape from the tower the witch had trapped her in. By Ms Robertson.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On the 4th May, Year 2 had their first football tournament against Timberley School and Bordesley Green School. The tournament was held at Waverley School and parents showed up in great numbers to support. Waverley played four matches in total:
- Waverley 0 - 0 Bordesley Green
- Waverley 0 - 1 Timberley

Waverley managed to finish second, 1 point behind Timberley, which was a great result. By Ms Gibbs

VISIT TO CADBURY WORLD

On Friday 22nd April, Year 2 spent a most enjoyable day at Cadbury World. The children learned many facts about the history of the Cadbury family and how the factory came to be in Bournville. The children (and staff) took great pleasure in sampling Cadbury chocolate and thoroughly enjoyed the 4D experience. A trip that the children will remember for a long time. By Ms Gibbs

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On Wednesday 23rd March 2016, Waverley Trust celebrated Diversity Day. The trust focussed on the ‘Rights of the Child’, in support of the Unicef UK programme that aims to put children’s rights at the heart of schools in the UK.

Our pupils’ across the trust learnt about children’s rights; putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into practice within the school and beyond. (The UNCRC sets out the human rights of every person under the age of 18. The Convention is an international human rights treaty which was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1989 and ratified by the UK in 1991).
Pupils' developed their knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC articles through a variety of workshops. Workshops were engaging and active; allowing pupils' to take part in healthy discussions and practical work. Just some of the content covered included:

- Universal definition of children's' rights
- Importance of the convention
- Difference between needs and wants
- Universal rights and responsibility
- Duty of the state to ensure that all children and young people can enjoy their rights, regardless of who they are, or where they are from
- Rights of refugee children

Waverley School continues their rights-respecting journey.

By Ms Singh
A great deal of work has been done by both staff and students to prepare them for their final examinations and destinations upon leaving the sixth form. We are looking forward to our farewell celebrations at the end of the academic year.

Our sixth form is continuing to develop a strong emphasis in preparing our students for the world of work. All of our Year 12 students have successfully secured work experience places, which will be an invaluable achievement towards their future ambitions.

Year 12 have started to write up their personal statements for UCAS 2017. We look forward to the continuing support from higher education institutions in the next academic term.

Students are extremely excited to take part in the Envision Apprentice Day this summer. All of Year 12 students will embrace the challenge of producing a media item on raising awareness on a health issue of their choice. They will be competing with five other colleges nationwide. We are extremely proud to have been selected to take part in the competition. Good Luck Year 12! 

Year 12 and 13 A-Level Chemists were privileged in having Dr Read, a lead scientist in the field of Spectroscopy (member of Royal Society of Chemistry outreach programme) visit our school and deliver a masterclass on his work.

Our students had been currently studying this topic in class and found the session highly engaging and very informative. Students had the opportunity in having hands on experience using a Spectrometer and then analysing their spectra. Many of our students found the visit highly motivational and inspiring and in some cases stirred emotions of pursuing a science related discipline at University or a science related profession. Dr Read was very complimentary with the behaviour and maturity displayed by all Chemists and extended his services by inviting our Year 12’s to visit Birmingham University in July and allowing them to have some time in the labs. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our Year 12 chemists to enhance their practical skills.

By Mr Mahandru

As we approach the end of the academic year we wish our Year 13 student the very best in their examinations and their future pathways.

On Monday 18th April, Sixth Form students across the Trust attended Price Waterhouse and Cooper, the multi-national finance firm at their offices in Birmingham. They learnt about how the company works, the key attributes that employers are looking for and the importance of communication and team skills. 

By Ms Bond

6TH FORM VISIT TO PRICE WATERHOUSE AND COOPER

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY MASTERCLASS!
**VISIT TO SOUTH AND CITY COLLEGE BIRMINGHAM**

Waverley students attended South and City College Birmingham on the 15th March and experienced a taster session on gardening, fashion and digital media. They were involved in a carousel activity in which they learnt about the various practical courses available as well as experiencing different departments. Some year 11 students have since made applications following on from this visit.  
By Ms Bond

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**HARRY POTTER TRIP**

In May, Mr Williams organised a trip to the Warner Bros Studio - The Making of Harry Potter in London for Year 7 and 8. Ms Nazir, Mrs Smiley, Ms Malik and Miss Patel accompanied Mr Williams and pupils. After a long drive to London, pupils had the pleasure of participating in workshops which included an insight into how to make props and scriptwriting. Pupils were enamoured by the costumes worn on set, props used in the films and some of the settings. They left the studios with a wealth of knowledge about stage and studio production. Some of the highlights were riding on broomsticks, visiting Platform 9 3/4 and the Hogwarts Express and of course, visiting the gift shop.  
By Ms Nazir

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**CAREERS FAIR**

Waverley held our fourth Careers Fair on Friday 15th July. We anticipated over thirty providers attending including other schools and college providers, local employers and voluntary organisations.  
Student feedback from previous events highlight that they found the variety interesting and the information gained from the event useful in supporting their future career paths. 
By Ms Bond
Waverley School hosted international visitors after half-term from No.2 High School Affiliated to East China Normal University - Shanghai - China.

12 pupils and 3 staff joined us for a week to enjoy an experience of British culture, participate in STEM challenge activities in school, and explore the Think Tank and Science Museum, National Space Centre and local points of interest that Birmingham had to offer.

We planned a fun-filled educational week for our visitors with a selection of 12 Year 8/9 pupils from Waverley to accompany them and engage in the exchange program.

By Ms Reddy
During the week commencing 14th of March Waverley held an Autism Awareness Week. This involved 4 parents baking, cooking, getting sponsorship from Morrison’s, Tesco’s and other companies to support in contributing goods for us to sell to staff and students.

The parents - Mrs Mehmood, Mrs Bibi, Mrs Ghauri and Mrs Akhtar contributed massively to the event. The big day was on Wednesday 16th March when all sorts of goodies were on sale - we also had Ruby who came in to paint faces and do glitter tattoos. The food went so quickly, many staff and students went without, so another big bake was organised for Friday 18th March. On the Wednesday there was a games afternoon for our ASC students; dancing with the X-Box; a raffle, tombola and many other activities.

The best part about the day and the rest of the week was that with everyone’s contributions we raised a massive £1030.00! With Anjumara Khanam of Pegasus raising over £100 with her sponsored silence. Mrs Ghauri also got her employer to match money raised up to £500 and this was sent direct to Autism Awareness.

I would like to thank the 4 parents who gave so much time and effort over the week - it was awesome and the students and staff of Waverley who contributed with their money to make such a grand total.  By Ms Frye
CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST TERMS WINNER - PHOENIX HOUSE

The Inter-school competition as of the Tuesday 21st June is as followed with Griffin in the lead, but this could all change. The winner will be published in the next newsletter at the end of the autumn term. Good luck and may the best House win!
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