

Whats on WAVERLEY?



DEAR PARENTS, CARERS, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF OUR WAVERLEY COMMUNITY,

As we bring the Autumn term to a close and look ahead to a well deserved winter break, I am incredibly proud to share just a snapshot of the remarkable learning, enrichment, and community spirit that has flourished across Waverley this term.

From exciting cultural celebrations and inspiring trips, to outstanding creative work, sporting successes, and powerful moments of remembrance, our students continue to demonstrate curiosity, resilience, and a genuine commitment to our HEAR values. It has been a joy to see them embrace opportunities both inside and beyond the classroom, pushing themselves to grow academically, socially, and personally.

This edition of our Winter Newsletter highlights the

breadth of experiences that make Waverley so special whether it's primary pupils exploring new cultures, secondary students engaging with inspiring visiting speakers, or our Sixth Formers taking steps toward their futures with confidence and ambition. Every achievement reflects the hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the unwavering support of our families. As always, I want to thank our entire community for your continued partnership and dedication. Together, we create an environment where

young people feel valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their very best.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and joyful winter break. I look forward to welcoming our students back in the new year, ready for another term filled with growth, opportunity, and success.

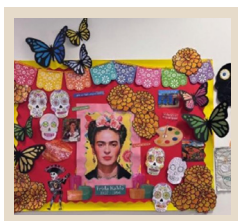
-Chris King
Executive Principal



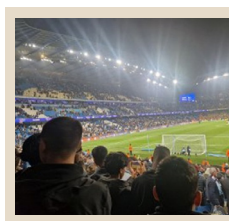
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Primary Events

International Day of European Languages

Waverley Primary was delighted to celebrate the International Day of European Languages on 23 September 2025. The day offered an immersive and interactive experience for all pupils, providing an opportunity to explore a variety of European languages and cultures through engaging activities. Each year group has a tailored programme designed to combine learning with creativity, from presentations and quizzes to hands-on projects reflecting the language and culture being studied.

EYFS and Resource Base pupils enjoyed Spanish-themed activities, including quizzes and creative exercises, while Year 1 explored Dutch and designed their own windmills. Year 2 celebrated French through interactive lessons, translation activities, and a croissant-making project. Key Stage 2 pupils were involved in a 3D Colosseum project, discovering Greek language and culture, creating traditional attire such as Lederhosen or Dirndls.



Rock Kidz Rock Waverley – A Day to Remember!



It was a spectacular day for our primary pupils as Rock Kidz returned to Waverley for the third-year running—and what a show they put on! The excitement was palpable as children arrived dressed to impress in full rock star gear. We saw bandanas, leather jackets, sunglasses, glitter, and even temporary tattoos—and that was just the staff!

The concert was a high-energy celebration, complete with dazzling lights, booming music, a rubber dinosaur, and plenty of dancing. But beyond the fun, the day carried a powerful message: the importance of kindness. Through engaging workshops, children explored how to show kindness in school and beyond, reinforcing the values we share in assemblies and classrooms every day.

Our pupils were outstanding throughout, and the Rock Kidz team was blown away by their enthusiasm and energy. We're already counting down the days until they return next year!

Lighting Up Learning: Waverley Primary Celebrates Diwali and Cultural Capital



Primary children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Diwali festival. They explored the importance of Diwali and discussed how it is celebrated by families around the world. Through stories, crafts and group activities, they gained a deeper understanding of the values of light, hope, and togetherness. The excitement continued as they gathered for a delicious lunch, sampling traditional dishes that enriched their experience of the celebration. The joyful atmosphere made the celebration truly special. It was a wonderful way to bring learning to life. Pupils continued learning about different cultures and beliefs living in the Cultural Capital, broadening their understanding of the world and fostering respect for diverse traditions and communities.

Year 4 Parents Engage in Multiplication Tables Workshop

Year 4 parents attended a workshop that gave them valuable insight into the importance of the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) and how the school prioritises both learning and pupils' wellbeing. Staff shared how Year 4 children have dedicated iPads and practise on **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** for at least 20 minutes daily in school to build speed, accuracy, and confidence. To complement this, families were encouraged to download TTRS at home

and use everyday opportunities to practise—such as playing games while travelling, sticking a times tables poster on the fridge, or enjoying multiplication games together.

The workshop also introduced parents to **MathsWhizz**, an online learning portal offering further personalised support. Parents left the workshop with practical strategies and renewed confidence in supporting their children's learning, helping to ensure continued progress and enjoyment in mathematics.

Exploring British Values: School Council at the Houses of Parliament



Our Primary School Council enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Houses of Parliament in London. Pupils were lucky to enter and exit the historic site through the Sovereign's Entrance, following the same route as the monarch. Exploring the Royal Robe Room was a particular highlight, where they admired the throne and viewed a copy of Magna Carta. Pupils were mesmerised by the grandeur of the corridors and the splendour of the House of Lords, with its striking gold and red interiors signifying power, wealth and royal authority.

They came to understand that every single detail within Parliament holds meaning and value, representing the four nations that make up the United Kingdom. Pupils were especially thrilled to step into the House of Commons, where the Prime Minister, Cabinet and Members of Parliament from 650 constituencies sit to debate and make laws that protect the UK and its people.

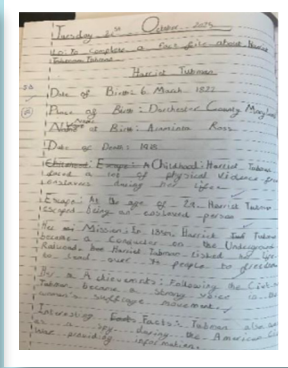
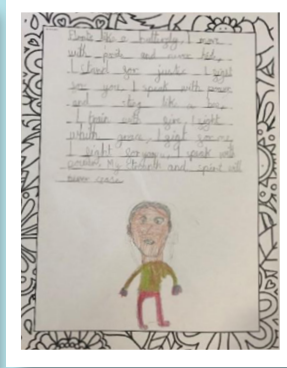
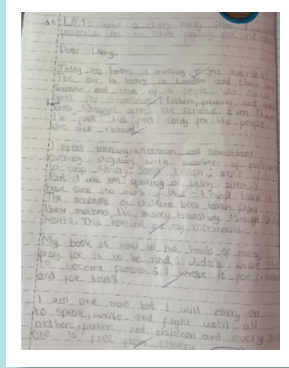
Among the many fascinating facts they learned, two stood out in particular: the King visits Parliament only once a year to formally open the new session, in the same way a Headteacher welcomes pupils and staff at the beginning of the school year during

assembly; and the process of 'Parliamentary Ping Pong', where a bill is passed back and forth between the two Houses until agreement is reached within a year.

Mary, from the Parliament Education Centre, gave an outstanding tour of this rich heritage site, answering pupils' questions with patience and enthusiasm. The two-hour tour was followed by a hands-on workshop, which gave pupils a taste of how democracy works in Parliament and helped them understand the detailed process of how a law is made.

The visit had a lasting impact on our pupils, helping them connect their experiences as School Council members with the wider workings of democracy. They developed a deeper understanding of leadership, teamwork, and civic responsibility, while learning the importance of speaking up, listening to others, and making informed decisions. We are very grateful to the Parliament Education Centre for the wonderful tour and engaging sessions, which made this trip a truly memorable and transformative experience for our young school leaders.

Some People's Legacy Lives Through Us!



Primary pupils continued celebrating 'Black History Month' with a dedicated day of engaging and meaningful learning activities focused on some of the most influential Black figures in history. Pupils explored the remarkable lives and legacies of Bessie Coleman, the first African American woman to earn a pilot's license; Rosa Parks, whose defiance sparked the civil rights movement;

Muhammad Ali, known for both his boxing brilliance and activism; Nelson Mandela, who led the fight against apartheid in South Africa; Harriet Tubman, a courageous conductor of the Underground Railroad; and Olaudah Equiano, whose powerful autobiography helped expose the horrors of slavery. Through storytelling, creative activities, and thoughtful discussions,

students gained a deeper appreciation for the courage, resilience, and impact of these pioneers. These activities were linked and reflected on the HEAR vales of where the pupils learnt about the struggles and triumphs of historical people. By connecting historical learning with its core values, we empowered pupils to grow not just in knowledge, but in character.

A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Harvest Donations

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A huge thank you to our wonderful pupils, parents, staff, and the whole school community for your generous Harvest donations. These have now been handed over to Birmingham City Mission, who will kindly distribute them to families in need. Your kindness and support has been deeply appreciated by many families across Small Heath and Birmingham — a true reflection of our caring community.



Celebrated Author Tony Bradman Inspires Pupils During School Visit



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We had the pleasure of welcoming Tony Bradman, the renowned author of popular children's books such as Viking Boy, Anglo-Saxon Boy, and Macbeth. During his visit, Tony shared fascinating insights into his writing process, inspiring our pupils to think creatively and explore their own storytelling potential.

The session was both engaging and informative, as Tony discussed how he develops characters,

builds exciting plots, and brings historical periods to life through his work. Pupils were also given the opportunity to ask questions, ranging from how he finds inspiration to his favourite part of being an author.

It was a truly inspiring visit, and we are grateful to Tony Bradman for taking the time to share his expertise and passion for storytelling with us.

Putting Out the Past: Year 2 Take on the Great Fire of London

Year 2 had an exciting time learning about "The Great Fire of London" through an interactive workshop led by the firefighters from Ward End Fire Services. The firefighters came equipped with various tools, allowing pupils to compare firefighting equipment from the past to the modern tools used today. The firefighters were impressed by how much information the children could recall about the historical fire, and this made the session even more engaging. The workshop also included a valuable refresher on essential fire safety practices, such as the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique. This hands-on experience allowed the pupils to connect what they had learned in class with real-life firefighting methods and reinforced the importance of fire safety. The highlight of the

workshop was the opportunity for the pupils to explore a real fire engine. They learned about each part of the fire engine and how it helps firefighters extinguish fires, rescue people and animals, and protect buildings from burning down. Sitting inside the fire engine was an unforgettable experience that left everyone thrilled and more knowledgeable. This memorable session will enrich their current studies in English and History on The Great Fire of London, providing them with first-hand insights to help them write detailed narratives. This experience will not only deepen their understanding of the historical event but also enhance their ability to describe and narrate effectively.



Proud Moment for our Primary Pupils



Our Primary pupils had the incredible opportunity to be mascots at the UEFA Europa League match between Aston Villa and Young Boys. An unforgettable experience and memories they'll cherish for a lifetime.

Opportunities like these not only create memories but also inspire our young people to dream big! We are proud of how confidently they represented our school on such a global stage. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. It's experiences like these that strengthen our commitment to providing enriching opportunities beyond the classroom.



Secondary Events

We celebrated Black History Month through a series of engaging assemblies delivered to each year group. These assemblies highlighted the achievements and contributions of Black individuals throughout history and today, encouraging students to reflect on themes of equality, resilience, and cultural pride. Each assembly featured inspiring stories that celebrated diversity within our community. The month serves as a meaningful reminder of the importance of learning from the past and continuing to promote inclusion and respect in everything we do.



COMPASS Parent Carer Coffee Morning

Waverley Secondary welcomed COMPASS into school for the second time to deliver a workshop to parents and carers based on *Connecting with Your Child*. The session was a success, with more parents and carers attending each session. It was great to see new faces and we encourage more parents and carers to attend these sessions where possible as part of our Early Help offer.



Launch of The Access Project and Pathway to Bath

On 11 September we had the launch assembly of The Access Project with our new Year 12 cohort. This was a fantastic session where Miss Jacobs shared various opportunities for Summer School placements and how to apply for a place on the prestigious Access Project.

Over the summer holidays our wonderful Year 13 student - QA, completed a Pathway to Bath summer school. QA achieved a 2:1 in her dissertation and has been offered a reduced University offer to study at the University of Bath. A fantastic achievement!

Forward Thinking Visit to University of Birmingham

A small group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit the University of Birmingham as part of the ForwardThinking Programme. The day provided an excellent insight into university life through a range of engaging and educational activities. During the morning session, students participated in three interactive workshops where they measured lung capacity, used otoscopes, and practised with stethoscopes. In the afternoon, they explored aspects of Human Geography, focusing on town planning and the factors that contribute to effective urban development. The experience was both informative and inspiring, with students rating the day an impressive 10/10.



NOT3S Visits Waverley

We were delighted to welcome rapper and songwriter NOT3S to our school for an inspiring workshop with our students. Drawing on his own experiences in the music industry, he spoke powerfully about important issues including knife crime, financial responsibility, and mental health, encouraging students to make positive choices for their futures. The session was interactive and

thought-provoking, with NOT3S sharing practical advice as well as words of motivation. As a highlight, he performed part of his hit track 'Addison Lee', creating an electric atmosphere that students (and staff!) will not forget. The visit was a fantastic opportunity for our young people to learn and be inspired by someone who connects with them through both music and meaningful conversation.



Reward and Trips

101 Year 7's proudly received their recognition badges for having over 300 reward points. 12 of those students received their bronze badge for having over 500 reward points. In addition, 20 Year 7 students attended a reward trip to the Vue Cinema, Star City to watch The Bad Guys 2. They have been representing Waverley in accordance with our HEAR values and receiving high reward points.

A huge well done to all our students for their hard work and achievements this term!



Year 11 Ice Skating Reward Trip

30 Year 11 students had the fantastic opportunity to go Ice Skating at Planet Ice. This was to celebrate their attendance and behaviour ahead of their mock exams starting the following week!

ROALD DAHL DAY is celebrated on the 13 September every year. It is a celebration of the brilliant storyteller Roald Dahl and the extraordinary legacy he left behind through his imaginative tales of wonder and delight.

The English Department marked the birthday of this remarkable author, whose unforgettable creations include The BFG, The Twits, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fantastic Mr Fox, and Matilda. To honour him, Team English staff dressed as some of his most iconic characters, while students explored Dahl's life and marvellous inventions. The day served as a chance to reflect on the lasting impact of his books, which have inspired countless children to fall in love with language and reading.

The very mention of Dahl's name brings to mind the enchanting worlds he created, which carry powerful messages and lessons that continue to resonate. As part of the celebrations, students read an extract from Matilda and channelled the fearsome Miss Trunchbull in a creative writing task. They were challenged to describe how she might deal with a difficult student, crafting vivid descriptions of her incredible strength and sharp-tongued insults.

There were some brilliant entries sent in for the KS3 Roald Dahl Day competition: To write a rap from the perspective of your favourite Roald Dahl character.



Year 8 Spanish

8s/Sp1 have been doing some fantastic work in their lessons. They have discovered with open minds how día de los muertos is celebrated and have engaged in challenging texts in Spanish whilst learning about Frida Kahlo. AH, a student in the class shares what we have been up to below:

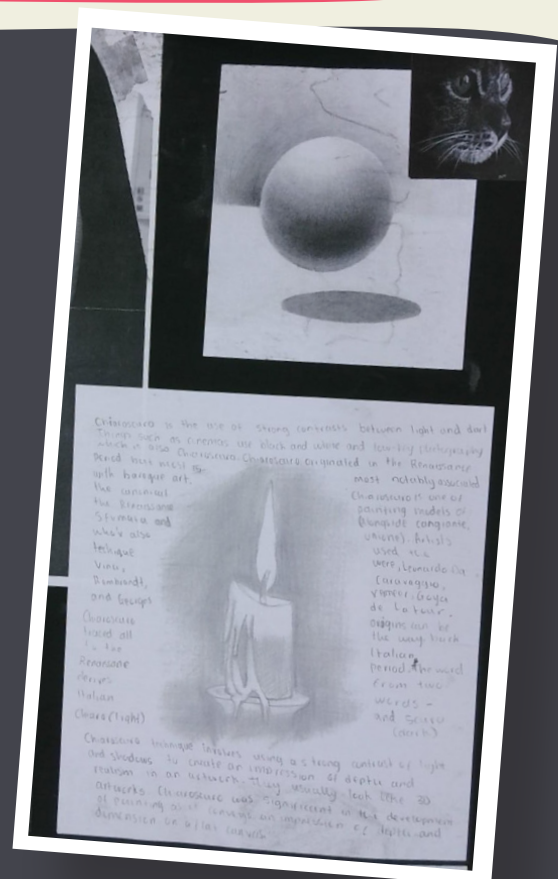
"Over the last three lessons in year 8 we have been learning about el día de los muertos (The Day of the Dead). This linked with what we have been learning in textiles with Ms Quadir. We have explored the religious meanings and celebrations, and we have seen how they link to other religious celebrations, such as lighting candles and Diwali. We learned a song in Spanish and watched videos in English and Spanish about different rituals and peoples' experiences. We then learned about Frida Kahlo, a Mexican artist, and how she overcame lifelong illness and disabilities to become a pioneer in the world of art. We then worked together as a class to create an ofrenda for Frida Kahlo.

Well done Year 8 on all your hard work over the last few lessons! And thank you for creating such a beautiful ofrenda for my classroom. Special thank you to creative for sharing work they have done in textiles for the display and butterflies that really bring the display to life.



Celebrating Student Artwork

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 We are celebrating AH (Year 10) who has been doing the most wonderful work in her Art lessons. She has been looking at an Italian drawing technique, chiaroscuro, and she has used photography to support her in producing a self-portrait using black and white coloured pencils.



Secondary PE

Year 7 & 8 Football Club

It has been great to see so many students attending extracurricular sports clubs. Over 50 boys from Years 7 and 8 joined us for a single football club session—an incredible turnout!



Anti-Bullying Week

As part of our Anti-Bullying Week activities, students from Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 took part in three engaging poetry workshops delivered by poet Kurly from MEMORHYME on Friday 21 November. Each year group explored a different theme linked to bullying and positive relationships. Year 7 focused on “Bully vs Banter”, learning to recognise the difference between harmless teasing and hurtful behaviour. Year 8 explored “Forbid and Forgive”, reflecting on the choices we make in friendships and how forgiveness can help repair relationships. Year 9 worked with the theme “Words of Wisdom”, creating reflective poems that highlighted how powerful words can be in shaping others’ experiences.

Across all sessions, Kurly’s lively and encouraging approach inspired students to express themselves through spoken word. Each group wrote thoughtful and meaningful poems, and many students showed great confidence by performing their work using the microphone. The workshops not only nurtured creativity but also reinforced important messages about kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying, leaving a strong and lasting impact on our Key Stage 3 students.

Cricket

Our U19 cricket team faced Joseph Chamberlain College in an exciting 10-over match. The team delivered a fantastic performance, scoring an impressive 137/4, while JCC finished on 85 runs. Man of the Match goes to YM, who smashed 60 runs off just 16 balls! Outstanding bowling from IU and SA, each taking two wickets, and brilliant wicket-keeping by SH, who stumped two batters.



Well done to all the students involved—you made us proud!

Resource Base PE

Despite the wet and windy weather, our Year 8 Resource Base students have continued to enjoy high-quality PE lessons—this time with some exciting classroom-based table tennis! Students loved watching video clips of key skills before putting them into practice and trying to replicate the techniques themselves.



The Young Writers GRIM TALES Competition

Our students took part in The Young Writers national themed competition, where the focus was on 'Grim Tales.' This theme challenged them to create dark and imaginative twists on classic fairy tales. The results were nothing short of outstanding! Every single piece submitted by our students was selected for publication—a rare achievement that the competition organisers themselves noted 'doesn't happen every day.' This incredible success is a true testament to the creativity, talent, and dedication of our students. Those who purchased the published anthology have now received their copies and were overjoyed to see their work in print, officially becoming published authors. This is a remarkable achievement and one we are immensely proud of.

Congratulations to all involved for turning their ideas into something extraordinary!

Celebrating 12 Years of After School Cooking Club!



This year marks an incredible milestone for our After School Cooking Club. Its 12th year of inspiring young chefs! What started as a 2 year project funded by the National Lottery, has now grown into a popular extra-curricular activity where students learn essential cooking skills, explore a variety of different cuisines, and discover the joy of creating delicious meals from scratch.

Over the years, the club has become more than just a place to cook, it's a space for teamwork, creativity, and confidence-building. From mastering skills to baking perfect pastries, our students have tackled exciting challenges and shared countless memorable dishes.

Recent Creations:

Our talented students have already whipped up some mouth-watering treats this term, including Parmesan and Herb Muffins and Orange and Cinnamon Swirls, both big hits among the group!

As we celebrate this 12-year journey, we look forward to welcoming new members and continuing to make cooking fun and educational. Here's to many more years of culinary adventures!

-Mr McAuley (Club Coordinator)

Sixth Form News

Voice Box

On 17 September our KS5 cohort had a workshop with an external company called Voice Box focusing on toxic masculinity. There was positive feedback from students, stating how important the workshop was and how much they enjoyed it!

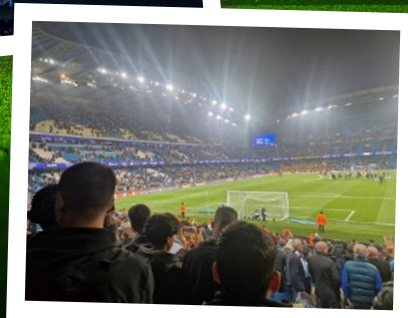
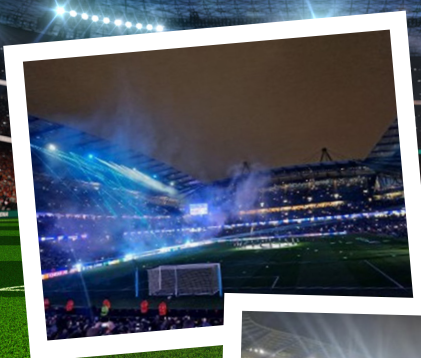
Etihad Stadium

Man City

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Borussia Dortmund Champions League

On Wednesday 5 November Miss Chester, Mr Sheek, Mr Griffiths and Mr Dababi had the pleasure of taking 50 students to see a Champions League match at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester. It was a fantastic night of football with 5 goals in total! Students were a credit to Waverley, and their behaviour was fantastic.



The UK University and Apprenticeship Search

All Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend the UK's largest University and Careers search fair at Edgbaston Stadium to start exploring their Post 18 options.



Restart a heart day British Heart Foundation CPR training

All Year 12 students had the opportunity to complete CPR training through the British Heart Foundation and with support from our very own Nurse Ms Redpath to add to their repertoire and future applications.



The Access Project Workshop 1



Our new Year 12 Access Project cohort completed their enrolment and had their first workshop with Miss Jacobs. All Year 12 Access Project students have collected their laptops and can now commence their private tutoring and access to UpLearn.

University of Birmingham visit to Waverley

On Wednesday 24 September we had two members of staff from University of Birmingham Medicine Department on site working with our Year 13 students. The students said the session and support from the medical students was fantastic and they asked lots of questions regarding applications and next steps! We look forward to their next visit.

Sixth Form News

National UCAS Conference

Our Sixth Form Head Boy, ZA, was handpicked by UCAS to be part of student voice panel at the National UCAS conference at Cheltenham Racecourse. This is a fantastic opportunity, and we are so proud of ZA!

ZA is now going to do a support workshop with our students based on his findings and experience with UCAS.

Library News

Thank you to everyone who came to our Autumn Book Fair.

The takings were £831.80p so we received 50% commission totalling £415.90p.

Thank you to all who entered the library Halloween & Christmas competitions.

Lots of winners received prizes!

Look out for details of our new bookfair and new competition next term.

Happy Reading!

Thinking about becoming a TEACHER

Are you, a family member or someone you know thinking about becoming a teacher?

Applications for a September 2026 start are now open via the DfE Apply service for our secondary PGCE courses in partnership with Birmingham City University and local school partners.

To be eligible for a programme, candidates will usually have a 2:2 degree and GCSEs in Maths and English at Grade C/4 or above. Please note that a degree needs to be in a closely related subject to the subject to be taught (approx. 50%).

If you want to make a difference to young people's lives in our community and to find out more, search for Waverley School as a provider on the DfE Find Teacher Training Courses website:

www.gov.uk/find-teacher-training-courses.

To contact the Waverley Initial Teacher Training team, please email:

✉ Training@waverley.bham.sch.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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An invite code (when you login for the first time) has already been emailed to you separately. Please check your junk email if it has not appeared. A copy has also been sent to you via post.

As of **28th April 2025**, all communication for parents and carers of **Secondary and Sixth Form students** is now shared exclusively via **Class Charts**. ParentMail is no longer in use.

For more information please refer to our website

[Waverley School - Class Charts](#)

or if you have further enquiries please email:

enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk

ALUMNI

CALLING ALL FORMER STUDENTS

If you're a former student of Waverley School, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity **Future First**, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

In order to sign up, just follow the link below or scan the QR code!

[Register at Future First Hub](#)



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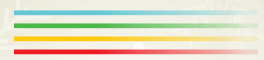
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NHS Careers Workshop

Year 11 and Year 13 students from Waverley Studio College were privileged to be able to work with Mr Younas Ahmed from Heartlands Hospital, who came in to deliver a fantastic, interactive workshop related to specialist career pathways.

Students were very engaged and were able to take part in a range of Q & A, plus a very immersive PPE timed challenge!

Mr Ahmed was proudly born in East Birmingham and after graduating from BCU with a degree in ODP (Operating Department Practice) commenced his employment for Heartlands Hospital Trust. After 10 years, and continuing his professional development successfully, he now manages a team of ODP supporting staff within a large area. We now look forward to inviting Mr Ahmed into Waverley School very soon and being able to extend our work with Heartlands Hospital in the future.



SEND Coffee Morning a Resounding Success

Waverley Studio College hosted a warm and welcoming SEND Coffee Morning, organised by the school's dedicated SEND team. The event was a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to connect with staff, enjoy delicious cakes, and engage in meaningful conversations with a range of expert guest speakers.

The morning was praised by attendees as both useful and uplifting. Parents appreciated the chance to speak directly with professionals who support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), gaining valuable insights and practical advice.

We were delighted to welcome the following speakers:

- **Simran Lotay**
– Birmingham Children's Services
- **Zoe Atori**
– Communication & Autism Team
- **Emma Walker**
– Language, Learning and Strategic

Support Team

- Saraah- Visually Impaired Team
- Lucinda and Emma - Occupational

Therapy Team

In addition to the informative discussions, the event had a celebratory feel, with lucky parents chosen at random to receive a carbon monoxide monitor as a gift – a thoughtful gesture that was very well received.

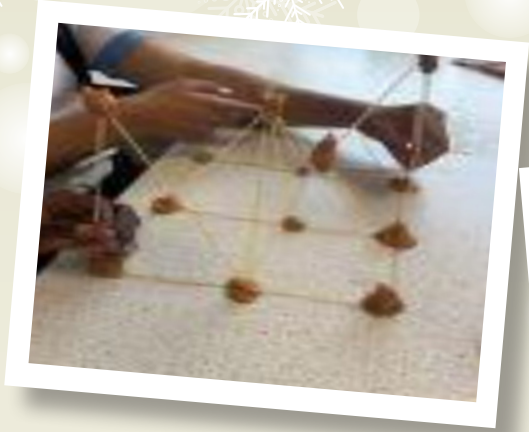
The SEND Coffee Morning not only strengthened the partnership between school and families but also highlighted Waverley Studio College's commitment to inclusive education and community engagement.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the morning such a success. We look forward to hosting more events that support and celebrate our SEND community.



STEM CLUB

At our school's STEM Club, we had an exciting and hands-on experience that challenged us to think creatively and critically. One of our activities involved building towers using marshmallows, fudge, and spaghetti, which required us to put on our STEM hats and carefully consider the design and engineering processes to create the tallest and most stable structures. We also explored a fascinating forensic science technique called chromatography, where we separated the different colours in ink to see what each pen was really made of. These activities were not only fun and engaging but also helped us learn important scientific concepts in a practical and memorable way.



Work Experience

On Wednesday 12 November our Y13 students had a Work Experience assembly with Mr Marshall from Learn 2 Work to talk through next steps of their planning for their Work Experience week which will take place from **2nd - 6th February 2026**. The Head of Sixth Form and the Sixth Form Learning Coach are available for students to go through any outstanding Work Experience queries and support students with securing their placements.



Outdoor Gym Equipment

Waverley Studio College is excited to announce the installation of brand-new outdoor gym equipment in our courtyard. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to promoting health, wellbeing, and active lifestyles among our students. The equipment has been carefully selected to provide a variety of exercise options, from cardio and strength training to flexibility and balance. By placing the gym in the heart of our courtyard, we've created a welcoming space where students can make fitness a natural part of their daily routine. One of the key benefits of this new facility is accessibility. Students can now enjoy short, energising

workouts during breaks and lunchtimes without needing to leave the college grounds. This not only encourages physical activity but also helps boost concentration, reduce stress, and improve overall mood throughout the school day. We believe that staying active should be fun, social, and inclusive. The outdoor gym provides opportunities for students to exercise together, support one another, and build healthy habits that will last well beyond their time at college. At Waverley Studio College, we are proud to invest in resources that empower our students to thrive both academically and physically.



Student Achievement

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of SA, who joined our school halfway through last year after arriving in the UK. As part of our EAL Hub, SA has made remarkable progress—now thriving in Set 2 and continuing to climb the ranks through hard work and determination. Outside the classroom, SA is already making a name for himself as the Midlands Boxing Champion in his age group, holding multiple belts. His dedication is inspiring: he trains daily and even goes for a run before school, despite travelling a long distance to get here. SA consistently gives his best in every lesson, and he was recognised with a special reward—a boxing glove signed by former world champion Amir Khan, which was personally sourced for him by Mr Shafaqat. SA is an aspiring champion in every sense, and we are incredibly proud of him.



Support for Parents and Carers – Birmingham Local Offer

The Birmingham Local Offer provides information, advice, and guidance for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can find resources on:

- What SEND is and the support available
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Preparing for adulthood
- Help in your area
- Things to do and travel services

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Trust Events

Waverley Wonders Stay and Play



We're delighted to share that our new Stay and Play sessions have begun at Waverley Studio College, welcoming families with children aged 0-4!

These sessions have been a wonderful way to bring our community together, with fun, interactive activities supported by our amazing Sixth Form childcare students and their peers from Waverley School.

Each week has featured a different theme, creating

a vibrant and engaging experience for families. Our very first session saw 10 families join us, and the feedback was heartwarming—one parent said this was the most interactive Stay and Play they've ever attended!

A huge thank you to all our staff and students for making these sessions so special. We can't wait to see even more families join us in the weeks ahead!





REMEMBRANCE DAY

LEST WE FORGET

At 11:00am on the 11 November 2025, the entire school observed a 2-minute silence in a moment of respect and compassion for those who lost their lives as a result of conflict. It was an important and valuable moment where our entire school community came together in solidarity.

Parents/Carers visiting our school may have noticed that we decorated our Library windows with poppies. Each of those poppies has the name of a former Waverley School student or member of staff who died during the 1st or 2nd World War

Thank you to Ms Lowes and Mr McAuley for their hard work putting this poignant display together.

During the week we held assemblies, teaching our students on the importance of remembrance and ways in which they can show compassion and respect for those affected by conflict throughout the world.

Pupils participated in a solemn and respectful observation of the two-minute silence to honour those who dedicated, lost or had their lives irrevocably changed while protecting their countries during the Great War and subsequent conflicts. Pupils re-connected with this significant historical event, understanding a core British value of remembrance and building empathy and respect for those who served. The hush across the school was a poignant tribute, ensuring the sacrifices of the past are never forgotten and fostering a sense of gratitude and a commitment to a future where conflicts are resolved through dialogue and understanding. This act allowed for a moment of quiet, collective contemplation on the profound themes of sacrifice, bravery, and the importance of peace.



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