



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 2nd October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 02.10.23

We're now over the half-way point in the term and I continue to be amazed by the capacity students and staff have to give of themselves in the support of others.

It's no secret that this increase in capacity has come as the result of good discipline.

Listening to our student leaders, reading comments from the Term 1 Parent and Student surveys and reading the feedback on reports following Governor and Local Authority visits very much validates that:

- 1) We are in a much stronger position regarding the Quality of Education, compared with this time last year.
- 2) More and more students and parents recognise that good discipline has a direct and positive impact on the learning and well-being of ourselves, and others.

In no way are we the finished article, but I take great strength from knowing that together, our vision and values continue to drive our energy and commitment for positive change. To borrow words from Ed Gregory, our Director of Education within the Diocese of Bath and Wells:

"We are all stewards of a long legacy and we have a responsibility to ensure that our schools are, and will always be, vibrant and distinctive places of excellent learning, deeply rooted and nourished by their Christian character." Jesus said:

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Thank you, our parents and carers, for all that you do that enables the light of our school to shine boldly, brightly and distinctively within our community.

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

It's a BOGOF deal this week with updates below celebrating the achievements of two groups of students.

As ever, names continue to change every week, meaning it really is anyone's game in being recognised as a top performing student for House Points.

Well done to everyone mentioned below – will you be there next week?

Week Commencing 18.09.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Artie B	Tom M	Nathan F	Kacie H	Alec T
2	Florence P	Shayne M	Benny S	Martha O	Ryan B Sophia R
3	Charlie G Seth M	Archie C Storm R Bella S	Owen J	Jed B	Karlee D Cameron J Kelsey N

Week Commencing 25.09.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Rita P	Andrew H	Theo C	Jaxon B	Alexander M
2	Florence R	Mia H	Dolson C	Ellie J	Karlee D Alexander P
3	Jess B Anna M	Alfie S	Eliza O	Poppy H	Layla P

Wadham PTFA – Invitation to be Involved!

I'm pleased to say there's been interest in restarting the Parent, Teachers and Friends Association at Wadham School.

PTFAs are a fantastic way to build links between families, school and the wider community through putting on fund-raising events, community activities and supporting the school to give our children the best educational experience possible.

A meeting will be hosted at school on Wednesday 18th October at 5pm and we would like to invite all interested parents, carers and friends to come along to find out more. Please use this link to register your interest and intent to attend on Wednesday 18th. <https://forms.office.com/e/y4E1mktTSs>

The form will stay open until 3.00pm, Friday 13th October.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please email Ms Kate Hayler, parent governor: KHayler@wadhamschool.co.uk

Open Evening - Thursday 5th October, 5.00-7.00pm



The poster is for an Open Evening at Wadham School. It features the school's crest and name at the top. Below the name, it says 'A Church of England Community School'. There are two quotes: 'The school is well placed to move forward positively and with confidence.' and 'Pupils conduct themselves well in the classrooms and around the school.' Below these, it says 'New students and parents are warmly invited to our Open Evening'. The date is 'Thursday 5th October 2023' and the time is '5.00 - 7.00pm'. It also mentions 'Headteacher's Address at 5.20pm and 6.20pm'. There are three small images: a classroom, a circular diagram with 'Wadham School' in the center and 'Life in all its fullness' around it, and a group of children. At the bottom, it says 'The school is an orderly environment within which pupils feel safe. Pupils are appreciative of the open and inclusive culture.' and 'Life in all its fullness.' - John 10:10.

A massive thank you to all the students that have come forward to represent Wadham School as ambassadors this Thursday at our Year 6 Open Evening.

Whether leading guests around the school as a tour guide, or taking part in many of the demonstrations and taster lessons in classrooms, our children are the best advertisement and advocate in helping new families decide whether we are the school for them.

Full details regarding timings, expectations and collection / departure once the night is over have been shared with parents of those involved, but do contact Mrs Nicky Finch, nfinch@wadhamschool.co.uk if you have any further questions.

We can't wait to open our doors and showcase all the fantastic work that goes on here each day!

Term 1 Parent View Survey

With thanks to the 189 families that have given their views so far in this term's survey. It's clear that positive changes regarding Discipline, Behaviour and Attendance have been well-received. At the same time, there are clear views about areas for development such as how we communicate, the ongoing improvement of our facilities and the advice and guidance we can give parents in supporting their children with learning in the home.

We are grateful for all your views, and it's not too late to take part. Please follow this link if you would like to complete this term's survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/DiqvNysBL0>

The survey will remain open until 9.00am, Friday 13th October.

Employment Opportunities at Wadham School!

Wadham School needs you!

Alongside a successful recruitment campaign last summer, we have two positions where we're looking at recruiting a number of people to the role:

- 1) Learning Support Assistant
- 2) Cleaner

Both posts remain open vacancies and I'm a great believer of "if you don't ask, you don't get," meaning that I'm highlighting these vacancies in particular to the members of our community and asking that these are passed on to anyone you feel would be interested in these roles.

Full details can be found on the 'Vacancies' page of our website: [Wadham School - Vacancies](#)

Please contact Mrs Lorrie Mahoney – lmahoney@wadhamschool.co.uk if you're interested to find out more.

School Production – The Addams Family Musical!

Da – da – da – duh... *click* *click*
Da – da – da – duh... *click* *click*

...We all know the tune and this year we're delighted to announce that our production will tell the anarchic story of the Addams Family.

Over 60 students took part in auditions last week, with casting and the first rehearsals beginning from Tuesday 3rd October. We're also taking the show to the Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster – going 'big' to give everyone involved – cast, crew and the audience – a truly authentic experience.

Watch this space for updates and ticket sales!

Richard Burgas 02.10.23

