



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Headteacher's Update 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Welcome back after another Bank Holiday Weekend. Despite some poor weather, I hope your spirits were lifted by the jubilant celebrations following the Coronation of King Charles III and the extra day gave you space to enjoy this time of 'community and togetherness' with the people that matter to you most. Following on from "The Big Help Out..."

...My update message this week is to ask for your help!

You may remember that in the Spring term, groups of students were involved in making a media presentation to raise awareness of violence towards women and girls. Most opted to make a podcast, I am delighted to share that the work of one of our groups has been selected as a finalist and put forward for the public vote, **and now is the time to gather these votes.**

Wadham's entry can be heard here: [https://youtu.be/a7oH\\_XA7LZ8](https://youtu.be/a7oH_XA7LZ8)

The online public vote begins at **7am this Thursday 11th May.**

The winning school will have the most votes when the poll closes at **5pm on Wednesday 17th May.**

Votes are made using this link: [www.collaboratedigital.com/vote](http://www.collaboratedigital.com/vote)

Being selected as a finalist is a fantastic achievement in itself – but it would be great for the students involved if our votes made them overall winners.

I would be very grateful if students and families used the link above to record their votes. You can also share this link with friends and other family members to help increase our chances!

Whatever the outcome, I am extremely proud of our "Group 2" students that made this happen.

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



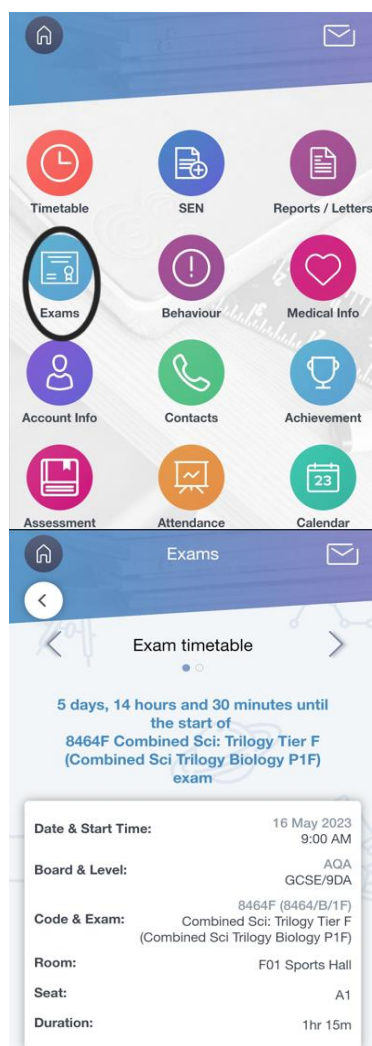
## Top Achieving Students!

Well done to all students mentioned below, and great to see many new names being recognised for their hard work and fantastic achievements last week – will you be there again next week?

## Week Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Ellie H	Emily H	George F	Sean C	Lilia J
2	Elsa B	Olly M	Lottie D	Chloe G	Tess B George C Emma C Faith D Malachi H
3	Harvey F Lucas L	Lily M	Alfie W	William R	Alexia T

## Year 11 Summer Exams



Our first 'BIG' GCSE exam takes place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May!

As previously shared, we're proud of the hard work students are making to prepare themselves for this summer's exams, making the most of lesson time and additional revision sessions running during and after the school day.

It's been great to see the growth in knowledge and confidence.

A reminder that Year 11 students will remain in school as part of our programme of 'study stay' over the next 2.5 weeks until half term. When not in formal exams, students will continue to follow their normal timetable, attending lessons or bespoke revision sessions that have been provided.

We are keen to maintain normal routines for as long as possible, keeping the focus on preparation and performance in the GCSE exams. This pattern will continue after half term, with the expectation that students remain onsite until their last exam has taken place.

After this date, they are no longer required to be at school, and their 'extended' summer break really does begin.

Although we have issued personalised exam timetables, I'd like to remind students that a copy of their exam timetable can be accessed via the Edulink app – really useful for parents to check too. I've included screen shots here of how to see this important information, using a mobile device.

Once logged in, click on the 'Exams' icon and your timetable will appear!

## Ten Tors Success!

We're delighted to celebrate the amazing achievements of 8 of our pupils that took part in the Ten Tors Challenge recently.

Sophie and Grace walked 25 miles with Ilminster Air Cadets. Jamie and Will completed the 35mile course with Blackdown Scouts. Toby completed the 45mile course with Taunton Air Cadets and Rowan, Ollie and Lara also walked the 45mile route for Blackdown Scouts.

A fantastic result for all involved, and an inspiration for anyone else looking to undertake such a personal challenge – WELL DONE!



## Mental Health Awareness Week – Non-uniform Day Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

15 to 21 May 2023

# Mental Health Awareness Week



#ToHelpMyAnxiety

### *Final Reminder!*

Our Mental Health Ambassadors continue to support the health and well-being of our students and are working hard to introduce a range of events and opportunities in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week, taking place from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> May.

The focus of this year's event is 'anxiety' and our launch event will be a whole-school non-uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Money raised will be donated to local charities that provide mental health support to our community.

## School Production – Peter Pan Junior



It's all coming together nicely!

With a little over a month to go until doors open, we're excited to be in the final stages of polishing lines, reaching the high notes and blocking out the action on the stage in preparation for this year's performance!

Show times are as follows:

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Further information, including how to book tickets, will be published shortly.

Richard Burgas  
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