



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 11th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 11.12.23

T minus 4.5 days and counting!

The final week of term is here and like any other week, is packed with a range of opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom.

Year 11 and 13 receive their mock results tomorrow, school production rehearsals continue at pace every Tuesday afternoon, we've got just over 100 Year 11 students visiting Bath University on Wednesday, a PTFA launch meeting for interested parents that evening, rewards assemblies beginning on Thursday, followed by our Carol Concert Thursday night... ..which leads nicely into our last day of term.

Our community of teachers and students will be following learning plans (normal lessons) right up until the end of Thursday 14th December.

From experience, learning on the last day before Christmas is a challenge for all young people so we put on a range of school community Christmas activities that are engaging and fun for us all to celebrate together in groups.

These kinds of activities really bring our community together and help strengthen existing relationships, as well as helping new ones to form. This year there will be tutor based activities, a treat for the students, a Christmas service and Karaoke.

Karaoke is led by students for students, and they model leadership skills that younger students see and may aspire to. Our most recent 'ticket only' event was very well received, raising the bar again with much anticipation for any 'staff stars' that may be taking the mic on Friday!

There will be a final update from me at the end of the week, along with our latest edition of 'the Quill' and our school newsletter.

Wishing everyone a calm and productive final week of term.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

Here's this week's Top 3 across Years 7-11 and the penultimate set of results for this term. Well done to everyone named below! Definitely ending this term on a high 😊

Week Commencing 04.11.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Oscar S	Sami M	Grace S	William M	Sophie H
2	Leon G	Molly L	Esme G	Edie P	Sophia M
3	Matilda L	Harry C Daniella G	Holly W	Liam G	Harry B Ryan C Emily H Cameron J Amelia S

Wadham Science and PE Departments Need YOU!



Calling all Ilminster Tesco shoppers - the PE and Science departments would really appreciate your help!

We are hoping to win up to £1500 of funding from Tesco's in Ilminster. This will be used to further improve the learning experiences for all Wadham students through the creation of a school pond and the purchase of team building equipment.

Please collect the blue coins at the check-out and drop them into the Wadham collection point – it's the one on the right as shown in the picture here!

The appeal has started well, and with your support we're confident we can secure this funding and make further positive changes here at Wadham School – thank you for your help!

End of Term Arrangements – 12.10pm finish on Friday 15th December

Now is the time to highlight that our last day this term will finish at 12.10pm.

Like last year, normal lessons will be replaced by a carousel of reward and community activities. Year 11 will also have their Rewards Assembly on this day.

All students will end the day with a tutor period, from which students will be dismissed at 12.10pm. School transport will depart at 12.15pm!

Wadham School Christmas Card Winners!

We were fortunate to receive a number of Christmas card designs under the theme of "Nativity" for this year's Christmas Card Competition.

The quality of work was very high, and after much deliberation, the panel chose 4 designs as overall winners. Thank you to everyone that took part this year, with a massive 'Well Done' to the following winners:

Darcie Rich – Year 7
Judit Kozari – Year 8
Eszter Kozari – Year 9
Ellie Vaughan-Mitchell – Year 10

Judit Kozari Year 8



*Merry
Christmas*

Darcie Rich Year 7



Ellie Vaughan-Mitchell Year 10



Eszter Kozari Year 9



Parent Governor Opportunity!

The Board of Governors for Wadham School currently has vacancies for 2 Parent Governors.

We are seeking parent governors to join our committed and enthusiastic team at a time of great change in the life and development of the school.

The role of a Governor is to:

- Help plan the strategic direction of the school
- Ensure money is well spent
- Support and challenge the school leadership team

Governors champion the work of Wadham. We offer good support and relevant training and work closely as an informed and approachable team.

Wadham Governors are dedicated to safeguarding and promoting 'life in all its fullness' for students. All Governors are subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring check.

Governors' meetings are held early evenings, with a committed equivalent to 20 days in the school year.

If you feel you could contribute, or are interested to find out more, please use this link to read the full invitation and application letter: [E3016B377E1FA710B12168714F840A45.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://wadhamschool.co.uk/E3016B377E1FA710B12168714F840A45.pdf)

You may wish to contact Laura Andrews, Clerk to the Governors, should you have further questions or would like to arrange an informal meeting to discuss this role in more detail.

The deadline for this round of applications is 9.00am Friday 5th January.

Brew Monday – Well-being Opportunity!

Advance notice of wonderful well-being opportunity our student ambassadors will be introducing next term – "Brew Monday."

Students are welcome to drop in to the board room at break and lunchtimes on Monday 15th January for a cuppa and support if they need it.

Well-being Ambassadors will be on-hand with a brew and a listening ear, along with some mindful activities to help people manage through what can sometimes be the 'post-Christmas blues.'

Although initially a one-off event, we believe this could be the start of something really beneficial to our community.

Full details on the poster opposite, which will be promoted again when we return in the New Year!

Richard Burgas 11.12.23



The poster features a large green teapot on a yellow base. A person is pouring tea from the spout into a large green cup. Another person is standing on the rim of the cup, holding a brown paper bag. In the background, there are colorful bunting flags and a sun. The text 'brew monday' is written in a green font, with 'SAMARITANS' in a smaller font below it. The main headline reads 'It's time for a cuppa and a catch-up'. Below this, there are three boxes: 'When: Monday 15th January', 'Time: Break and lunchtime', and 'Details: Come and join the Wellbeing Ambassadors for a cuppa and some mindful activities designed to make January a little easier...'. To the right of these boxes, there is a call to action: 'We're coming together for a cuppa so Samaritans can be there, day or night, for anyone who needs someone to listen.' Below this, a blue box says 'Come along to support Samaritans To give £5 just text BREW to 70450'. At the bottom, there is a small text: 'You will be charged £5, plus one message at your standard network rate. Samaritans will receive 100% of your donation.' The hashtag #BrewMonday is at the bottom left, and the Samaritans logo and 'Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATORY' are at the bottom right.

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#BrewMonday

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