



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 10th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 10.10.23

T minus 8 and counting!

With the end of term fast approaching, I would like to use my update letter this week to recognise the amazing work of everyone at Wadham School, and in particular, everyone involved in delivering what was an absolute show stopper of an Open Evening last Thursday.

A record 125 students signed up to act as Student Ambassadors for the event. Thank You!

We planned for 150 families, but on the night over 180 families walked through our doors and enjoyed a late summer's evening being led and guided by our fantastic students. There was a real 'buzz' and sense of excitement as families visited departments and subject areas, and a few families stopped to give me feedback regarding what they had seen, heard and felt. In essence:

- They heard and agreed with our clear belief that good discipline enables good learning.
- They valued that we are an inclusive school.
- They heard and saw this reflected in our students' comments and general enthusiasm and demeanour.
- They saw and felt the confidence and pride shown by our students towards themselves and others.
- They saw and felt a real sense of community.

Responses such as these cannot be faked, they are the result of genuine engagement with clear systems and practices that make everyone feel safe, feel valued and feel that they are able to learn.

As we begin to tire in these last few days, don't forget that it's been a deliberately busy term because of all the great things we want to do and know we can do.

Always a team game, staff at Wadham remain very grateful for the feedback and support you give.

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 – it was an absolute beacon last Thursday!

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

Well done to everyone listed below! With all 4 Houses each now past the 15,000 House Point mark, let's see if we can hit 50,000 House Points by Christmas! So far, it's a tousele at the top between Powell and Cooper.

Week Commencing 02.10.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Matilda L	Corey W	Owen J	Jed B	Adam R
2	James P	Bella S	Ivy H Holly W	George F Neven G	Taylor M
3	Michael S	Leilani L	Karmel Ann A	Marcus R	Alexander M

Non Uniform Day – Friday 13th October

Like last year, we are raising awareness through assemblies this week and donations through a non-uniform day this Friday to support World Mental Health day, today!

For a minimum £1 donation students may wear their own clothes and if possible, "wear something yellow" in support of this event.

All donations will be given to the Wellbeing Centre in Crewkerne, who continue to provide amazing support to our students and others in the community.



World Mental Health Day 2023

Wear something **yellow** on Friday 13th October
£1 minimum donation for Crewkerne Wellbeing

Wadham PTFA – Invitation to be Involved!

There's still time to register your interest using the link below and attend a meeting next Wednesday to learn more about our plans to launch a PTFA. Please use this link to register your interest and intent to attend at 5pm, on Wednesday 18th. <https://forms.office.com/e/y4E1mtkTSs>

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

Meet the Tutor Evening & Careers Fair – Thursday 2nd November 2023

Tutors warmly invite students and their parents to our 'Meet the Tutor Evening' from 4.00-7.00pm on Thursday 2nd November. This will be a face-to-face event in school.

Our Careers Fair will also be running at this time in the New Sports Hall, and all families, particularly those with children in Years 11 and 13, are encouraged to attend. There will be trade stands from a range of local education providers, employers and professionals, happy to give advice and guidance on career pathways and onward progression.

The Canteen will be open on the night for self-service refreshments, and a letter launching our online booking system for tutor appointments will be published very shortly.

We hope you find both events on the 2nd November useful in providing information regarding how well your child has settled into their studies this term, along with some ideas and guidance about possible next steps for their future.

Term Dates 2023-24

We're coming to the end of this term, and I'm writing to clarify that all students will return as normal on **Monday 30th October.**

I am aware that on early drafts of our 2023-24 Calendar, Monday 30th was highlighted as an INSET day – it was, but no longer is!

We look forward to welcoming students back to Term 2 on this date, and for reference I attach again on the final page the term dates for this academic year.

Richard Burgas 10.10.23

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Terms and Holiday Dates 2023/2024



September 2023						October 2023						November 2023								
M			4	11	18	25	M		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu			7	14	21	28
W			6	13	20	27	W		4	11	18	25		W		1	8	15	22	29
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26		Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		1	8	15	22	29	F		6	13	20	27		F		3	10	17	24	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		3	10	17	24		Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su		5	12	19	26	
December 2023						January 2024						February 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27
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F		1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26		F		2	9	16	23	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24	
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March 2024						April 2024						May 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			6	13	20	27
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Term dates summary:

- Term 1:** 01 September – 20 October 2023 (36 days)
- Term 2:** 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)
- Term 3:** 02 January – 9 February 2024 (29 days)
- Term 4:** 19 February – 28 March 2024 (29 days)
- Term 5:** 15 April – 24 May 2024 (29 days)
- Term 6:** 03 June – 23 July 2024 (37 days) **TOTAL = 195**

 School Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 Term Time
 Inset Days

Bank and public holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2023	Easter Monday 01 April 2024
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2023	May Day Bank Holiday 06 May 2024
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday 27 May 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday 26 August 2024