



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 19th July 2023

So this is it, my final update letter of the year!

It's hard to put into words how I feel coming to the end of what has been a defining moment in the life of Wadham School.

With such considerable change in September, and at times a bumpier than expected ride, all I can say is a massive **thank you** to the staff, students and families that have come together when it's really mattered to ensure the learning and well-being of our students remains at the heart of what we do.

Having just returned from the Year 7 Huish Woods Camping trip, I've been blessed to see first hand how well students have grown, both personally and academically, with many treasured memories from the last 2 days that remind me why working in education is so important, and so rewarding.

I am privileged to work alongside such dedicated, resilient and caring colleagues, and feel strongly that it is direct result of their efforts that the culture, values and expectations of 'new Wadham' have been so successfully embedded. It's made for a really positive end to the year.

That's not to say the students haven't been awesome either, because they have!
Embracing change is never easy, yet despite this and other challenges, Wadham students have consistently shown great spirit and commitment to do what is right over what is easy.

The potential they have is huge, and we're excited to be part of their lives, helping them shape and define who they are and where they want to be.

As this final week draws to a close, I'm delighted to publish shortly our termly Newsletter and the final edition of 'the Quill' – both giving further insight into the magic that happens here every day.

On behalf of everyone here at Wadham School, I would like to thank all members of our community for your continued support, and wish everyone a positive and peaceful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



Top Achieving Students!

Well done to everyone mentioned below. It's been an absolute pleasure seeing students respond to the recognition for all their hard work and fantastic achievements, and hugely encouraging to see how frequently these names have changed.

Warmest congratulations to all students that have received House Points this year, particularly the large number of students that have ever been celebrated in the "Top 3" below.

Week Beginning 3rd July

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Nolan G	Lewis T	Zena W	Sean C
2	Molly L	Alfie B Theo C Emily W	Jack M	Emre T
3	Teegan M	Roman W	Lottie D	Noah D

Week Beginning 10th July

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Kai B	Alfie B	Zena W	Will F Reagan M
2	Presley V	Faye D Lucy S	Neven G	Karlee D Louka G Sophia M
3	Josh B-W	Jessica H	Damon M	James N

End of Term Arrangements – Friday 21st July

A letter was sent on the 12th July explain arrangements for our last day of term on Friday. A reminder that Friday will be a half day, with students being dismissed from tutor rooms at 12.15pm. Students should wear PE Kit and trainers on this day, and will complete a period in tutor time, celebrate with a rewards assembly and take part in a PE event.

Full details can be found on our website here:

[D18E7C958C887DEFD34ECC805AACE4D7.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](#)

Start of Term Arrangements – September 2023

Without wishing any of our summer holiday away, details of when students return in September are as follows:

- Year 7 and the 6th Form return on **Wednesday 6th September**
- Years 8 – 11 return on **Thursday 7th September**

A polite reminder that we expect all students to return in September with the correct uniform and equipment for learning.

We know many parents have been busy already purchasing items, and full details to help you ensure appropriate footwear and clothing is bought can be found on our website, here:

[Wadham School - School Uniform](#)

2023-24 Term Dates

Finally, you may find the final page useful as it contains a reminder of our term dates for next year.

Wishing everyone a positive and peaceful summer break!
We look forward to seeing you again in September!

Richard Burgas 19.07.23

Wadham School

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
W			6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25		Th		1	8	15	22	29
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	
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	
March 2024						April 2024						May 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			7	14	21	28
W			6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24		W		1	8	15	22	29
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25		Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26		F		3	10	17	24	31
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		5	12	19	26	
June 2024						July 2024						August 2024								
M			3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
Tu			4	11	18	25	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27
W			5	12	19	26	W		3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28
Th			6	13	20	27	Th		4	11	18	25		Th		1	8	15	22	29
F			7	14	21	28	F		5	12	19	27		F		2	9	16	23	30
Sa		1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24	31
Su		2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	

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