



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 16th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 16.10.22

I hope this letter finds you well. In 5 days, we will have come to the end of our first term as 'new' Wadham and I know that students and staff are looking forward to a much-deserved break. Don't forget that for students, term ends on Thursday – as we have staff INSET on Friday!

The last 7 weeks have flown by. Everyone has worked hard to embrace the changes we have made, cope with sharing our working day with contractors and shown a commitment and maturity to learning that has helped establish positive routines – thank you.

Some of the best progress made this term has been the result of a strong home-school partnership. Working together, even when we've started from disagreement, remains the best way to ensure learning and well-being remain at the heart of what we do.

I am grateful to our staff, parents and carers this term that have given their time to ensure meetings have taken place. I would also like to extend an invitation to all our parents and carers to give your views on how well you feel our year has started. Please use the QR code or link below to complete a short survey that will help me greatly in continuing to move Wadham School forward.

The survey will remain open until Term 2 starts on Tuesday 1st November.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tojDscYYEkOkJ-LCIa43goaHiVvk38BNPrrGnzK0rIDJUREU4VEIxVE9aUzBIOEY4VkJZSM0pW0VczQi4u>



We've a busy week ahead, details of which can be found attached to this letter. We are all looking forward to time away from school next week, and it's right and proper that students and staff do 'switch off' next week and make time for themselves – to rest, recover and be ready for the next term ahead. As such, I would like to close this update with a meaningful prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you that you teach us, and expect us, to rest for our own well-being;

Sorry that sometimes I forget to be wise and to look after my own well-being;

Please help me to be intentional about rest and recovery, in being well – for myself, for others, for You.

Amen

Wishing you all a positive and peaceful half-term break.

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World Mental Health Day & Non-Uniform Day: Monday 10th October

The perfect start to last week, and thanks to the generosity of our school community we raised a total of £575.73! Monies raised will be donated to Crewkerne C.I.C – a local charity and valuable service that is providing support to Wadham students and their families. Thank you so much for your kindness, it is very much appreciated.

Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 18th October

Mr Isaak and his team are delighted to welcome prospective students to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday.

This follows on from a range of taster lessons our Year 11 students have experienced recently.

Our Open Evening is the perfect opportunity to come and see what study at this level looks like, see examples of students' work and find out where completing further study is likely to take you!

It'll also set you up nicely for our next event on Thursday....



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"The school is well placed to move forward positively and with confidence."
"Pupils conduct themselves well in the classrooms and around the school."

New students and parents are warmly invited to our
Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 18th October 2022
5.00 - 7.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Address at 5.20pm and 6.20pm



"The school is an orderly environment within which pupils feel safe. Pupils are appreciative of the open and inclusive culture."

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Wadham Careers Fair: Thursday 20th October



All students will have protected time during the day to visit the Careers Fayre – an annual event that showcases a range of professional and vocational pathways.

Once again, our Sports Hall will become home to a range of guests and exhibitors, looking forward to answering your questions and talk about the pathway to their chosen profession.

Parents and Carers can also attend, as the Fayre will also be running alongside our 'Meet the Tutor' Evening. See you there!

'Meet the Tutor' Evening: Thursday 20th October

A final reminder that this Thursday we're looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to Wadham School in order to 'meet the tutor' and discuss how well students have settled into their studies. Booking information has been shared and appointments can be made using School Cloud. I hope to see as many parents and carers as possible on Thursday – if for any reason there is an issue with making bookings, please email Simon O'Nions, Assistant Headteacher – sonions@wadhamschool.co.uk

INSET Day: Friday 21st October

A final reminder that there will be an additional INSET day at the end of this term on Friday 21st October. The school will be closed to students and time used to deliver further training to staff. Students return to Wadham after half term on Tuesday 1st November.