



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 13th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 13.11.22

It has been another busy week at Wadham, with something for everyone – and significant numbers of students involved! From fixtures to interviews, Pokémon club to choir group, it's wonderful to see students and staff engaged in a range of activities outside of the classroom.

The week has flown by, although time has rightly been given to reflect and remember, with year assemblies this week all delivering their version of "Remembrance."

I am delighted that Caiden Allen in Year 7 was chosen to lay the wreath on behalf of Wadham students Friday morning.

The most humbling moment though was being stood out on the field at 11.00am and watching the student response to Remembrance. You could hear a pin drop. Everything stilled. Birdsong and the wind through the trees only added to the "weight" of silence.

Looking around the field I saw Year 8, arms linked, taking a knee on their pitch. Year 7 were doing the same. In between them, a group of girls stood huddled in a circle, arms around each other, heads bowed. Behind me in the MUGA, Year 11 boys had faced off to form 2 rows, with linked arms and some heads bowed in silence. It was a very moving experience.

At the end of the 2 mins, the airhorn and bells brought everyone back to life - a cheer went up and it was business as usual.

But in that moment of peace, of silence, everyone I could see **got it** - giving me great faith in our work as we continue to shape the lives of those in our care.

Thank you, our parents and carers, for all that you do to support us.

Yours sincerely,

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Rotary Club Student Interviews

Year 11 students arrived suited and booted for two days of interviews, led by the local branch of the Rotary Club. On Tuesday and Wednesday the boardroom and B05 became a hive of activity, with questions fired across the table in a high stakes game of "Did I get the job?"

One interviewer commented, "Every pupil I met today was polite, engaging and an absolute pleasure to interview. I have an amazing impression of your school."

Well done Year 11, and a massive thank you to Beth Church, Lorrie Mahoney and the Rotary Club for organising such an important event.



Children in Need – Non-uniform Day!



It's Children in Need on Friday, and we will be raising money for this important cause with a non-uniform day.

Rumour has it Mr White is even looking to be our very own Pudsey Bear!

For a minimum £1 donation, students can wear their own clothes, taking the recent cold weather in to consideration of course!

Tutors will collect donations on Friday morning.

Late Bus – Update

As part of the restructuring process, we are due to have the provision of a late bus to cater for students living in Ilminster. For a number of reasons, we are waiting for this provision to start, and with a group of councillors visiting Wadhams on Tuesday, I will be raising this with them! In the meantime, I am grateful to parents who have been collecting their children once fixtures and after school clubs have taken place.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Last week I shared that we are looking to recruit a Parent Governor. (See last week's update for details.) If you feel you have the qualities and time to contribute, then to find out more and arrange an informal meeting, please contact Laura Andrews, Clerk to the Governors.

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