



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 15th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 15.01.23

What a week! Following the successful launch of our Year 11 GCSE Information Evening last Monday, the focus remained on Year 11 with revisions sessions well-attended, reports published and appointments filling up nicely for our Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th January.

Alongside this, silent starters in all Key Stage 3 classes, along with movement time being added at key points in the day, have helped create a calm and purposeful start to lessons.

There is always a period of 'settling in' and for us this has seen an initial increase in the number of students accessing the toilets at the end of lesson one. It has felt a little busier but is something I know will calm quite quickly as students settle into new routines. It's a similar story in the Food Hall at breaktime – everyone is still able to be served, and we've adjusted staffing to accommodate, but nonetheless it's certainly felt busier than usual!

The week ahead continues to be a busy one as we welcome a presentation and workshop sessions to students in Years 8 and 9 tomorrow, with guest speakers coming in to educate about "Violence towards women and girls."

We are also hosting a theatre production for link schools in the Crewkerne and Ilminster Schools' Partnership and look forward to welcoming students from Ashlands and St Barts Primary Schools on Friday.

Update information for parents is to share that 'Lates' remains an area of focus in the weeks ahead. Our first wave of students attended their detentions on Friday, and we've added a further afterschool detention on Monday to mop-up anyone choosing not to attend on a Friday. Thank you for your support in ensuring students do attend detentions. We are hopeful that numbers will fall as students realise both the importance of starting every lesson on time and that as a school, we are not going to give-up on this expectation.

Finally, from tomorrow parents using the Edulink App will be able to see 'Behaviour' details where incidents have been recorded for their child. This is in response to parental feedback, requesting this information so that informed conversations at home can take place – enabling more positive behaviours in school to be developed.

As always, thanks for your support in keeping learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

Yours sincerely,

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