



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 28th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 28.03.23

T Minus 3 and counting! In this final week of term, things are no less busy and we're looking forward to our Rewards Assemblies on Friday to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students.

We're also excited to be publishing our termly Newsletter and the latest edition of "The Quill" – our student led magazine that delves deeper into community life at Wadham School.

My thought for the week is focused on the subject of 'conscience.' Assemblies this week are asking students to reflect on what drives them, the impact their words and actions have on others every day, and our fundamental belief that as people we are inherently good and gain a sense of purpose and fulfilment when we help others.

Students have been reminded of the Attitudes for Learning we know will make them successful learners and confident citizens:

1. Be true to yourself.
2. Show kindness towards someone new.
3. Choose what's right over what's easy.
4. "Opportunities not obstacles!"
5. Effort and resilience will always lead to success.
6. Take extra pride in your work and SEE the difference.



The Easter break is an opportunity for us all to enjoy some much-deserved rest and recovery, spending time with the people we care most about in our lives. It is also an opportunity for students to reflect on how far they have come since September, and no matter what challenges they may continue to face, they will never be alone.

**Lord Jesus,
Help us to know in Holy Week and all weeks,
that your love for us is stronger than any problems
or struggles we may face in our lives.**

Amen

From 'Dust and Glory, A Lent Journey for Children'. The Church of England.

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



Yeovil Road, Crewkerne, Somerset. TA18 7NT Telephone 01460 270123
Website : www.wadhamschool.co.uk E-Mail : office@wadhamschool.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr R Burgas
Chair of Governors: Mr C Chapman



Top Achieving Students!

Another record for Wadham School – Emily B in Year 9 is the first student to achieve 100 House Points in a single week – that’s (on average) 20 a day – or 4 House Points every lesson! Well done Emily!!

Many congratulations to everyone mentioned below – with some students again sharing a spot in the top 3 with their peers – what can **you** do when we return after Easter to edge out the competition?!

Week Beginning 20th March

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Gwen T	Bethany B	Emily B (100 HP!)	Iris L-G	Evie L Emma W
2	Darcie C	Terence B	Edie P Jamie S	Oliver M	Connor G
3	Bonnie C	Millie R	Zoë N	Grace M	Alex N

Rewards Assemblies – 31.03.23

We’re looking forward to recognising student achievement this Friday with our termly Rewards Assemblies. Each Year Group will come together in celebration of the hard work given, with certificates and prizes duly prepared by staff to be presented. As it is Easter, rumour has it that Mrs Finch has also secured a large supply of chocolate, which will form part of the awards process!

We’re extremely proud of all our students’ achievements and excited for what will be the perfect end to another busy term.

The timetable of assemblies is given below:

Friday 31st March

Lesson	Assembly
1	Year 8
2	Year 10
3	Year 11
4	Year 9
5	Year 7

Late Bus Provision

The Local Authority have sourced a late bus that will depart from Wadham each week-day at 4.30pm. This is a free service to students that need it, and will travel directly to the centre of Ilminster. This is the only stop on the route, but does now enable students living in Ilminster to stay and engage in after school activities, knowing that there is transport home.

Update – we've been monitoring take up of this free service and currently numbers are lower than anticipated. In order to ensure value for money, a smaller bus may be supplied to better meet demand if numbers remain low.

Year 7 – Behaviour for Learning

It's really important that we end the term well – for Year 7 this means another focus on the basics of classroom behaviour and good manners to help everyone settle and achieve.

Although I do recognise that the level of challenge schools have faced recently has made it difficult for some students to settle, we do have clear routines and expectations to create a calm and purposeful classroom atmosphere.

In this final week of term, we've made a temporary change in our policy for year 7 only, in that if they are removed from a lesson, or lose their social time due to poor behaviour, then they will go to ISR for 2 full lessons and break or lunch, whichever falls within this period.

Last term, 44 students needed this additional support to end the term well. So far, only 3 have needed it – encouraging signs that Year 7 will have the skills and discipline required for successful GCSE study, when they get there.

Year 11 Intervention – Regents Camps Workshops

2 groups of 18 students in Year 11 have risen to the challenge of 3-day, intensive support in English and Maths.

Student engagement has been superb, with many seeing a real shift in understanding and confidence in preparation for the GCSE exams – well done!

Equally, one of the course tutors asked to speak with me last week to say how impressed she was with the attitude and level of questioning shown. With a final term of preparation to go, early signs are looking good for these students!

Year 11 – Uniform After Easter?

Finally, to confirm uniform expectations for Year 11, all students will continue to wear their school uniform up to and throughout the summer exam period. This is in keeping with the expectations and discipline students have established as they continue to prepare for their final exams, and which has to remain the absolute focus of their continued work.

A "Dress your Best" day has been planned for the 21st June as part of a range of activities to celebrate the end of formal education, with further details published nearer the time.

Richard Burgas
28.03.23

