



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 25th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 25.04.23

Welcome to the Summer Term!

A short introduction to say that one week in, I have been impressed with how well Year 11 and Sixth Form Students have returned, settled and demonstrate an absolute focus on the exams ahead. Well done!

GCSE Food, Art and Design exams have taken place, last week saw the completion of the Performing Arts exams, and from Monday-Thursday this week we have our GCSE French Speaking exams.

Over the next 4.5 weeks, the journey to May half-term contains Bank Holidays, Vaccinations for Year 9, a Coronation and ongoing disruption as a result of industrial action. We will continue to do all we can to limit the impact of these events, and students have been briefed about the days and weeks ahead.

Early indications remain positive – the overwhelming majority of students understand the value of education and want to do well. (You'll see some of them on the next page)

I look forward to sharing our successes and achievements as this term unfolds.
As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher

New Staff Welcome!

Our summer term marked the arrival of new staff, joining us from other schools and backgrounds. Only a week in, and already colleagues have found their feet and are getting into the routine of daily life here at Wadham School. We are delighted to welcome:

Mr K Allington – Head of Year 7 (Promotion!)

Mr C Straker-Nesbit – Head of Geography

Ms L Rogers – Receptionist

Miss N Spencer – Cleaner

Miss S Knight – Lead First Aider/Admin (from 1st May)



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Key Dates this Term

Wednesday 26th April – Year 9 Vaccinations

Thursday 27th April – Partial Closure due to NEU Industrial Action

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday, Wadham School closed to students and staff

Tuesday 2nd May - Partial Closure due to NEU Industrial Action

Saturday 6th May – Coronation of King Charles III

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday, Wadham School closed to students and staff

Friday 12th May – Year 9 Vaccinations

Top Achieving Students!

I always look forward to running the Achievement Report at the weekend as I know names will have a changed, meaning more students receive the positive attention they deserve.

We have 2 weeks' worth of results to share, to cover the periods either side of the Easter Break.

Well done to all students mentioned below – will you be there again next week?

Week Beginning 27th March

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Grace L	Phoebe B	George F	Rosie B Kelsey N	Elliott O
2	Lola H	Levi A Ruby B Oliver T	Riley Z	Evelyn S-S	Oliver W
3	Harry B	Kyra R	Dylan R	Sophia R Toby S	Shai B

Week Beginning 17th April

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Thomas D	Sienna I Lucy W	Zena W	Karlee D	Lucy F
2	Lola H	Dolly B Evie J	Mollie B	Ruby-Dee C William R Jack W Lexie W Oliver W	Cody M
3	Gwen T	Caspar C Oliver D Shi Jie L	George F	Sophie D	Evie L Emma W

NEU Industrial Action 2 days – 27.04.23 and 02.05.23

As you will be aware, a further two days of industrial action by the NEU will take place this Thursday 27th April and next Tuesday 2nd May.

The Partial Closure letter sent last week explained how we will operate on these days, a copy of which can be found on our website here:

[74CA29A9A0BC785BF1B65CDE471A9732.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/74CA29A9A0BC785BF1B65CDE471A9732.pdf)

We will be following the same arrangements as in March - with Year 11 and Sixth Form students following their normal timetables onsite, and all other students engaging with remote learning from home, using TEAMS, with their teachers if they are attending on these days.

No online lessons will take place if a member of staff is absent.

Students unable to work remotely have been able to collect a pack of work from the Pastoral Hub since Monday.

As ever, vulnerable students and children of critical workers are able to attend, so long as parents have completed the online form to confirm that they are being sent in.

A reminder that industrial action is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions of employment, and not because of any issues specifically relating to our school, although I am sorry for the ongoing disruption caused.

Parents' Evenings this Term

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and students onsite for the next round of Parents' Evenings, beginning with the Year 8 Evening this Thursday.

Parents should be making bookings using their 'Schoolcloud' account.

Details of how to do this can be found here:

[25A300C015447F6A71093A28DCB8C459.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/25A300C015447F6A71093A28DCB8C459.pdf)

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 27th April

As explained to Year 8 Parents in a letter last week, we have moved this Thursday's Evening to an online event, as a result of the NEU Industrial Action. Although we know some booked appointments will be affected, it's important that we continue as planned as much as we can, giving parents an opportunity to speak with teachers.

A copy of the letter sent last week can be found here:

[1B27944C27333BB22C93DD24010B18B1.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/1B27944C27333BB22C93DD24010B18B1.pdf)

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Thursday 4th May

This Evening will take place onsite as normal, and will be a great opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss progress made so far, ahead of the summer exams.

ICT Rooms get an Upgrade!



Towards the end of last time we were delighted to receive a generous donation from Lloyds Banking Group, by way of one of our Governors, Mr J Dyer.

He arranged for monitors in A12 Computer Room, along with a number of monitors in offices across the site, to be replaced with more current ICT equipment. At the same time, over 30 ergonomic office chairs were donated.

This positive action has not only improved the quality of provision but also helped us save money that can be realigned to support other areas of curriculum learning.

On behalf of everyone at Wadham School, our sincere thanks for this kind and generous donation.

Mental Health Awareness Week – Non-uniform Day Friday 12th May

Our Mental Health Ambassadors continue to support the health and well-being of our students and are working hard to introduce a range of events and opportunities in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week, taking place from the 15th to the 21st May.

The focus of this year's event is 'anxiety' and our launch event will be a whole-school non-uniform day on Friday 12th May.

Money raise will be donated to local charities that provide mental health support to our community.

Richard Burgas
25.04.23

15 to 21 May 2023

Mental Health Awareness Week



#ToHelpMyAnxiety