



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 2nd May 2023

We're nearly halfway through this term, and with a Coronation Bank Holiday fast approaching, I really do think that May is going to pass us by very quickly!

Year 11 continue to work hard in preparation for their GCSE exams – we've published our "Just the Boost You Need" revision sessions for the next few weeks and expect good student turnout. Don't forget that we have the Ilminster Late Bus on hand each day to get students home.

All students can learn from the commitment and maturity Year 11 (and Year 13!) students are showing. In an age where increasingly people seem to value the convenience and the speed with which our needs can be met, as opposed to the quality of the service we receive – a so called "Now!" culture, it's heartening to see the deliberate and measured approach both student groups have taken to prepare (and be confident!) for the exams ahead.

My message this week, then, is one of pace – of recognising that sometimes people choose the easier option and a 'quick win' over investing in longer term action to achieve a more deep-rooted and stronger outcome.

Since my arrival last September, we have been saying to students "do what's right over what's easy" and with 3 weeks to go until half term, this is a message to be shared with all year groups, using the positive example of Year 11 and 13 as role models in this regard.

Dear God

**In the journey of life making choices can be hard,
especially when the easy option is so tempting.**

**In the journey of life, making wise decisions can be tricky,
especially when shortcuts are so enticing.**

I am sorry for times when I may have lost sight of my values.

Help me to be strong and courageous,

to see the wide and narrow gates,

to choose well

**Thank you that I have your example to follow and have your Spirit to guide me in
life's journey today.**

Amen

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



Top Achieving Students!

Well done to all students mentioned below, and great to see many new names being recognised for their hard work and fantastic achievements last week – will you be there again next week?

Week Beginning 24th April

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Thomas D	Isaac G	Lottie D	Amelia S	Cody M
2	Maria C Mia H Lucas L	Alex G	John W	Reagan M Oliver M	Jack B
3	Emily S	Evie J	Darcy A	George C	Lillie W

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Thursday 4th May

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and students onsite this Thursday Evening, 4.00-7.00pm. Following the publication of reports tomorrow, this will be a great opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss progress made so far, ahead of the summer exams.

Parents should continue to make 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)

The Field Remains Open! (But for how long?)

The field has always been a popular destination at break and lunch, and with the arrival of warmer weather, it's definitely seen greater footfall in recent weeks.

We're keen for students to be responsible for managing litter on the field – bins have been provided and I have been impressed by the positive response so far by students to ensure all waste is cleared from the field each day. This has not always been the case, so it's a gentle reminder this week that so long as students keep doing their bit, the field can and will remain open.

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

15 to 21 May 2023

Mental Health
Awareness Week



#ToHelpMyAnxiety

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