



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 11th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 11.09.23

Welcome back! I hope this first update letter of the new academic year finds you well. The autumn term has begun, and students are to be commended for the positive attitude shown towards their learning.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know our new Year 7's, they've definitely hit the ground running and display a maturity and confidence that bodes well for their future. Well done!

It's been equally good welcoming back familiar faces, and great to see that positive habits for learning and behaviour continue this autumn.

We're looking forward to celebrating outstanding student successes last year with our Annual Awards and Presentation Evening, taking place next Thursday at St Bart's Church, Crewkerne. With invites already sent and trophies soon to be awarded, it's set to be a great evening for those involved.

That's not to say we have to wait a week to recognise outstanding achievement! The table below shows the students last week achieving the most House Points:

Top Performing Students w/c 04.09.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Eliza H	Gwen T	Jessica H	Sophie F Martha O'G	Maddie H Ellie-May T
2	Joel C Riley M	Gracie-Marie A Darcie C	Ruby D	Isobel T	Mia C
3	Theo C James P Rita P	Kayla B Betsy B Archie C Tom M	Alex G Keira H	Nancy G Jack S	Alisha C Sophie D Jayden O Ellie S Maddie S



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New Staff Welcome!

Alongside the new Year 7's, we're delighted to welcome our new intake of staff to Wadham School. Bringing a wide range of skills and experiences, new colleagues have also hit the ground running in setting high expectations, clear boundaries and helpful routines to keep learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

A warm welcome to the following new staff:

Mrs K Hazle – Head of Science	Mrs I Coombs – Teacher of Languages and Teaching Assistant
Mr M Sykes – Head of English	Mr J Margetts – Cover Supervisor
Ms C Vickery – Head of Design Technology	Mrs G Garrett – Cleaning Team
Mrs L Manning – Teacher of PE	Miss A MacKay – Teaching Assistant
Miss J Cross – Teacher of PE	Mrs E Webb – Teaching Assistant
Miss S Wells – Teacher of English & Maths	Mrs J Blackmore – Teaching Assistant
Miss V Richardson – Teacher of Maths	
Mr W Date – Teacher of Geography	

Life Skills Workshops

Workshops were delivered to students in Year 7 and the Sixth Form last week, helping them develop and apply revision techniques for learning. We have purchased a 30min online video for parents and staff, to help them understand and support with the techniques delivered. A letter was sent out to parents Friday. The video remains accessible until the end of Wednesday 13th September.

You can access the Parents Briefing Maximising Success video as follows:

1. Click on the following link: [Maximising Success Parent Briefing](#)
2. Use the password: **LoveToLearn**
3. Pens at the ready and enjoy!

Closing Prayer

As we begin our first full week, let's not forget that change can be a daunting process, and give our thanks and prayers in support of our students as they return.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form.

As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass towards a bright future.

We pray that they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.

Amen.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and positive start to the new school year.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Burgas
Headteacher