



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 06.11.23**

The good weather has finally turned! We are currently at the commissioning stage of our new heating system with all areas of the school being tested. At times it has felt a little cooler in some rooms, but engineers have confirmed that the new boilers will be fully online and delivering heat to all rooms by the end of this week.

Similarly, the colder weather has seen students (and staff!) grabbing overcoats for the journey to and from school. Although there are a few hard-core students in shorts and polo shirts, do ensure you're your child is wearing appropriate school uniform for this time of year – feeling cold be uncomfortable and unsettle a student's focus on learning.

Please be reminded that hoodies are not permitted uniform and should not be worn. Neither are fluffy socks or ankle warmers. Instead, students should wear a base layer of clothing under their uniform – vests/plain T-shirts for example – that will remain unseen but do give additional warmth.

Many students are already doing this.

Full uniform guidance can be found on our website here: [Wadham School - School Uniform](#)

We will continue to monitor uniform and appearance, contacting parents should we be concerned that school policy is not being followed.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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## Top Performing Students

Despite Storm Ciaran blowing us off course on Thursday, it's great to see a larger than usual crop of students achieving the 1-2-3 spot for house points. This week in particular has given reason staff that are also parents a reason to smile! Well done, everyone, for your hard work and commitment!

### Week Commencing 30.10.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Bethany W	Jenny P	Xavier C Holly W	Jed B Henry R	Poppy R
2	Rose-Ann C Rita P	Andrew H Elsie S	Daniel B	Damon M Elliott T Flynn W	Jack W
3	Leon G Jack T	Charlie N	Isaac G	Sophie Fkz Izzy S	Rowan H Adam R Cameron S

### Battlefields Trip: Sunday 29th – Wednesday 1st November

The journey to Commonwealth war graves in France and Belgium is always a very personal and humbling experience, and one that makes lasting memories. This year was again no different and I am incredibly proud of the attitude and conduct of the students involved. It is also a massive thank you to Mr Cassidy and all of the staff that took part, giving their time to make such an important trip happen.

I'm sure there will be a detailed report in the Quill later!

And leads nicely on to...



### Wadham School – Act of Remembrance: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Our school community will once again be commemorating Remembrance Day. Rector CJ Davis has been delivering Remembrance assemblies this week, and our final act will be students and staff observing a 2mins silence on Friday, at 11.00am.

As this is break time, additional bells will be to mark the start and end of the silence. We will all stand still, fall silent and keep in our thoughts the men and women of our armed forces that serve, and have lost their lives, to protect the liberties and freedoms we enjoy.

Students that may be members of local cadet troops are welcome to wear their cadet uniform instead of their normal school uniform on Friday.



## **Meet the Tutor Evening & Careers Fair – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5.00-7.00pm**

I'm writing to confirm that our postponed event last week has been rescheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

A letter detailing the rearranged Meet the Tutor Evening and Careers Fair can be found on our website here: [AF2378AE9F7ACB7AE3A743A26F1EBB49.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](#)

Our Careers Fair will also be running at this time in the New Sports Hall, and all families, particularly those with children in Years 11 and 13, are encouraged to attend. Students will have access to the Fair during the school day, and the Fair will remain open until 7pm. There will be trade stands from a range of local education providers, employers and professionals, happy to give advice and guidance on career pathways and onward progression.

The canteen will be open on the night for self-service refreshments, the perfect 'pit-stop' as families move from the tutor appointment to the Careers Fair.

We hope you find both events on the 16<sup>th</sup> November useful in providing information regarding how well your child has settled into their studies this year, along with some ideas and guidance about possible next steps for their future.

## **Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 5.00-7.00pm**

A final reminder that Mr Isack and staff are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 students and parents to our Open Evening this Wednesday.

Whether we are your first choice, your reserve choice, or you remain undecided, it is about being informed, and we hope to see as many students and parents as possible on the night to help determine the right pathway for you, once studies this year are completed.

Immediate enquiries should be made to Mr Isack, Head of Sixth Form:

[Hisack@wadhamschool.co.uk](mailto:Hisack@wadhamschool.co.uk) / 01202 270123

## **Picking Up / Dropping Off at School**

A polite reminder - This is never an easy issue to resolve, but please can I ask all road users to be mindful of their surroundings when waiting to drop off/collect children from school. In particular, please ensure that you only park in permitted areas, not blocking residents' drives or junction entrances.

## **Student Safety – Walking and Cycling To and From School**

With evenings becoming darker much earlier and the return of more unsettled, wintry weather, we are urging students to take extra care when making their way to and from school each day.

We would expect ALL cyclists to ensure they are wearing appropriate safety equipment when riding, that their bikes are roadworthy and that they have lights to be used when it is dark.

For students walking to and from school, they should be aware of their surroundings and stick to footpaths to avoid the risk of trips and falls on uneven or slippery ground.

At this time of year, we know that families sometimes make alternative arrangements for lifts and collections when the weather is particularly bad, and are asking that as part of this process children are reminded of the need to be vigilant with regard to strangers or people they do not know.

## Christmas Card Competition!

Finally, please see below information regarding our annual Christmas Card Competition.

Designs must relate to the story of the Nativity, and all entries will be displayed at our Carol Evening in December, with prizes awarded for the top 3 designs.

The winning design will be used as Wadham School's official Christmas card this year.

The deadline for submission (to the tutor) is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November!

