



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 15.12.23

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

After 15 long weeks the Christmas Break is nearly upon us. As I write this final update of 2023 I can hear the Year 9's singing in the hall, and it's another reminder of why Wadham School is such a magical place to be!

The autumn term has been one of consolidation and growth. New staff have settled really well and I'm delighted to announce that Mr Sykes, Head of English, has introduced a tutor time reading programme across Key Stage 3. Plans are afoot to extend this to Year 10 and 11 in the near future, but for now we're excited to be diving into strange worlds and new experiences as we read through novels and short stories that will help broaden our vocabulary and wider understanding of the modern world in which we live.

Year 11 saw the term out with a visit to Bath University and Shopping Trip on Wednesday. We hope students rest and recharge over the break and are looking forward to launching the Spring Intervention Programme at our Information Evening on January 8th.

All year groups are currently engaged in community activities – "When is Karaoke starting?" being the question of the day. My sincere thanks to Will Ford and Charlton Bowery in Year 11 (supported by Ms Middleton!) for making the Karaoke happen. Now all we need is another 'surprise' staff singer...

We are also saying 'thank you' and goodbye to some staff today, not least Mrs Janet Main, who has worked in Wadham's kitchen serving countless meals and hot drinks to our community for 21 years!

To all our staff leavers, THANK YOU for giving your time in the service of others, for making a positive difference to our school and for your friendship and support along the way. You will be missed and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Best wishes go to:

Janet Main – Catering Assistant
Claire Durrant – Learning Support Assistant
Tom Tame – School Chaplain
Helen Patrickson – Assistant Head of Year

On behalf of all staff at Wadham School I would like to wish all our families a positive and peaceful Christmas break and best wishes for the New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

Here's this week's Top 3 across Years 7-11 and the final set of results for this term. Whether your name is here or not, well done to EVERYONE for your hard work, commitment and positive attitude to your learning – you are all amazing people 😊

Week Commencing 11.12.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Liberty C	Oliver N	Emily H	Martha O	Emre T
2	Eden E	Katelin W	Ruby D	Laila B	Lucas R
3	George B	Bella S	Mykie G	Samuel S-S	Charlton B

Wadham Science and PE Departments Need YOU!



Calling all Ilminster Tesco shoppers - the PE and Science departments would really appreciate your help!

We are hoping to win up to £1500 of funding from Tesco's in Ilminster. This will be used to further improve the learning experiences for all Wadham students through the creation of a school pond and the purchase of team building equipment.

Please collect the blue coins at the check-out and drop them into the Wadham collection point – it's the one on the right as shown in the picture here!

The appeal has started well, and with your support we're confident we can secure this funding and make further positive changes here at Wadham School – thank you for your help!

January 2024 - Start of Term Arrangements

Without wishing any of our holiday away....

The new term starts with an INSET day for staff only on Tuesday 2nd January, with all students returning to a WEEK A at the usual time on Wednesday 3rd January.

Have a wonderful break, enjoy time with family and friends and we look forward to going again in the New Year 😊

Richard Burgas
15.12.23