



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 24.05.24

And that was Term 5! Alongside this letter, I am delighted to publish the termly school Newsletter and hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities and opportunities students have engaged in.

Life can be so fast-paced at times, particularly when we have a clear goal in mind – like completing our summer exams for example! It's important that when the opportunity for 'rest' comes, we remind ourselves that it is deserved and there to protect our well-being.

Year 11 and 13 students have made a strong start to their final exams. I am sure that revision will continue at some level next week, but at the same time do expect that quality time has been set aside to switch off, decompress, and simply 'be.'

The same extends to everyone else.

It's important that we return rested and refreshed for a final (just a busy!) term.

Last week was mental health awareness week with a theme of movement for our mental health. This week has been 'walk to school week' (and the Children's Trust national doughnut week!) Having enjoyed some brighter weather, we are reminded how being outside and moving can work wonders for our wellbeing.

Maybe you were able to get out for a rare sighting of the aurora borealis, Northern Lights, or simply to enjoy the fresh air. What will you do this weekend, and during half term, to boost your own mental health?

The warmth of the sun, the spectacular Northern Lights, the vibrant greens of new growth, the melodies of the dawn chorus all remind us that we are part of something much bigger. They can remind us that God wants each of us to know life in all its fullness. (The Bible, John 10:10).

There are reminders all around us of God's abundant love and our beautiful world, we just need to notice them.

Whatever you do, have a wonderful half term, intentionally investing time to feed your body, mind and spirit.

We look forward to welcoming students and staff back to Wadham on Monday 3rd June – Week A!

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Bringing us all up to date as we go into the May half term, here are the students in the Top 3 places for receiving House Points in recent week.

Great to see a record 14 students tied for 3rd place in Year 11.

Well done to everyone mentioned below, it's great to see your continued hard-work and positive attitude to learning being recognised!

Week Commencing 06.05.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Ellis R	Mia H	Esme G	Lily D	Oliver M
2	George V	Poppy H	Harry D Harry T	Nancy G	Sean C
3	Darcy G	Charlie-Jane N	Owen J	Ashlee-May L	Oliver A George C Lewis C Lily D Noah D Lana E Will F Ben F Matthew F Lottie H Taylor M Connie M Mason P AJ P

Week Commencing 13.05.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Ellis R	Henry M	Ivy H	Syrus H Ryan M
2	George V	Corey W	Holly W	Jayden B
3	Frankie A	Poppy B	Benny S	Jed B Marcus K

Start of term Progress Assemblies – Monday 3rd June 2024

With so much going on throughout the year, sometimes it's not until you're able to stop and take a look at what you've achieved that you're able to see how far you have come.

This year is no different, and we are immensely proud of how well students have embraced the changes we have made in a number of areas to keep learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

For this reason, students in Year 7-10 will have a Progress Assembly during their first day back. This is an opportunity to be reminded of the site improvements, curriculum changes, new assessments, actions from student leadership and more – so that they understand their role and expectation as part of a larger community focussed on improving outcomes and life chances.

We're looking forward to welcoming students to their Progress Assemblies at the following times:

Lesson	Year Group	Leave the Lesson at...
1	Year 7	9.25am
2	Year 10	10.30am
3	Year 9	11.50am
4	Year 8	12.55pm

*Mr Isack is arranging a bespoke 6th Form Progress Assembly to take place within this first week back.

Uniform Reminder & Action Needed

Duty staff continue to speak with students every morning if uniform does not meet expectation. Where this is followed up with parental contact, we are seeing a trend that students do actually have a complete set of correct uniform available at home, but are choosing not to wear this, or are changing in to non-uniform on their way to school.

The uniform focus for next term remains with mobile phones, headphones and socks.

We have purchased (Primark) black socks and black tights in a range of sizes and we may ask students to take a pair and change in to them if required. This pair will be theirs to keep and avoids any argument going forward that "I don't have school socks."

For many students I know this will not be necessary, as I am hopeful parents will check and remind their children of the need to wear the correct uniform already purchased.

Similarly, I hope parents recognise that this is a positive act to help students meet uniform expectations without confrontation.

As ever, should families have any concerns or barriers regarding the purchasing of school uniform, do please contact us so that we are aware and can see if there is anything we can do to help.

Finally, Information about our School uniform and our uniform policy can be found on our website here: [Wadham School - School Uniform](#)

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24.05.24