



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

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



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 26.06.24**

As one door closes, another opens.

This week marks the transition from celebrating what has gone before to what will come again. Last Friday we had a busy field and packed hall as parents joined us to celebrate Year 11 reaching the end of compulsory education. The arrival of summer weather set the scene for an emotional day, and it was wonderful to hear heartfelt tributes from Year 11 tutors and Mrs Wright, Head of Year.

On Monday, we came together a final time in the form of the Year 11 Prom. A glorious summer evening complimented the stunning dresses, suits, waistcoats and bling that are worn so well. In a continuation of established tradition, it was great to see heels being swapped out for pumps soon after the DJ got going – right about the time Abba started blaring from the speakers.

The Prom truly is an event enjoyed by our community, and it was great to see and speak with parents, grandparents and existing students as we commented on the arrivals (the horses were my favourite and the tractor a close second!) as well as more general talk of the school, our successes and how they are helping build confidence in driving up collective pride and aspiration.

Thank you for your continued support in this regard.

As we say 'goodbye' to our leavers, we're now gearing up to welcome our new families next week on Transition day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Similarly, in a few weeks Year 10 will be on Work Experience and students in Years 7-9 will be completing their chosen activities.

A busy time for sure, but also one where the focus remains on being inclusive in providing meaningful opportunities and experiences, beyond those that take place in the classroom.

### ***Dear God***

***Thank you for your free gift of love and care for me***

***For the forgiveness of all I have done wrong***

***For the hope of an eternal future with you***

***Help me to be generous and inclusive in all I do today***

***To show love, care and forgiveness to others***

***Amen***

May the summer sunshine see us to the end of the year!

Yours sincerely,

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## Top Performing Students

Another positive week – this time Year 8 fielding the most recipients in the Top 3. With only 3 weeks remaining, there are still opportunities to get your name on the board before Activities Week, but don't leave it too late!

### Week Commencing 17.06.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Rhona A	Jasper Stewart	Michael McE Toby P	Jayden B
2	Ella B	Tom M Luke P	Benny S	Fred P
3	Matilda L	Mia H Poppy H Leilani L	Emily H Owen J	Henry S

### Non-Uniform Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

A reminder that this Friday is a non-uniform day for students, with lunchtime activities planned by our Student Well-being Ambassadors, in support of 2BU, a charity that supports the LGBTQ+ Community in Somerset. [Home | 2BU Somerset \(2bu-somerset.co.uk\)](http://2bu-somerset.co.uk)

There will be a bake sale at lunchtime (thank you Camps Kenya team!) with Mr Tustin bringing out his decks to provide a welcome summer soundtrack! Bring your change as we've also had several staff volunteers step forward for "Sponge a Teacher" which will take place on the field at lunch.

Finally, Ambassadors would welcome further ideas of events and particular charities we can support to raise the profile of other important groups in our community – the mental health of young men and boys in particular being an important example.

Please speak with / email Ms Wells with your ideas so we can take them into consideration.

### Wadham Sports Day – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day is nearly here!

We're excited to be offering another packed day of blending traditional track and field events with more contemporary team-based activities.

Mr Owen and his team will be launching Sports Day with students this Friday – lesson 1 is a planning meeting for all students to meet in their House Groups, hear about the range of events on offer and complete their team sign-up sheets. All students are expected to participate.

Sports Day is an inclusive event – regardless of 'talent' all students receive points for participating and very often this is the deciding factor in the overall points total.

## **Wadham School Awards Evening – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 5.30-8.00pm**

Invitations have been sent, RSVPs received, silverware has been polished, new trophies purchased and a real sense of anticipation is building as the countdown to our Awards Evening continues.

This year marks the start of a new tradition – our Evening has been moved to the summer term and rightly includes nominations and awards for Years 7-9 for the first time.

This is no less than they deserve, meaning our Awards Evening is now truly reflective of the talent we have across the whole school and will be (weather permitting!) a positive celebration of a good year's work!

My thanks to the Camps Kenya team who will be here upon arrival to sell you cakes and treats!

For those attending, you will find the following information regarding timings useful:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>From 5.20pm</b>	Arrival and Sign-In (Refreshments and cakes available outside, under the covered area)
<b>5.50pm</b>	Guests take their seats in the Hall
<b>6.00pm</b>	Awards Evening begins
<b>7.45pm*</b>	Awards Evening ends
<b>8.00pm</b>	Wadham site is closed

## **Parent Governor Opportunity at Wadham School – Final Reminder**

Alongside successful recruitment last term, the Board of Governors currently has a vacancy for one further Parent Governor.

The role of a Governor is to:

- Help plan the strategic direction of the school
- Ensure money is well spent
- Support and challenge the school leadership team

If you feel you could contribute, or are interested to find out more, please use this link to read the full invitation and application letter:

[9A46E5203DEAE506F4CCCD962C42B263.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/9A46E5203DEAE506F4CCCD962C42B263.pdf)

You may wish to contact Laura Andrews, Clerk to the Governors, should you have further questions or would like to arrange an informal meeting to discuss this role in more detail.

The deadline for completed applications is 3.00pm, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Richard Burgas  
26.06.24