



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 14.07.24**

As I type my update for this week I'm sat in glorious sunshine in my back garden – taking in the early morning sights, smells and sounds of what looks to be a lovely summer's day.

It's the perfect 'end' to another busy week, and one that will stay in my memory as being a true reflection of everything we're doing right at Wadham school.

From welcoming guest speakers delivering careers talks to students going out to meet professionals and employers at Careers Events, from students coming back from a Geography Residential and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, to students winning 2 trophies in the recent Rotary Technology Tournament, from an inclusive celebration student success at our Awards Evening last Wednesday (and what a guest speaker!) to everyone being outdoors and competing in a fun-packed Sports Day last Thursday – **last week had something for everyone!**

My sincere thanks to all staff and parents involved in making all events last week such a resounding success. Quite simply, without you, last week would not have been possible.

Remaining information in this letter will explain our end of term arrangements, as well as give detail regarding when students should return in September. (I'm not wishing the summer holiday away though!)

After such a busy few weeks, my reflection today is one of 'peace' – making time for oneself to find calm and renewal.

...May it also help calm our nerves ahead of what I hope is a historic win tonight – come on England!

***Thank you God that you invite me to know deep peace,  
You offer your peace for my heart, that I may not be afraid,  
You invite me to flourish in the knowledge of your love  
I respond now, that I may know your love and peace today.  
Amen***

Wishing everyone in our Wadham Community a positive end to the academic Year.

Yours sincerely,

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## Top Performing Students

We're very nearly there! Well done to everyone mentioned below, another positive week with your hard work and determination rightly recognised.

### Week Commencing 01.07.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
<b>1</b>	Ellis R	Storm R	Josh C	Yasmine N
<b>2</b>	Matilda L	Oliver N	Theo C Nathan F Benny S	Abigail B
<b>3</b>	Riley M	Henry M Luke P	Ivy H	Jack S

## Wadham Sports Day – Results!

The weather held to give us a glorious Sports Day last week – it was amazing to be stood in the middle of the field and see everyone engaged in a range of traditional events and more contemporary team-based games. Capture the flag was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with perhaps the girls showing a little less fear in making the tackles! The inflatable assault course seemed to be the favourite, or perhaps it was the ice-cream van outside – on hand to help cool people down!

With points awarded for every participant, this truly could have been anyone's day – and I'm delighted to announce overall results as follows:

	Berry	Cooper	Gibson	Powell
<b>Year 7</b>	339	288	322	<b>569</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	484	<b>553</b>	432	529
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>304</b>	300	261	258
<b>Year 10</b>	267	272	337	<b>396</b>
<b>Overall</b>	1394	1413	1352	<b>1752</b>

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Powell</b>	<b>1752 points</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cooper	1413 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Berry	1394 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gibson	1352 points

## Well done to Powell House – 2023-24 Sports Day Champions.

...and a massive thank you to Mr Owen and the amazing PE staff for delivering such a special day.

## End of Term Arrangements

We have already said "goodbye" to Year 10 at their Rewards Assembly on Friday – they're now out to complete their week of Work Experience. We hope they enjoy their placements and find the experience useful!

For our remaining year groups, we have a rotation of the "Wadham Walk" and House Sports on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, followed by 3 days of activities both on and offsite.

Finally, Years 7, 8, 9, and 12 will come back on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> for a half day, with the school day (and academic year!) ending at 12.15pm.

**Students should wear PE Kit on this final day** and make sure they bring water and sunscreen with them for the Sports Event.

The plan for the day is as follows:

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term

Time	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
8.00 – 8.30	Arrival – Move to Tutor Rooms for AM Registration		
8.30 – 9.30	Rewards Assembly	Tutor Time	Sports Event
9.30 – 10.30	Sports Event	Rewards Assembly	Tutor Time
10.30 – 11.15	Breaktime		
11.15 – 12.10	Tutor Time	Sports Event	Rewards Assembly
12.10 – 12.15	PM Registration at previous (above) activity		
12.15	Students Dismissed to Buses / Leave the Site		

### September 2024 – Start of Term Arrangements

Please see below details for the start of term next year:

WEEK A	Activity
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Summer Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Staff INSET DAY – School closed to students
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First Day of Term – <b>Year 7 and 13 to attend</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>All Year Groups to Attend</b> – normal lessons from P2
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	All Year Groups to Attend – normal lessons all day