



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 10.09.24**

Welcome back! I hope this first letter of the new academic year finds you well. Whether a Year 7 'newbie' or a veteran of Wadham School, on behalf of all staff here I extend a warm welcome to you all as we look forward to working together over the coming months in keeping learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

I have been greatly impressed by the way students have returned with a visible, positive 'can-do' attitude to their learning. It's been a pleasure talking with students to hear about their exploits over the summer and what they're looking forward to for the year ahead.

Perhaps it's a collective pride and confidence following our summer exam results, the strongest for several years with results significantly improved across all headline measures.

Perhaps it's the huge energy, innocence and curiosity that our new 7's have brought – definitely a positive influence on everyone here, including older students, who on several occasions have stepped in to help them find their way to lessons – so lovely to see.

Perhaps it's the ongoing, visible signs of improvement works to the school with the refurbishments to our Design Technology Classrooms and Drama Studio nearing completion. (Work to our Main Hall will start shortly!)

Whatever the reason, there is a definite 'buzz' around the school that bodes well for the future. Thank you, our parents and carers, for your part in making the start to this academic year such a positive one!

I look forward to sharing further successes and milestones as the term unfolds.

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank you for the gift of education in every form.*

*As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass towards a bright future.*

*We pray that they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well.*

*May they face each day with positivity, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they do not have to face it alone.*

*Amen.*

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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## **Recent Staff Appointments**

Following successful interviews in the summer term, the following existing staff have returned this autumn to take up new roles and responsibilities:

Mrs R Goddard – Second in Maths  
Mrs V Richardson – Second in Maths  
Mrs J Vowles – Learning Support Assistant and Part-time Teacher of English  
Mrs J Henwood – Lead PFSA with responsibility for Pupil Premium support  
Miss L Stobbs – Learning Support Assistant  
Mrs J Holt – Learning Support Assistant

## **New Staff Welcome**

Alongside the new Year 7's, we're delighted to welcome our new intake of staff to Wadham School. Bringing a wide range of skills and experiences, colleagues have also hit the ground running in setting high expectations, clear boundaries and helpful routines for learning.

A warm welcome to the following new staff:

Mr J Broome – Head of Beliefs and World Views  
Ms A Hartley – Second in English  
Mrs S Sainsbury – Teacher of English  
Mrs S Waker – Teacher of Science  
Miss J Chard – Attendance Officer  
Mrs E Parmiter – First Aid Lead (Maternity Cover)  
Mrs N Clarke – Technician  
Miss K Maggs – Catering Assistant  
Mrs S Gillingham – Learning Support Assistant  
Mrs J Lysyk – Learning Support Assistant

## **Uniform Reminder – Outstanding Orders**

If families are still waiting for uniform to arrive, please be reminded that outstanding uniform orders can be collected by students during lunchtimes from the Finance Office.

We've seen a steady stream of students in recent days and it would be good to have all current orders collected by the weekend.

The Finance Office is just inside the main building at the centre of the school, on the left.

## **Curriculum and Core Knowledge**

Building on the popular response from families regarding our termly curriculum letters last year, Mr White will be publishing Curriculum letters for Years 7-11 next Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. Information will also include details of extra-curricular clubs and activities.

We are also continuing with our focus on 'Core Knowledge' in every lesson. Introduced in the summer term, a subtle change in teaching practice has helped everyone develop a clear routine for learning and knowledge acquisition. Student feedback has been equally positive and to find out more, do ask you son or daughter to explain what 'Core Knowledge' is and why it is so important.

# **Wadham Chess Club**

**FRIDAY LUNCH TIME IN B22**

**BEGINS FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

## **Basic Info:**

Chess is a strategy game, the goal being to defeat your opponent using an army of varying pieces.

This club is open to all years and all skill levels.

Potential for tournaments (in and out of school) provided we gain enough members.

(Please Bring own board if possible)



A message on behalf of one of our CISP member schools



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'Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly'



# Open Day

For new school starters September 2025 intake

You are invited to take a tour of our school, meet our staff and visit the EYFS classroom on

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

9.30am – 10.00am

1.30pm – 2.00pm

***ALL WELCOME***

