



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 11th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 11.11.24

One week into the new term and already there's much to report! Late last Wednesday we welcomed home students and staff from the Battlefields trip to Belgium. Always a humbling and personal experience for everyone involved, the trip offers insight into conflict, sacrifice and service and this year was no different.

This morning Year 7 students, along with representatives from Student Leadership, took part in our Remembrance Service. Poems were read, wreaths laid and the Last Post played to fulfil our act of commemorating the 55 young men from Wadham School that gave their lives in the Great War and in the Second World War.

We also spoke about how our annual Remembrance Service commemorates both 'the fallen' and those that continue to serve, and not necessarily just those in the armed forces, and why it is so important that we take time to remember the sacrifices others continue to make to protect the liberties that we enjoy.

My sincere thanks to our student leaders, those attending in cadet and scout uniforms and Reverend Jo Stobart from the Minster for making this morning's service so special.

Year 11 Geographers have been out all day completing fieldwork in Bristol and I suspect made best use of the welcome sunshine!

Tomorrow we welcome the Rotary Association who are back to put Year 11 through their paces with 2 days of practice interviews. Always a professional experience, nerves quickly give way to an appetite of 'selling yourself' and talking big – I can't wait to see how well this year's cohort do!

And this Friday we'll be fundraising for Children in Need, with a non-uniform day for students and staff, as well as other planned fundraising activities, such as a rumoured sponge-the-teacher event at lunchtime.

Do take note of the deadlines for ordering a Christmas dinner and taking part in our Christmas Card Competition – details can be found later in this letter.

With plenty going on, it'll be December in a flash and then the countdown really does begin! As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Great to see a strong finish by Year 10, with 8 students included on the podium for the final week of Term 1 – very impressive and bodes well with GCSE option subjects now well established.

A massive **Well Done!** to everyone mentioned below – have you done enough last week to keep you place when tables are updated?

Week Commencing 21.10.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Finley Winter	Mya-Rose Wilson	Andrew Hillier	Tyler Christopher Thomas Gibson	Jayden Bryant Nancy Glover
2	Nancy Brown	Lillian Thorne	Eliza Sugar	Ruby Bryant Callum Gates Eszter Kozari Lucy Wood	Lily Donald
3	Mason Wilson	Rhona Ash Riley Morris	Caiden Allen	Darcy Broome	George Finch Libby Jeffrey

Independent Learning Update – Sparx!

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest reading points last week for Sparx Reader:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1 st	Olivia Moncur	Isabella-May Royle	Toya Parker
2 nd	Edward Parcell	Pearl Guppy	Dylan Bazley
3 rd	Olivia Turton	Bethany Saunderson	Daisy Wells

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest XP points last week for Sparx Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lucy Ellis	Stanley Baker	Ollie Newbury	Emily Hutchings	Elijah Brown

Fletcher secures GOLD in Recent PMAS Championships!

Huge congratulations to Fletcher Aslett in Year 8, for securing Gold at the Pro Martial Arts Schools Championships during half term.

Fletcher achieved this amazing award in the semi-contact competition.

Team PMAS are rightly proud to see all of Fletcher's hard work and training pay off with this well-deserved win!

Next stop – black belt 😊



Children in Need 2024 - Non-Uniform Day Friday 15th November



It's that time of year again and we're gearing up to raise funds for Children in Need with a non-uniform day this Friday.

For a minimum £1 donation, students and staff can wear their own clothes and are advised to bring extra change as we continue to fundraise with the Prefects running a tuck shop at break and lunch, and Mr Isack looking to pull together some staff 'volunteers' for a sponge-the-teacher event at lunch.

Many thanks for supporting this important charity.

Order your Christmas Dinner by Friday 15th November!

Amber and her team will once again be serving Christmas Lunch to students and staff.

This will take place during lunchtime on Thursday 19th December (only 5 weeks away!) and will be the only hot food served on the day. Everyone wanting a Christmas Lunch MUST order and pay this week, before end of day this Friday.

Full details can be found on the poster at the end of this letter.

Christmas Card Competition 2024 is OPEN!



Put your design hats on and get creative!

This competition is a personal highlight to my year and something that always reveals students' hidden talents!

A reminder that the winning design becomes the official school Christmas card for 2024.

Full details, as well as the all-important deadline, can be found on the poster at the end of this letter.

Richard Burgas
11.11.24

ALL ORDERS TO BE IN BY:

FRIDAY 15th November

CHILDREN & ADULTS!

NO ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE & NO PAY
ON THE DAY,

PAYMENT WHEN ORDERED ONLY

ASK FOR ALLERGENES

NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL
BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

COLD FOOD WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
IN THE NEW SPORTS HALL

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER

MAIN:

ROAST TURKEY

OR

HOMITY PIE (Cheese & potato)

PIGS IN BLANKETS, STUFFING, VEGETABLES

ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY

PUDDING:

MINCE PIE FLAPJACK WITH CHOCOLATE TOP

or

VANILLA FESTIVE CAKE

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS
ALSO NEED TO PRE
ORDER BEFORE THIS
DATE PLEASE**

GF/DF ALSO AVAILABLE,
PLEASE STATE WHEN
ORDERING

£3.50 per child,
Adult inc V.A.T. **£4.20**



Wadham Christmas Card Competition 2024

Designs must be A5 or A4 in size / format

All designs must have a Christian connection e.g. The nativity story, the birth of Jesus, advent, lighting of the candle, celebrating with your community/family, midnight mass, Christmas carols etc.

All artistic mediums accepted: drawing, painting, collage, photography

The winning design will be used as a whole school public Christmas card.

Deadline for entries Friday 29th November 2024

Hand in your entry to Mrs Trim in the Art department on paper or you can submit digitally in a Teams message.