



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 18th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update 18.09.22

I hope this letter finds you well. At this time of writing, we are halfway through what is undoubtedly a significant moment in modern history. Like many families up and down the country I will be spending tomorrow hosting grandparents, coming together over a meal and reflecting on the life of the Queen, as we watch the ceremony unfold on the television in front of us.

Whatever your plans for this weekend, I hope you can enjoy comfort and peace in the company of those you love, making time for yourself and your family.

This week, everyone has worked hard to establish clear boundaries around our culture for behaviour and relationships - students do know this - by far the best evidence in seeing if something is working.

When we launch Wadham Behaviour Cards on Tuesday, I know already that the majority of students will achieve a steady stream of House Points for maintaining their positive attitude to learning. Equally, where cards are marked and detentions set, we have an opportunity to support and encourage students to take responsibility for their actions, learn from the mistake and make better choices.

"But Mr Burgas, how do you know it'll work?" I hear you say. Well, because it already is... for me, to achieve the big stuff, I always sweat the small stuff. The little things matter.

There were lots of 'little things' this week that show me our students are ready and willing to rise to this expectation:

- It's Jake in Year 7, holding the Cooper door open for staff and students at the start of break.
- It's seeing a Year 10 say to her friend, "that's not respectful" - and she meant it.
- It's a student chasing his pasta pot as it rolls away, capturing it, and putting it in the bin.
- It's hearing the love and support 11RP English have for each other in their lesson on Friday.
- It's a student darting past me up the stairs because she wants to say 'hello' to Miss Davidson.
- It's talking to the Year 11 boys and seeing them really consider how this year will help them get to next year - the bigger picture!
- It's sharing the pride felt by students choosing to wear their Cadet uniforms as a mark of respect.

I have taken great joy this week in pausing to see, and really SEE the amazing relationships and selfless acts of kindness that happen here every day.

Thank you, our parents and carers, for the part you play in making all of this happen.

Yours sincerely,

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