



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 4th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Tutor Reading Programme

Wadham school is delighted to be introducing a tutor reading programme. This will consist of Year 7, 8 and 9 students reading three times a week during their tutor time, with the chosen books rotating between classes. The books will be read aloud by the tutor and some students may also be asked to read sections.

Studies have shown that reading regularly can raise your academic performance along with improving empathy, happiness, vocabulary, cultural awareness, world knowledge, creativity & imagination. There is also evidence that reading reduces stress and improves people's long-term health – people who read more live longer healthier lives!

Many of the books will deal with challenging topics such as a family death or racism but these subjects will be dealt with sensitively and we believe they will open up opportunities for wider discussion amongst our students. The books chosen (as listed below) are contemporary fiction, specifically aimed at your son or daughter's age range. Despite the issues that may arise, all the novels chosen follow the overriding theme of hope, the core value here at Wadham.

The following books will be read during the tutor reading programme:

Year 7

The Light in Everything

The Goldfish Boy

My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece

Year 8

Medusa

Refugee Boy

Wink

Year 9

Life of Pi

Bone Sparrow

Black Flamingo

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact Head of English: Mike Sykes – msykes@wadhamschool.co.uk or our Librarian: Emma George egeorge@wadhamschool.co.uk Keepsafe@Wadhamschool.co.uk is always available to students who have any concerns.

Yours faithfully,

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