



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 5th February, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 05.02.24

Whether in the classroom, outside on the pitches or even in the online world, Wadham Students continue to make great strides in their learning and personal development.

Over the last few weeks, among other things we've welcomed guests as we've hosted the Rotarians Young Chef Competition, seen off stiff challenge to progress to the next round of the Football County Cup, signed up to participate in the 'Young Artists' Summer Show 2024,' had 3 students finish in the top 20 of the Cross Country County Championships, completed the Intermediate Maths Challenge and served tea and cake (as well as some friendly advice and guidance) on Brew Monday.

We've also had 2 visits from local authority improvement partners, looking specifically at the school curriculum, how well students are learning as well as the overall quality of education we provide.

I'm delighted to share that both visits went extremely well, with one advisor (and serving Ofsted Inspector!) commenting that:

- "lessons are calm, enabling students to learn"
- "Students recognise the focus on Core Knowledge and Year 11 cited the most useful strategies were those which involved repetition and recall to secure their knowledge. They felt that this was especially successful in English and mathematics."
- "Students speak positively about the extra-curricular opportunities on offer to them."

This is a great result for the school and rightly recognises the hard work everyone has given to raise standards and keep learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

Well done on a great terms' work – do make sure you enjoy some quality rest over the break!

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this half term and an opportunity to rest.

Help me to make good use of this time to relax.

Thank you that whilst you enable us to work hard you also encourage and expect us to rest,

That you are always there for the weary and burdened.

Help me to encourage others to make time to rest and relax in this holiday too.

Amen

Wishing everyone a positive and peaceful half-term break.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

Two for the price of one! Well done to all students listed below for their hard work and achievements over the last two weeks, and as ever, great to see some new names making it on to the leader board.

Week Commencing 22.01.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Rita P	Rusty J	Shi Jie L	Elliott T	Lottie H Oliver M
2	Amelia D	Katelin W	Isaac G	Savannah D	Harry G
3	Leon G Anna M	Bethany L	Eli C	Michael P	Eliza G

Week Commencing 29.01.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	George V	Oliver N	Benny S	Sophie W	Elli W
2	Erin G	Tom M	Alfie B	Will B	Ryan C
3	Lewis W	James P	Ivy H	Darcy A Corey F Rebekah H Millie W	Amelia S

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 9th February



As part of Children's Mental Health Week, this Friday will be a non-school uniform day, with donations going to the Crewkerne Well-being Centre which continues to provide vital support to young people and their families in our community. A small portion of the funds raised will also be used to resource the school Production.

As is expected, we'll also have Karaoke this Friday lunchtime to coincide with the fundraising event.

Thank you for your support.

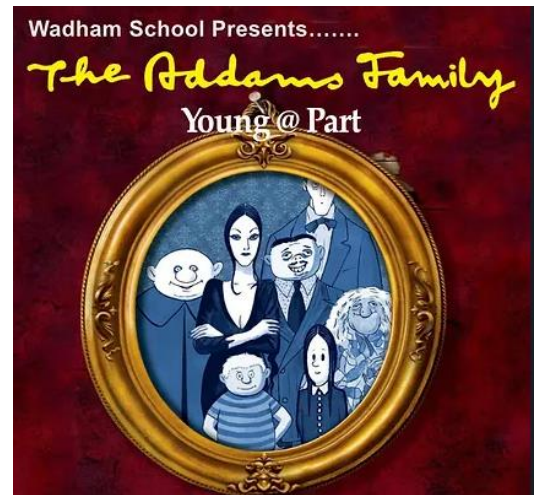
Addams Family Values – Tickets on Sale Now!

Rehearsals continue at pace and we're delighted to announce that tickets are now LIVE and ready for purchase directly from the Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster:

[Home | Warehouse Theatre \(thewarehousetheatre.org.uk\)](http://thewarehousetheatre.org.uk)

Performances take place from 7pm on:
Wednesday 28th February
Thursday 29th February
Friday 1st March

Tickets £8.50 (Concessions £5.50)



Advertising Opportunity for Local Businesses!



Space available in The Addams Family Programme!

Half page advert @ £15

Full page advert @ £25

If you are interested, please contact Ms Jenna Middleton to secure your space:

jmiddleton@wadhamschool.co.uk

Thank you for your support!

Parent Governor Vacancy at Wadham School

Alongside successful recruitment last term, the Board of Governors currently has a vacancy for one further Parent Governor.

The role of a Governor is to:

- Help plan the strategic direction of the school
- Ensure money is well spent
- Support and challenge the school leadership team

If you feel you could contribute, or are interested to find out more, please use this link to read the full invitation and application letter: [0B3655E19C022EB56DE4DF01F661B918.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](https://www.wadhamschool.co.uk/0B3655E19C022EB56DE4DF01F661B918.pdf)

You may wish to contact Laura Andrews, Clerk to the Governors, should you have further questions or would like to arrange an informal meeting to discuss this role in more detail.

The deadline for applications is 3pm this Friday, 9th February

National Apprenticeship Week – Events and Useful Links

As part of National Apprenticeship Week we are looking forward to taking a group of Year 10 and 11 pupils to the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandy Park in Exeter on Wednesday.

Additionally, two local colleges are holding apprenticeship fairs - Yeovil College - 7th February

[YEovil COLLEGE HOSTS 2024 APPRENTICESHIP AND CAREERS FAIR - Yeovil College Yeovil College](#)

...and Bridgwater & Taunton are holding theirs later in the month on 23rd February

[Apprenticeship Jobs Fair - Bridgwater & Taunton College \(btc.ac.uk\)](#)



Apprenticeships are an exciting opportunity that can be explored as an option after Year 11 or Year 13 and we encourage you to spend some time looking into the many events and interesting information that has been developed for National Apprenticeship Week.

Careers Live are running free live broadcasts and interactive chats from a large number of employers and apprentices. Follow this link for all the information:

<https://careersliveuk.com/national-apprenticeship-week-2024/>

BBC Bitesize have created videos, quizzes and articles for each day of the week.

The weekday themes include:

- Myth Busting Monday – debunking apprenticeship myths.
- Transferable Skills Tuesday – linking subject skills from school to the world of work.
- Working World Wednesday – real-life stories of apprentices on the job.
- Throwback Thursday – learning about inspirational apprenticeship journeys.
- Your Future Friday – exploring if an apprenticeship could be the right pathway for students.
- [Which could you choose in 2024: College, apprenticeship or uni? - Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

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05.02.24