



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 19.04.24

It's the Summer term! It was great to welcome students and staff back to Wadham this week and I'm always amazed at how quickly the holiday fades into a distant memory.

As previously reported, students are to be commended for the positive attitude shown this week to settle into familiar routines and expectations, welcome new faces and make the most from unforeseen challenges and opportunities. It's been a strong start to the new term that bodes well across the school for the coming weeks ahead.

"Core Knowledge" remains at the heart of lessons and I'm pleased to share that our work in this regard to help students 'learn more, do more and retrieve more' continues to grow in both consistency across the school and in the positive impact it is having on learning outcomes. Following a visit from the Local Authority on Wednesday I'm delighted that this work is being rightly validated and would like to thank everyone for embracing this change as it really is making a difference.

We're looking forward to discussing Learning and Progress with parents of students in Year 8 and Year 10 this term. Booking for the forthcoming Parent's Consultation Evenings is now open, with a record turnout of 70% of parents to beat! Dates of these Evenings are as follows:

Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening – Thursday 25th April, 4.00-7.00pm

Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening – Thursday 2nd May, 4.00-7.00pm

"Just the Boost You Need" – our Year 11 intervention programme - began this week with positive turnout and a real intent to 'do well.' Revision is an active process, reflected by the range of activities and quizzing that is taking place. Students are encouraged to give feedback with staff to ensure there is a dialogue in helping address any concerns, gaps or misconceptions ahead of the final exams.

Finally, over 200 students across Years 7-10 took part in the House Cross Country Competition this week. This represents a quarter of the whole school and is a fantastic achievement in itself, perhaps demonstrating the value and desire of our students to take part in extra-curricular activities.

Wherever they were placed, I congratulate every student that stepped up to run as a representative of their House and school. Well done!

I'm looking forward to publishing results in my update letter next week. Until then, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

A reminder of where we ended at Easter – 30 students in the top 3 positions across the Year Groups. Following a really positive start to the new term, who will it be next week?

Week Commencing 25.03.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Madison W	Sami M	Owen J	Michael P	Ruby-Dee C Iris L-G Connie M Maddie S
2	Natasha C Ellis R George V	Oliver N	Harry D Emily H Poppy H	Johan N Sonny T	Taylor M
3	Frida Q Mya-Rose W	Gwen T	Josh C Ivy H	Nicole G Alfie W	Riley B Sean C Sian H Lottie H Charlie N

Keep Hydrated – Bottle Filling Stations are Up and Running!

5 bottle filling stations have been installed and are up and running. They can be found at the following locations:

- Gibson Foyer
- Cooper Foyer
- Berry Foyer
- Outside the Food Hall
- In the New Sports Hall

Students and staff are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school which can be filled and used to keep everyone hydrated.



PFSA Support for Families

Jemma and Becky, our PFSA team, are delighted to share that the next TINK (Tuning into Kids) programme will begin in June.

This is a free service for parents and carers to engage in a 5-week programme that will help them:

- Have a better understanding of their child's emotional needs.
- Help their child to learn to manage their emotions
- Give a better understanding of their child's behaviour
- Teach their child to manage conflict

Parents and carers can find out more and book directly onto this programme by using the contact details in the flyer attached to this letter.

Richard Burgas
19.04.24

Tuning in to Kids

A 5 week parenting programme for parents of children 4-12yrs

The course can support you to:

- Have better understanding of your child's emotional needs.
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions
- Help to better understanding of your child's behaviour
- Teach your child to manage conflict

**This course is FREE and available to any parents/
carers that would like to attend.**

When: Wednesday 12th, 19th, 26th June, and 3rd and 10th
July 2024

Where: Maiden Beech Academy, Crewkerne, TA18 8HG

Times: 9:30 - 12:00

Refreshments available from 9:15

For more information and to book your place please
contact Parent, Family Support Advisors:

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