



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,


## RE: Equipment and Homework

We have now moved into the second half of the academic year, which provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved so far. In January, we were pleased to welcome our School Improvement Partner. It is always affirming to receive external validation of the progress we are making as a school. The report included the following comment:


***"In these highly effective lessons, teachers use their subject expertise with confidence and, due to well-established routines and high expectations, they are able to inject appropriate humour, engaging students further."***

We are proud of this feedback and will continue to build on these strengths while addressing our identified areas for development as part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.









In September, students were provided with a purple pen, a mini whiteboard and a whiteboard pen as part of our Learning Eight. The Learning Eight are the key pieces of equipment that all students are expected to bring to every lesson to support their learning. We continue to support students by allowing them to exchange broken or empty whiteboard pens in the Hub. All items of equipment can also be purchased via the Finance Office or through iPay.



## The Learning Eight



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Pen (Blue or Black) 	Ruler 
Pencil 	Purple Pen 
Calculator 	Knowledge Organiser <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;">  </div>
Mini-Whiteboard 	Whiteboard Pen 

*(Year 11 do not receive Knowledge organisers)*

Recently, we have noticed a decline in the number of students bringing all elements of their Learning Eight to school. Over the coming weeks, tutors will continue to carry out regular equipment checks. Students who do not have the correct equipment will receive a behaviour point. As always, we aim to reduce barriers for our disadvantaged students; therefore, if there are any difficulties in providing this equipment, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Not having the correct equipment can disrupt learning and means that a student is not fully prepared for lessons. From 9th March, students may receive a warning in each lesson if they do not have their Learning Eight in school.

I have attached the next homework grid, and students have also been provided with a paper copy. Thank you for your continued support with homework. If there are any issues with completing homework, such as technical difficulties, please inform me before it reaches the stage where a detention may be issued.

You can contact me at: [shutter@wadhamschool.co.uk](mailto:shutter@wadhamschool.co.uk)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Hutter". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

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