



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 20.06.26

My update this week starts and ends with the same topic – **hydration**.

With a high temperature warning in place from Monday, **do make sure that your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle**. We have a number of bottle filling stations around the site, with movement time between lessons, breaktime and lunchtime all good opportunities to keep bottles topped up.

With regard to uniform, there is no need to adapt our current dress code – a polo shirt and the option to wear school shorts or a school skirt are already appropriate for warmer weather. Staff are permitted to remove ties and have open collars.

Being prepared, common sense, and a degree of resilience are all required when learning to cope with more extreme weather. We will be monitoring temperatures in classrooms and will make room changes to cooler spaces if necessary.

Expectations assemblies last week gave a clear message about 'ending the year well.'

Students were given updates on the many school successes as a result of their consistent, positive engagement to learning, as well as reminders where effort and resilience can be applied to make further improvement.

To the handful of students in every year group that require extra support to make the right choices, be kind and learn well, it was made clear how help should be accessed, and that Monday is a fresh start.

***Heavenly God,  
Thank you for fresh starts,  
for opportunities to learn that will help me and help me to help others too;  
Sorry for those times when I have not used a fresh start wisely or well,  
when I have forgotten to learn when things went wrong;  
Please help me be wise to learn when things don't go to plan,  
to be kind and helpful to others when things go wrong for them.  
Thank you for your forgiveness and grace,  
your love that welcomes me whatever my circumstances.  
Amen***

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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## Top Performing Students

We have 2 weeks to celebrate, bringing us up to date with 4 weeks of the year remaining.

2 weeks ago, it was a tie with all year groups finishing with 4 students on the podium. Expectations assemblies last week asked students to give of their best and 'end the year well' – *will this be reflected with a surge of winners next week?*

Well done to everyone for your hard work and achievements!

### Week Commencing 08.06.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Florence Reynolds	Toren Radford-Hyland	Rhys Jones	Lola Hart
2	Henry Clarke Millie Sansom	Lucy Ellis Edward Parcell	Herbie Brunt Bertie Patisson	Alfie Windsor
3	Thomas Baggs	Mason Toop	Alec Proctor	Rhiley Clarke William McKelvey

### Week Commencing 15.06.26

*The assemblies worked...*Year 10 have taken the crown last week with EIGHT students enjoying podium places for House Points.




Great to see new names appearing - don't forget that each week is a fresh opportunity to reset and achieve.

Come on Year 8...next week is your week!

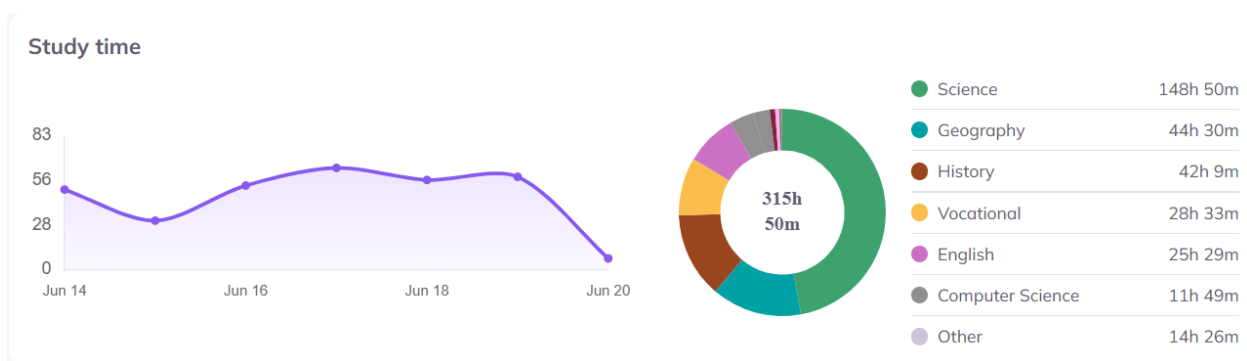
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Fen Hopkirk	Olivia Moncur	Ella Priddle	Poppy Baker
2	Elsie Jones Oliver Thomson	Mason Toop	Oscar Sansom Luigi Tramontini	Alfie Holt
3	Amelia Barrett Benjamin Hutchings	Alice Henly	Seb Hickman	Lola Hart Judit Kozari Will McKelvey Presley Vincent Corey Wadkins Alfie Windsor

## Homework Update – Week Commencing 15.06.26

Again, no change at the top as we continue to lead the way with Seneca Learning across Somerset. Thank you for your continued effort and commitment in meeting homework expectations.

School name	XP
 <b>Wadham School</b> Crewkerne, Somerset School synced	1,305,908
 <b>Buckler's Mead School</b> Yeovil, Somerset School synced	619,908
 <b>King Arthur's School</b> Wincanton, Somerset	395,616

Study time dipped below the 350hr mark last week, although we also held our last GCSE exam on Monday, so nothing really to worry about! Year 10, again, spent the most time online – Well done!



## Seneca Champions – Week Commencing 15.06.26

Well done to Alfie Charlesworth and Sofia Galan-Wilkinson – last week's Seneca Champions!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Alfie Charlesworth	Year 10	9h 34m	1	Sofia Galan-Wilkinson	Year 7	100%
2	Eliza Sugar	Year 10	4h 14m	2	Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	100%
3	Alfie Senior	Year 10	4h 5m	3	Emily Hutchings	Year 11	100%
4	Katelin White	Year 10	3h 45m	4	Lacie Bleach	Year 7	100%
5	Tyler Senior	Year 9	3h 24m	5	Kian Coombs	Year 7	100%
6	Michael Stocks	Year 9	3h 1m	6	Stevie Watts	Year 7	100%
7	Nye Edgar	Year 10	2h 45m	7	Oliver Hodder	Year 7	100%
8	Bella Taylor	Year 9	2h 41m	8	Alivia Manley	Year 7	100%
9	Hope Wood	Year 10	2h 40m	9	Erin Kent	Year 8	100%
10	Bethany Lee	Year 10	2h 34m	10	Wyatt Titterrell	Year 9	100%

## Mobile Phone Pouch / Exemption Card Survey – Reminder



We will be introducing mobile phone pouches before the end of this term and require all parents/carers to submit a response to indicate whether their child will be bringing a mobile phone into school. This will enable us to provide them with a Yondr pouch or an exemption card, in line with our expectation in moving to become a mobile phone free school.

A response for every child is needed.

We have drafted a '[Mobile Phone Policy and Procedures](#)' document so that you are aware of our daily processes and expectations.

**I am asking all parents and carers to read the policy and procedures document and complete the short survey by 5.00pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

The survey can be accessed by this link or the QR code above.

[Mobile phone pouch request / Confirmation of no mobile phone in school – Fill in form](#)

## Digital Presence and Communication Survey - Reminder



Wadham School is reviewing how it communicates and presents itself to the wider Community. As part of this work, we would value your views as a parent or carer.

Your responses will help us better understand what information parents and carers find most useful, how the school is currently perceived, and how communication and engagement might be strengthened in the future.

In this survey, "communication" includes both day-to-day interactions with the school (such as emails, phone calls and letters) and the wider ways in which the school shares information about school life, achievements, opportunities and its work within the community.

The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete.  
Responses will be treated confidentially and reported only in summary form.

You can access the survey by using the link below or by scanning the QR code in this letter.

[Wadham School – Digital Presence and Communication Survey \(Parents and Carers\) – Fill in form](#)

The deadline for completion is 9.00am, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

## Keep Hydrated – Bring a Water Bottle!

Please can parents ensure that students bring a suitable water-bottle that can be refilled during the day. Water is available in bottle-filling stations around the site and students can access these before school, as well as during break and lunch. We've seen good use of these filling stations and with temperatures looking to rise, students need to be prepared and ensure they stay hydrated.



Richard Burgas  
20.06.26



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9am-11am  
INCLUDING  
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- Rebecca Larcombe
- Suzanne Morris

- Children welcome
- Refreshments provided
- Spotlight sessions with other professionals
- Parenting resources
- Signposting and form filling support
- Healthy snacks for all

 Be A Good Neighbour - Community Church,  
Barn Street, Crewkerne, TA18 8BP

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