



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 6th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 06.07.26

With only two weeks remaining we are very much on the final straight as we dig deep and accelerate to the finish line.

I'd like to use my letter to highlight our Sports day on Wednesday and give reminders to parents regarding the events, expectations, and measures we would encourage students to take in keeping safe in the sunshine.

We continue to monitor weather conditions and although it will be hot on Wednesday, we intend to go ahead with all planned activities knowing that:

- Students are expected to bring a sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a water bottle on the day.
- Students should take responsibility to seek shade and sit within directed shaded areas throughout the day.
- Activities have been planned and sequenced to enable cool-down opportunities.
- We have 5 bottle filling stations on site – students will have time to use them throughout the day.
- We have an ice cream stall and tuck shop onsite – students should bring change to purchase items, should they wish, and directed time to do this has been planned into the day. (Contactless payment can also be used, although students won't have phones)
- A designated First Aid Area, staffed throughout the day, is in place.
- Staff supervising will actively monitor the well-being of students.

Sports Day requires everyone to be personally responsible for their wellbeing and mindful of others around them. It is an inclusive event where house points are awarded for taking part – this is something everyone can and is expected to do.

We're looking forward to a day we believe has the perfect balance between pushing athletic abilities and the pursuit of good old-fashioned physical fun.

Sports Day began this lunchtime with the 1500m race – including a staff race!

There really is something for everyone here in school and I hope everyone makes the most of remaining time this year to be involved in the wealth of activities in place.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

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

A fortnight ago, Year 9 topped the table with the most students represented on the podium, and it's still great to see a couple of new names making it onto the leaderboard.

Well done to everyone for your hard work and achievements!

Week Commencing 22.06.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Poppy Gurd	Jake Caddy	Matilda Lemon Lewis Watkins	Corey Wadkins
2	Leon Priddle	Madeleine Hallett	Raffy Pilton	Alfie Windsor
3	Neason Gratton	Olivia Moncur	Charlie Hughes Eli Jones	Presley Vincent

Week Commencing 29.06.26

They've done it again...

Year 10 took the crown last week with SIX students enjoying podium places for House Points.

Year 9 moved from first to last in the space of a week – reminding everyone that it's very much anyone's game and every house point counts!

Come on Year 7...next week is your week!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Fen Hopkirk Megan Whitehouse	Mollie-Mae Andrews	Deon Coulter	Darcie Charlton
2	Mabel Salzer	Olivia Moncur	Eugene Ivasiuk	Blossom Fisher Mia Stevens-Dyer
3	Harrison Ford	Bruno Baker Toren Radford- Hyland	Ella Priddle	AJ Cox Ryan Medhurst Jack Rees

Homework Update – Week Commencing 29.06.26

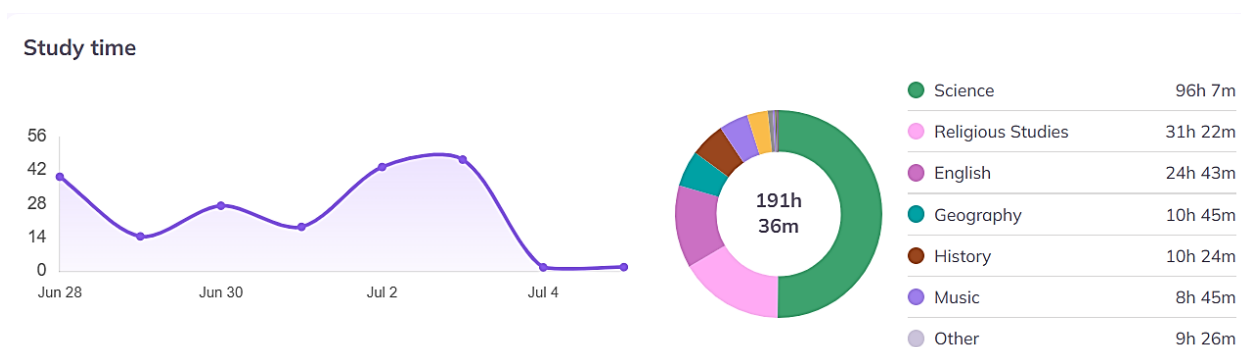
Well, it had to happen at some point!

After a year's run at the top, we've finally given way and came second last week in the Seneca leaderboard. With assessment week done, HW grids completed, it's deliberate that there's less work to complete online, although we still posted a respectable 685,416 XP Points.

Well done, everyone, for showing other schools how successful we are with our home learning.

School name			XP ⓘ
1	 Buckler's Mead School Yeovil, Somerset	School synced	1,152,216
2	 Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced	685,416
3	 King Arthur's School Wincanton, Somerset		418,518

Study time dipped below the 200hr mark last week, although no surprise to see Science still top of the leaderboard though with 50% of all study time!



Seneca Champions – Week Commencing 29.06.26

Well done to Katelin White and Bella Taylor – last week's Seneca Champions!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	 Katelin White	Year 10	4h 0m	1	 Bella Taylor	Year 9	100%
2	 Alfie Charlesworth	Year 10	3h 10m	2	 Max Welch	Year 7	100%
3	 Thomas Doherty	Year 10	2h 29m	3	 Pearl Guppy	Year 9	100%
4	Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	2h 25m	4	Mabel Salzer	Year 7	100%
5	Caitlyn Edwards	Year 10	2h 12m	5	Ellis Roughsedge	Year 9	100%
6	Ollie Newbury	Year 10	2h 10m	6	Alivia Manley	Year 7	100%
7	Suzie King	Year 10	2h 2m	7	Chloe Woodbury	Year 9	100%
8	Bethany Lee	Year 10	2h 1m	8	Tyler Senior	Year 9	100%
9	Nolen Gratton	Year 10	1h 58m	9	Hedley Egré	Year 9	100%
10	Lewis Larcombe	Year 10	1h 52m	10	Wilson Cumberbatch	Year 7	100%

Mobile Phone Pouch Launch!

A reminder following my update letter on Saturday that we will be introducing lockable pouches early this week. (And students will have worked out it's tomorrow!)

Where parents have said their child does not have a mobile phone or will not bring one into school, an exemption card will be issued.

This process is quick, simple, and will be supervised by staff as part of our daily routine:

- **Upon arrival:** Students power off all smart technology including their mobile phones, place all devices in the pouch, and lock it before entering the site. Students will show their locked pouches or exemption cards to staff each morning as they pass through the main gate.
- **During the day:** Students keep the locked pouch in their schoolbag or locker.
- **At dismissal:** Students unlock pouches at designated stations to retrieve their devices.

We will be collecting pouches and exemption cards from students at the end of the school day on Friday 10th July, for safekeeping over the summer.

This means students may choose to bring their mobiles to school and on trips during activities week, but phones must be kept silent and out of sight unless their use has been approved by staff delivering the activity.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a focused, present, and positive school environment for every student.

Year 7 Physics Olympics – 19th June 2026



Some of our Year 7 students recently took part in the Physics Olympics held at Millfield School in Street.

The event featured a series of hands-on practical challenges such as designing and building something using limited materials, estimating distances between planets, solving physics problems experimentally with measuring and balancing activities and a Fermi Quiz focused on estimation skills in physics.



Our students worked in teams of four, demonstrating excellent teamwork, problem-solving ability, and enthusiasm throughout the competition.

It was a valuable opportunity for them to apply their classroom knowledge in a real-world context, and they represented the school with great commitment and positivity.



Year 9 Girls' Visit to Numatic – 23rd June 2026

We celebrated INWED (International Women in Engineering Day) by taking a group of Year 9 students to local employer Numatic.

The girls had an introduction to the company, its history and the variety of jobs and careers within the company. They heard from two female engineers, who talked through the different routes into engineering from further education courses to apprenticeships and university degrees.



They then moved to the demo area where they took apart and rebuilt part of a cleaner and they got to explore all the demo areas of the company.

We'd like to say a thank you to the Numatic team and the engineers who shared their story with us during the day.



Year 11 Prom – 26th June 2026

Year 11 did themselves proud with a celebratory night of happiness and unity at their Prom.

A huge thank you to the staff and young people that make up the Prom Committee - your hard work was rewarded with plenty of food, good music and some great stories of your time in education.

Thank you to Mr Jackson for photographing the event, The Flying Fish for hosting, MJS for the Photo Booth, @brothersandsisters2018 hairdressers and South West coaches. 💙💛💖



Yeovil College Experience Days – 1st and 2nd July 2026



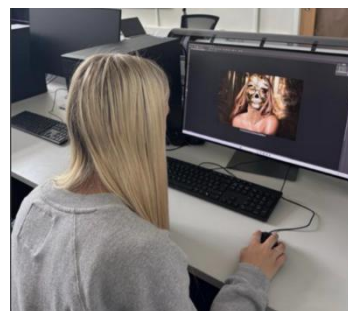
Year 8 and 10 students had a great day at Yeovil College for their experience days last Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 10 in particular were very hands on, trying out many sessions including dentistry, sport, creative digital media, hospitality, beauty therapy, law and science to name just a few!

Students made good use of their time at Yeovil College to learn a little more about the opportunities after Year 11.



A very useful experience, we're grateful to Beth Church, our Careers Advisor, for making these events happen.



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
06.07.26



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- Suzanne Morris

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