



# WADHAM SCHOOL

A Church of England Community School



## PROSPECTUS 2022-2023



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## Our Vision

Our Values Wheel has 'hope' at its core. Drawing on our Christian foundations as a Church School, we want all our young people to feel that 'hope', and so experience 'life to the full'.

The Values represented here guide and offer a framework for our work. They put the needs of our students at the very centre of all that we do.



"Staff promote pupils' personal, social, health and economic education well. The values of the school are explicit, and the curriculum is thoughtfully designed to support these."

*Ofsted - 2019*



**Matthew Gardner**  
Headteacher  
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**"The Gift"**

A sculpture given to the school in 1986 by Michael Kempt. It depicts Christ's birth, death and resurrection.



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# In The Classroom

We strive to be creative in our practice, focussing on that which will help our young people to learn more. Young people are individuals and we aim to be flexible in the path they will take through their secondary education, with ready access to the support necessary for success.

Our curriculum is broad, so that all can aspire, achieve and have that hope which we aim to deliver.



Pupils are encouraged to think deeply about subject content and have secure knowledge recall.”

*Ofsted 2019*



# Duke of Edinburgh Awards

“Leaders have developed a coherent programme to support pupils’ personal development.”

*Ofsted -2019*

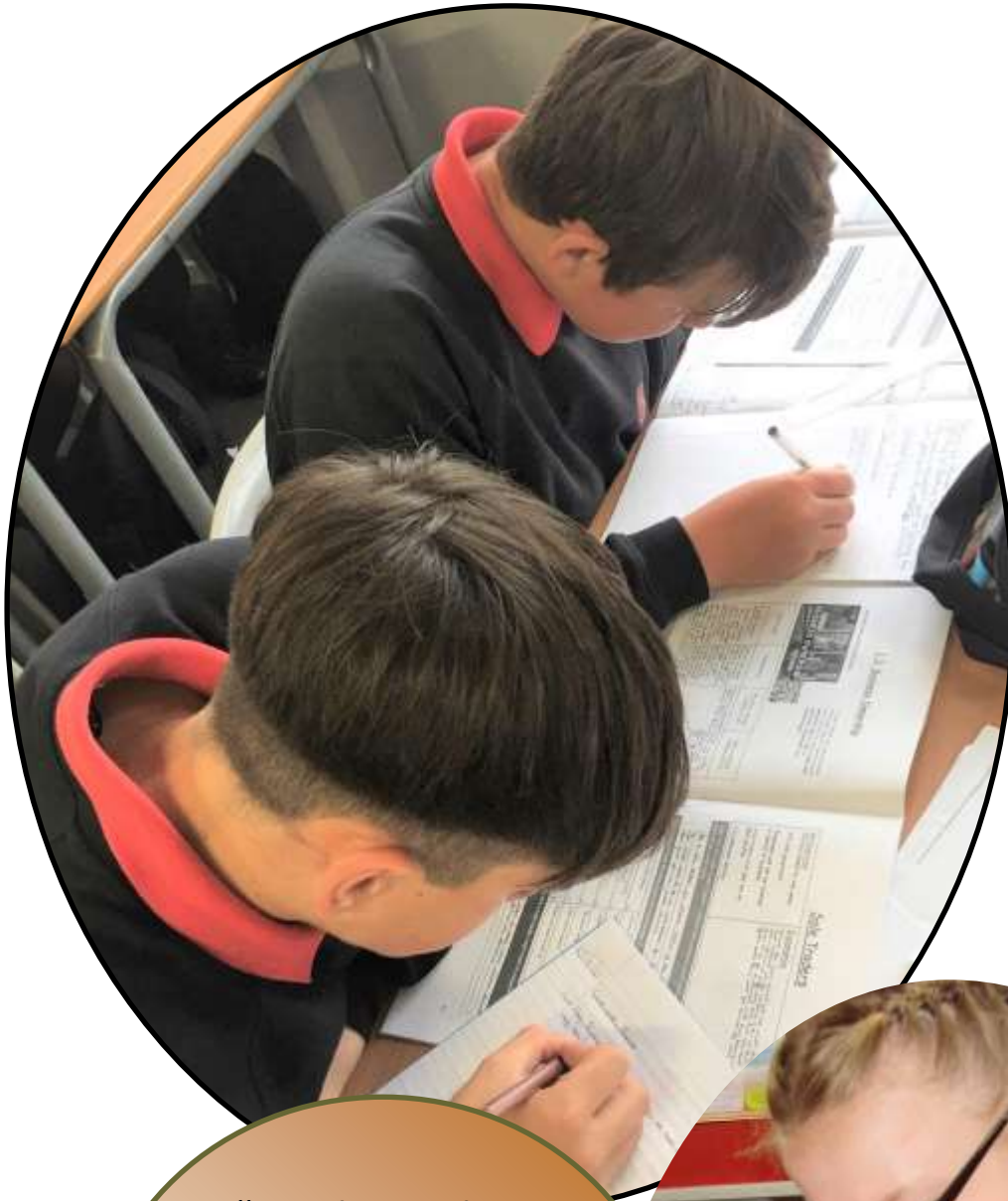
The Duke of Edinburgh Award, offered by Wadham, aims to develop life skills such as confidence, initiative, resilience and independence, through the walking expeditions; and expand their horizons, give back to the community and make students more aware of their own abilities through the regular activities they undertake to develop their physical, skill and volunteering sections.



# Beyond the Classroom

**Learning is more than what happens in the classroom. Through rich opportunities, students in each year group will have the opportunity to visit new places, experience new opportunities, developing character, resilience and team building skills.**





“Pupils conduct themselves well in the classrooms and around the school.”

*Ofsted - 2019*



# Post-16

For those who stay into our 6th Form we offer a range of opportunities such as Exeter Scholars and Cambridge University HE programme to prepare them for application to the university of their choice.

For those who wish to seek alternative routes post-18, opportunities to explore higher apprenticeships (including at degree level) are available through close collaboration with local employers.

“Students are highly complimentary of their experience in the 6th Form.”

*Ofsted - 2019*



## Head Student Team



The students on the team are chosen through a process of giving a speech, votes by staff and students and a final interview.

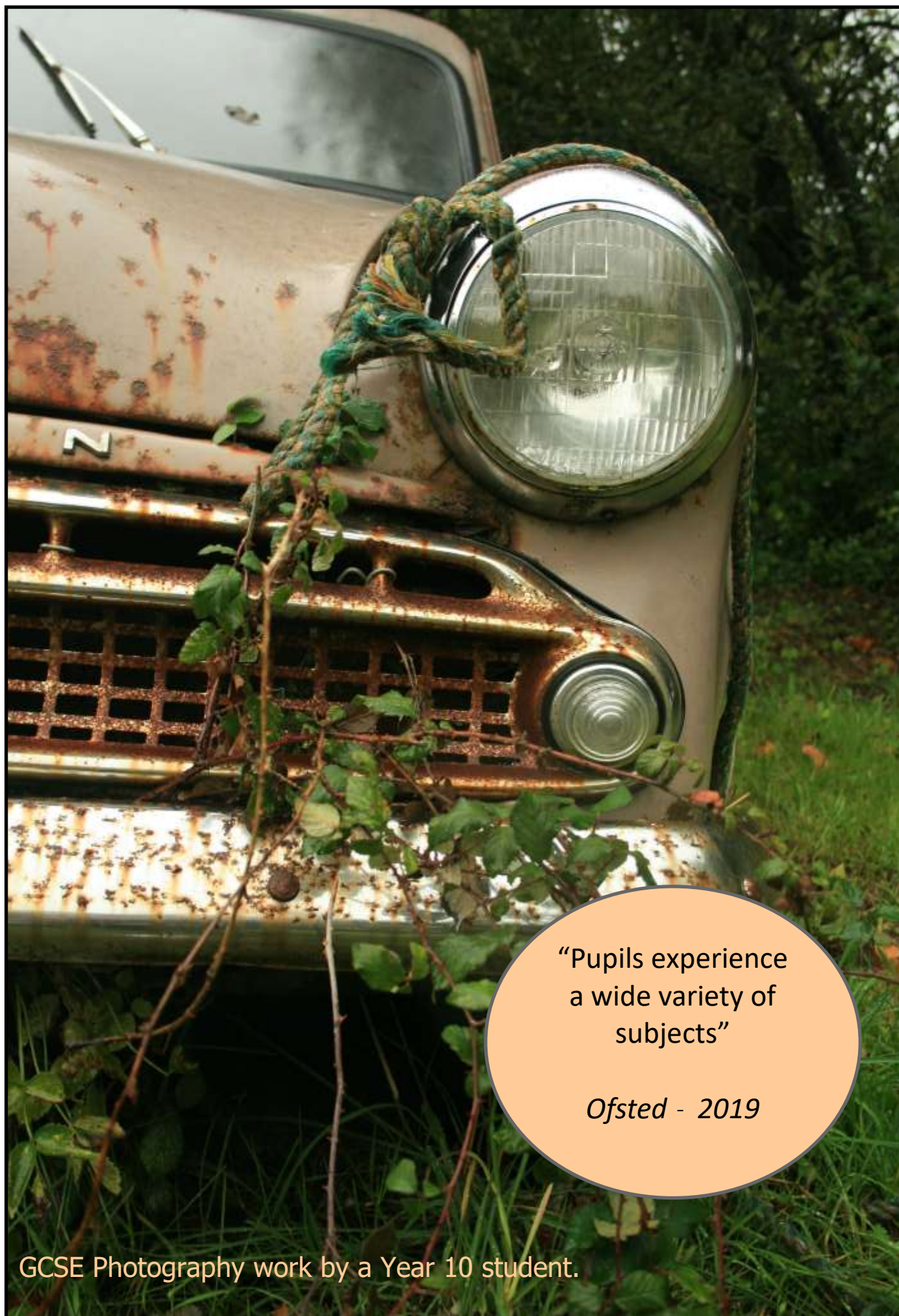
They will be getting involved in running house events along with charity fundraising, Student Voice activities and taking a leading role in Sixth Form events.





“(The school) offer a range of additional interventions based on pupils’ learning needs and their emotional well-being.”

*Ofsted 2019*



"Pupils experience  
a wide variety of  
subjects"

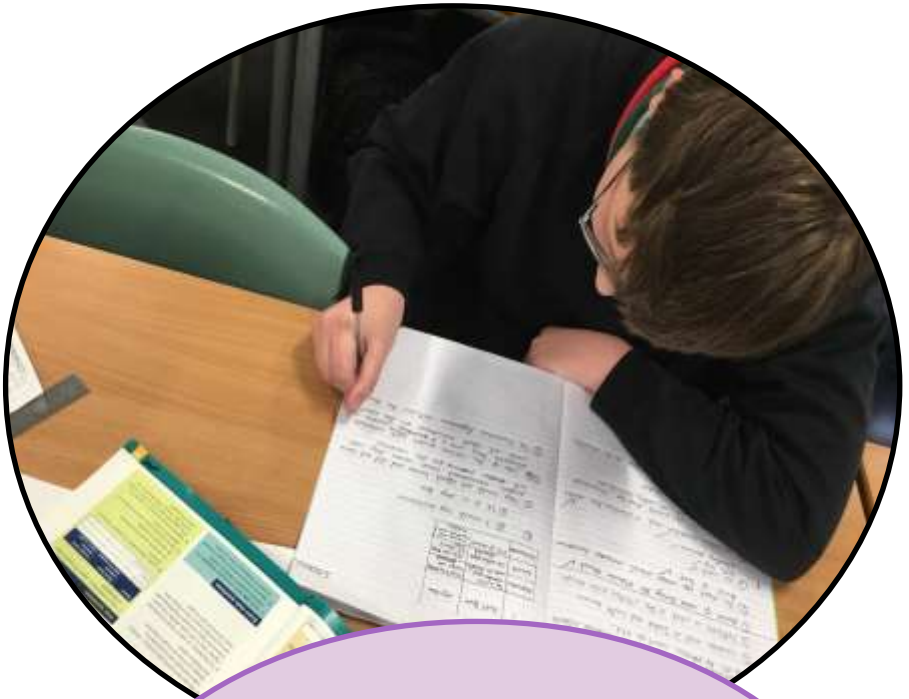
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GCSE Photography work by a Year 10 student.

# Support

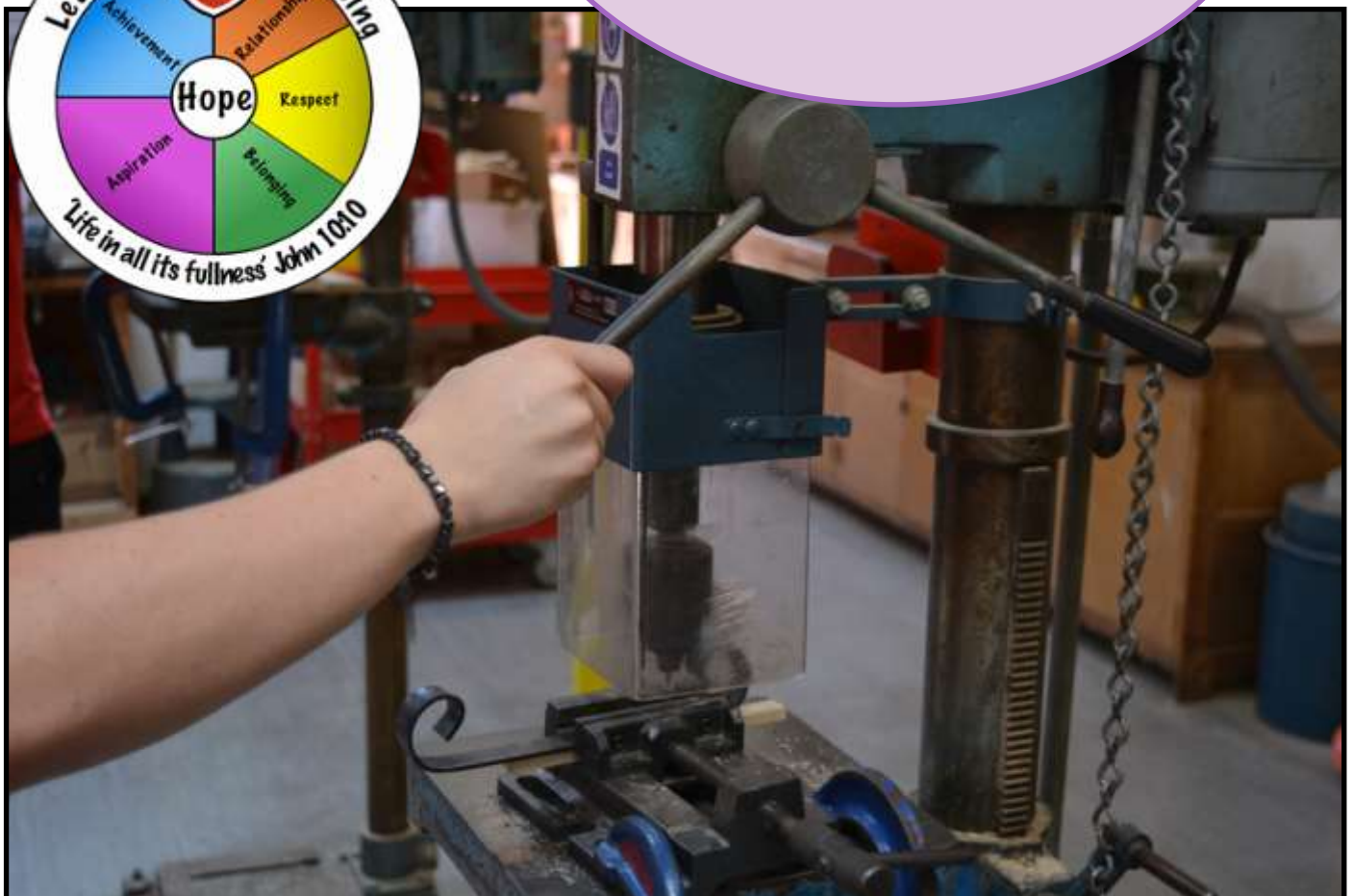
Our values wheel demonstrates and illustrates our determination to meet students where they are. Adolescence is a time of change.

Through a team of Teaching Assistants, SEND specialists and other support staff, we are able to work with parents to meet the educational and emotional needs of our young people.



“Many parents commented on the support provided for their children and the range of experiences they have.”

*Ofsted 2019*





# Challenge

Every child who attends Wadham will, through quality teaching, be stretched and pushed to achieve to their best, from their different starting points. So that, when they leave us, they have the skills and qualifications needed to take their next step with confidence.



## **2019 Results<sup>+</sup>**

**A Level & Other Level 3 qualifications**

**100% Pass Rate**

**44% A\* to B**

**92% Achieved place at first choice university**

**100% able to move on to next stop**





## 2019 Results<sup>+</sup>


**GCSE**

9-4 in English and Maths 69%

**National** 64%

**Ranking in Somerset**

6 out of 29



+Please note: Due to the pandemic, these are the latest published results with local and national comparitors.

# Transition

## THOSE JOINING FROM OUR PARTNER MIDDLE SCHOOLS

We are excited about the new opportunities in having all students from age 11 with us. We are working with partner schools to develop a programme, which will mean all joining us in September 2022 will have the opportunity to visit and do activities with us throughout the year. We want these activities to be a mixture of sporting, cultural, academic and artistic, so that all students have the opportunity to become involved.

## THOSE JOINING US FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

We would want your child to be involved as much as possible in this programme, but recognise this may not be possible. As a minimum, we will ensure your child is involved in the summer transition work, in a similar way to what happens now.

## IN ALL CASES

Staff will work closely with the school a new student is coming from, to ensure we have the necessary, key information to make the start successful.

“Leaders consider the needs of pupils and the profile of year groups when shaping the curriculum.”

*Ofsted - 2019*



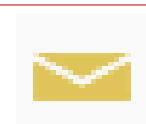


“Teachers consolidate  
pupils’ understanding  
with incisive  
questioning.”

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