



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Headteacher’s Update Letter 11.06.24**

Welcome to our final term of this academic year!

It was another good start last week with students (and staff) returning quickly to established routines and the positive social norms we expect in meeting our high expectations.

Year 11 and 13 students are on the final straight in completing their exams and we’re looking forward to “Dress your Best Day” next Friday and the Year 11 Prom the following week as they mark the ‘end’ of compulsory education and the transition onto future pathways.

Governors recently met to consider plans for the Year 12 relaunch in September 2025 and we will be inviting Year 10 students and parents to an Information Evening this term to tell you more.

And across all year group we continue to experience high participation rates in extra-curricular clubs, activities and school fixtures. This is so pleasing to see and something I know parents recognise as a valued part of education, based on your positive feedback from recent surveys.

We are looking forward to the Activities and Work Experience planned in the final week of term, and know it’ll be a productive few weeks in the run up to these events.

Every day brings something positive, an opportunity or ‘little win’ that over time is adding up to tangible and meaningful success.

***Heavenly Father,  
I give you thanks for this day and all its opportunities  
As the day begins I look forward to the freshness of new beginnings  
As the day progresses I thank you for the people I will meet, the connections I will make,  
the problems I can overcome  
As the day ends I reflect on the positives, of friendships and all those little wins  
As night falls I look forward to rest and a new day to come  
Thank you for your gifts of love and grace that strengthen me every day  
Amen***

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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## Top Performing Students

Results below indicate the top achieving students either side of the half term break. We're looking forward to a meaningful discussion about the use of rewards with the Student Council this term, and our Awards Evening in July will include winners from Years 7-9 for the first time. Until then, we continue as ever with our weekly updates and it's a massive well done and congratulations to everyone mentioned below. Will you be there again next week?

### Week Commencing 20.05.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Anna M Ellis R	Gwen T	Owen J	Jayden B
2	Darcy G	Jacob P	Benny S	Nancy G
3	George V	Mia H Daniil L	Esme G Holly W	Lily D

### Week Commencing 03.06.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Wyatt T	Thomas D	Michael McE	Grace P
2	Rhona A	James P	Ivy H	Riley A Rebekah H Edie P
3	Matilda L	Jacob P	Poppy H	Laila B Anna R Emerald S Millie W

## Uniform Reminder & Action Needed

It was a positive return last week with the overwhelming majority of students wearing uniform correctly. As it is officially summer, students no longer need to wear the jumper or sweatshirt.

Shorts can be worn instead of trousers, but they must be the same material as permitted for full length school trousers. Sports shorts or PE kit are not permitted, and students will be asked to change into correct uniform should this be the case.

For many students I know this will not be necessary, as I am hopeful parents will check and remind their children of the need to wear the correct uniform already purchased.

As ever, should families have any concerns or barriers regarding the purchasing of school uniform, do please contact us so that we are aware and can see if there is anything we can do to help.

Finally, Information about our School uniform and our uniform policy can be found on our website here: [Wadham School - School Uniform](#)

## Team Wadham Go From Strength to Strength!

Students turned out in force to produce a strong finish to last term in a range of sporting fixtures.



In Basketball, it was another fantastic performance for Team Wadham on Thursday 23rd May.

The Year 8 and 9 boys achieved a great win over Stanchester Academy.

Players over the match – Caidan and Maks.



In the same week, the Year 8 and 9 Rounders teams had two wins against Huish.

The Year 8s secured a 17.5-10 win and the year 9s won 15.5-5.

Well done, everyone!

You absolutely smashed it 😊



Our winning streak continued into this term with a convincing win last week for the Year 7/8 boys cricket team against Stanchester Academy.

### Wadham won by 96 runs!

Player of the match was Jack H for his exceptional run outs and impressive fielding on the boundary.

Great result guys, keep it going!



Finally, our girls Rounders teams continue to rack up the home runs!

It's now 3/3 wins for our Year 10 Rounders Team - a great win against a strong Sexeys team last week! Player of the match was Lily.

Also a great effort by our Year 7s in their first ever rounders match for the school.

Player of the match was Olive.

## Wadham Students Complete Crewkerne 5km Race!

With thanks to parents for getting in touch with the school to share student successes in Sunday's Crewkerne 5km and 10km races.

Firstly, it's well done to Moken M and Daniel B for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the boys' event, pictured here with their winners' shields.

And in the senior 10km event, it's a massive well done to Oli Willmott for finishing 12<sup>th</sup> overall.

Superb work, gentlemen!



## Moken Delivers Another Knockout Performance!



For the second year running, Moken M returned victorious from Portugal with the Portimão Box Cup, with a string of similar, impressive successes on home soil too!

In recent weeks Moken has progressed through the National Schoolboy Championships, with wins in the Quarter Finals in London and the Semi-finals in Newcastle.

Despite a very strong performance in the final, he came away with Silver, losing to the reigning two-time champion.

His efforts have not gone unnoticed, and Moken has been selected to represent England for the first time in the upcoming Tri-nations Competition in Nottingham.

Well done, Moken, on all your hard work in the ring.

Wadham School is behind you all the way!



## **Parent Governor Opportunity at Wadham School**

Alongside successful recruitment last term, the Board of Governors currently has a vacancy for one further Parent Governor.

The role of a Governor is to:

- Help plan the strategic direction of the school
- Ensure money is well spent
- Support and challenge the school leadership team

If you feel you could contribute, or are interested to find out more, please use this link to read the full invitation and application letter:

[9A46E5203DEAE506F4CCCD962C42B263.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](#)

You may wish to contact Laura Andrews, Clerk to the Governors, should you have further questions or would like to arrange an informal meeting to discuss this role in more detail.

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11.06.24