



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 14th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 14.01.25

Happy New Year!

I personally felt the term dates fell well, meaning Christmas Day and the subsequent New Year celebrations could be enjoyed without feeling too rushed or hurried.

I hope it was the same for you.

Feeling refreshed and refocused, it was a delight to welcome staff and students back to Wadham last week and no surprise that familiar routines for learning - our 'positive social norms' - were very quickly re-established.

More importantly, it was great to catch up with students, keen to tell me of their Christmas holiday, what Father Christmas had brought them, and their hopes and wishes for the new year ahead.

It's wonderful to see the growing confidence and sense of personal pride that more and more students are readily displaying - we've worked hard to establish a culture where people are encouraged to stand up and be recognised.

For this reason we have enjoyed another strong start to a new term - much like we did in September - one where uniform and equipment have not been barriers to learning and the collective mood of the school is one of a 'can-do' attitude for success.

This doesn't happen overnight, but is the continued and persistent work of everyone involved in making Wadham School the best it can be. I remain very grateful to you, our parents and carers, for the important part you play in the support of our students.

Dear Lord,

Open our eyes to the new opportunities that lie ahead

Help us to seize them with confidence and faith

Guide us to use our talents and gifts to serve others

And glorify Your name.

Amen.

Wishing everyone a positive and prosperous 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

The table below recognises the achievements of students in the final week of last term – bringing to a close 15 school weeks of hard work and determination as we went into the Christmas Break.

Well done, everyone, for the resilience and commitment shown to your studies!

I'm looking forward to publishing last week's top performing students in next week's update.

Week Commencing 16.12.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Emily Salter	Eliza Hodgson	Katelin White	Jessica Henly	William Dabinett
2	Kornelia Anchim	Rose-Ann Cosby	Alfie Senior	Archie Dean	Libby Jeffery Elliott Tuck
3	Connor Bradbury Imogen Dyer	Deon Coulter	Rhiley Clarke	Georgina Ham	Jayden Bryant Ryan Muxworthy Izzy Sousa

Grace Completes Life-Saving Qualification!



Grace Willy in Year 11 swapped the classroom for the swimming pool for the final week of last term to complete her National Pool Lifesaving Qualification.

Grace achieved her award, passing 100% of the course, and is now set to make a splash as she takes up her place as a lifeguard at a local swimming pool.

Well done, Grace – an amazing achievement and positive example of “service above self” to others.

Year 11 GCSE Information Evening – Thursday 16th January 5.00-7.00pm

A reminder that our postponed Evening for Year 11 will take place this Thursday from 5.00pm.

The Evening is intended to support parents with information from subject leaders being given to help with GCSE exam preparation, and we're looking forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to this event.

Richard Burgas
14.01.25