



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 24.01.25

What a week!

Having been in the inspection window for a considerable amount of time, it was a mixture of relief and excitement when I finally received 'the call' from Ofsted on Monday morning.

As expected, it was a very rigorous and thorough 2-day inspection of all things here at Wadham School. We were prepared and this really helped maintain a strong sense of calm and purpose across all levels of school life.

The students and staff were/are AMAZING, and honestly, I could not be more proud of the way we carried on as normal to show the Inspection Team 'business as usual.'

We were transparent, up-front and honest about our journey and the leadership decisions made since 2022 to develop the school in to what we are today. This is morally the right thing to do under inspection and just means that whatever the outcome, we've kept our integrity, and the actions arising (published in the report) are the accurate ones for further improvement.

Although I can't share judgements at this stage, I am happy the narrative in the report will likely reflect where we are currently and the huge gains we have made since 2019. More importantly, that the culture of the school is one of kindness, routine, discipline and learning. 😊

The inspection team recognised all the curriculum, pastoral and behaviour changes we have made and identified the school as a calm and safe place for learning.

That's about as far as I can go at this stage, but I am looking forward to reading the report and sharing further details with you when I am able to do so.

In the meantime, it's a massive THANK YOU to all our stakeholders – our students, parents, staff, governors and external agencies – for everything you have done and will continue to do in making Wadham School such a positive place in our community.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend – we've earned it!

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Reporting this week brings us bang-up-to-date with the latest weekly House Point Champions since term started after Christmas.

I'm delighted that we continue to have some new names appearing in our weekly tables and remain proud of the hard work and commitment shown by Wadham students. Well done all!

Week Commencing 06.01.25

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|----------|---|---|-----------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | Poppy Spurway | Tanya Greenough | Mia Hawes | Harry Druce | MJ Jones |
| 2 | Nancy Brown Amelia Richardson | Riley Morris | Corey Wadkins | Jj Taylor | Tyler Gurd |
| 3 | Paige Hicks Nancy Platt Toren-Radford Hyland | Charlie Best Ellis Roughsedge Mya-Rose Wilson | Oliver Lawrence | Caspar Crouch | Pixie Knott Michael Pearce Samuel Sumption-Smith |

Week Commencing 13.01.25

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|----------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Imogen Dyer | James Pearce | Alfie Charlesworth | Emi Nakayama | Jamie Sheehan |
| 2 | Shane Isaacs | Deon Coulter Alatea Williams | Logan Gregory | Ruby Bryant | Luke Edwards Olivia Padfield |
| 3 | Mason Toop | Charlie Best | Mia Stevens-Dyer | Karmel Adaway | Rosie Metcalf |

Independent Learning Updates – Sparx!

Week Commencing 13.01.25

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest reading points this week for Sparx Reader:

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Lily Norton | Isabella-May Royle | Daisy Wells |
| 2 nd | Imogen Buzza | Craig Zwiyo | Jayden King |
| 3 rd | Emily Brocklehurst | Ella Priddle | Bethany Lee |

Independent Learning Updates – Sparx! (continued)

Week Commencing 13.01.25

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest XP points so far this week for Sparx Maths:

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|-----|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1st | Emily Brocklehurst | Hedley Egge | Molly Caswell | Summer-Louise Greenhill | Zoe Neal |
| 2nd | Ella Wilkins | Emilio Tribot | Katie Evans | Eliza Orzechowski | Rian Taylor |
| 3rd | Max Collins | Gabriel Zalari | Iris Willy | Maks Orzechowski | Mollie Best |

Well done to the following students who have spent the most time studying on Seneca this week:

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1st | Ruby Churches | Monica Lawrence | Alfie Senior | Ella Hoskyns | Darcy Andrews |
| 2nd | Luke Hallesy | Amelia Dart | Katelin White | Esme Hallett | Vivian Dawkins |
| 3rd | Ava Davenport | Leon Godfrey | Martha Kennedy | Zuzanna Bamburska | Marcus King |

Uniform Update

Uniform and dress code expectations continue to be followed by the overwhelming majority of students, but we are seeing a slight rise in the number of students wearing white socks.

In the past we have supported by purchasing and providing suitable black socks to students unable to change into appropriate socks when challenged. This was a supportive intervention to help everyone meet our expectation, but is not something we feel we should have to sustain.

I would be grateful if parents can ensure that students have the correct uniform and equipment in line with school policy and are reminded that students must be sent in with a note if policy cannot be followed, giving a reason and reasonable timeframe when the matter can be rectified. We're here to help, so do please contact the school if there are barriers in meeting this expectation. [Wadham School - School Uniform](#)

Wadham PTFA Fundraising Event 14.02.25

Save the date! Advance notice that the final Friday of this term – 14th February – will be a **non-uniform day** for students and staff. Donations will go towards the PTFA's project of creating a quiet, outdoor reflection space within the school.

Richard Burgas
24.01.25