



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 30.01.25**

We're already at the end of January and with two weeks remaining until half term, there's still plenty in the school calendar to keep us busy!

Last week we welcomed a local up-and-coming boy band to Wadham, here to promote themselves, but more importantly, highlight and signpost support we can take in developing positive mental health. The band were a huge hit and their message was well received. My thanks go to Ms Wells and the Personal Development team for making this happen.

We've also been successful with a 'warm spaces' grant application, giving us the opportunity to provide free food to students attending after-school sports clubs up until Easter. Details were shared with parents in a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, with Mr Owen (Head of PE) available to answer any further questions you may have. [cowen@wadhamschool.co.uk](mailto:cowen@wadhamschool.co.uk)

After so much rain it was great to welcome back the sunshine and blue skies this week, with the field being opened up for social times. Year 10s in particular wasted no time in getting a quality match going this lunchtime. Great work boys!

Next week a small number of students are out to watch a performance of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and in our final week of term Mr Broome has arranged for a theatre group to visit and bring stories from the Holocaust to life – an important and powerful experience I am sure.

Quite simply, it's never a dull moment here in school, and I remain utterly grateful to staff for their own time given to research, secure, plan and deliver these amazing opportunities to our community.

### ***Heavenly God***

***Thank you that I am me, that you know me and love me – as I am***

***You know that some days I find it hard to look outwardly;***

***to connect well with others or with you***

***You know that some days I find it hard to connect with myself***

***Please help me, each day, to notice and appreciate the wonders around me, your love for me***

***Please help me, each day, to remember and root myself in the love, peace and hope that you offer***

***Thank you that I can do all things through you who gives me strength.***

***Amen***

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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## Top Performing Students

Well done to everyone mentioned below for being in the Top 3 for House Points last week. It's clearly Year 10s week with students doubling-up on the podium.

This is great to see and sets a clear challenge to everyone else.

A lot can change in a week, so if you're not listed below, but want to be, your hard work and kindness are all you need to get you there!

## Week Commencing 20.01.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Fred Cox	Alatea Williams	Londyn Welch	Cooper Austin Ruby Bryant	Mollie Best George Finch
2	Jessica Harris	Phoebe Curtis Sienna Madgin	Katelin White	Sam Dawson Kyra Richards	Riley Arnold
3	Mya Langford	Dylan Pattemore	Poppy Baker	Harry Dean Emi Nakayama	Grace Prouse

## Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 06.02.25

A reminder that we're looking forward to welcoming Year 11 families to their Parents' Consultation Evening next Thursday, 4.00-7.00pm.

With Mocks 2 in place after half-term, this is a timely opportunity to discuss current progress and intervention opportunities available to help students feel confident and prepared for the GCSE exams this summer.

Remember to bring your cash/card for the bake sale that will be in place, raising funds for our 2025 Camps Kenya Expedition.

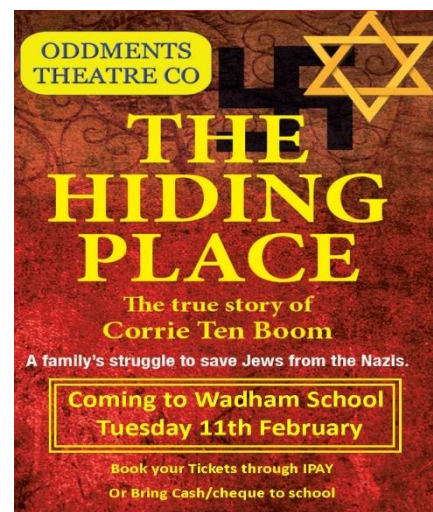
## Oddments Theatre Coming to Wadham – Tuesday 11.02.25

Tickets have been selling steadily for this travelling production of a true story from the Holocaust.

The production arrives on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and there will be 2 performances during the day.

Don't delay in purchasing tickets if you would like your child to attend. Tickets are limited and sold on a first come first served basis.

You can purchase tickets online through Ipay or by bringing cash to the Finance Office in school.



## Homework Update




Our revised approach to Homework is being embedded according to plan, with students engaging well with online assignments set. Mrs Hutter will be writing to parents very soon with a detailed update in this regard, but in the meantime I wanted to share with you the impact we've seen so far.

Homework assignments have been carefully selected and/or created to help students retrieve prior knowledge and consolidate what they know currently. This is a recognised approach to improving resilience in working independently, confidence in taking risks and is something that helps everyone develop positive routines and attitudes towards work.

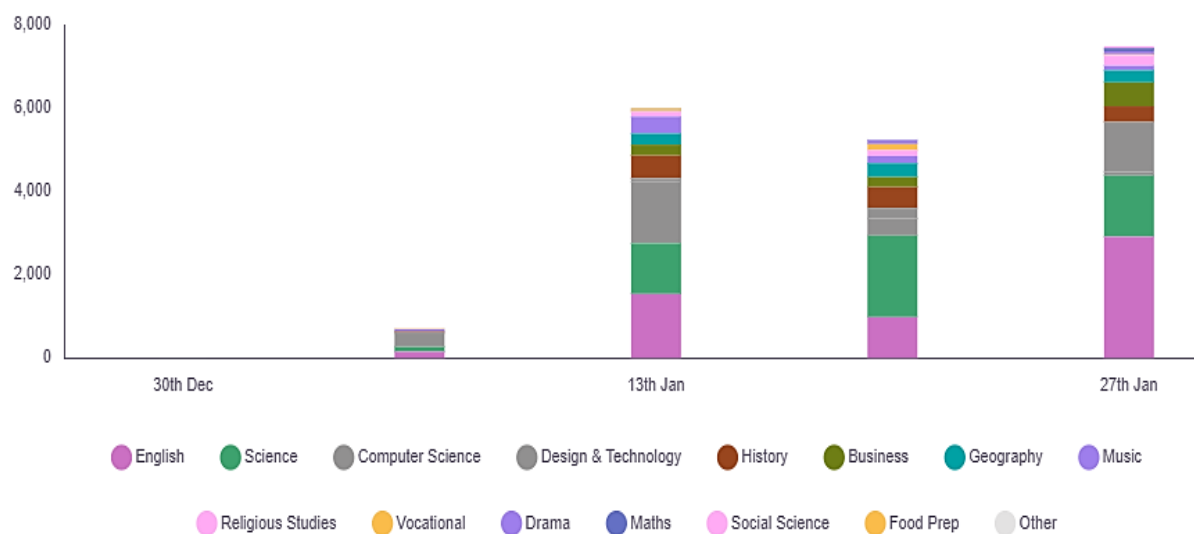
I think the results speak for themselves, and I'm delighted to share the following information from the Seneca Platform regarding students' achievements regarding Homework.

Well done, everyone, for embracing the switch to online learning and self-quizzing and keep up the good work... ..although we've got a substantial lead on other schools, I'd love us to keep the top spot for as long as possible 😊

### Seneca School League 🏆

Regional		03:08:50:09 DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS			
School name					XP 📊
1  Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced				1,156,260
2  Robert Blake School Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced				592,356
3  Preston School Academy Yeovil, Somerset	School synced				351,546

### Weekly learning sessions



## Homework Update - continued

Well done to everyone below for making it into the top 10!

A fantastic achievement which I'm sure is really helping you learn more and know more in the classroom 😊

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Laila Briggs	Year 11	8h 53min	1	Finley Carling	Year 10	100%
2	Vivian Dawkins	Year 11	8h 15min	2	Storm Ruiters	Year 9	100%
3	Kirsty Rowswell	Year 11	7h 20min	3	Josie Bulmer	Year 10	100%
4	Sophie Frost	Year 11	7h 18min	4	Bonnie Cornall	Year 9	100%
5	Anna Rowswell	Year 11	6h 57min	5	Grace Brown	Year 11	100%
6	Darcy Andrews	Year 11	6h 54min	6	Chloe Richards	Year 11	100%
7	Will Todd	Year 11	6h 49min	7	Lily Madgin	Year 10	100%
8	Luke Edwards	Year 11	6h 25min	8	Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 10	100%
9	Noah Barratt	Year 11	6h 20min	9	Zak Rasheed	Year 7	100%
10	Ella Hoskyns	Year 10	6h 20min	10	Isabella-May Royle	Year 8	99%

## Wadham PTFA Fundraising Event 14.02.25 (Reminder)

Save the date! Advance notice that the final Friday of this term – 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FREE Sessions for Parents regarding Child Exploitation

Mrs Coombe contacted all parents this week to share a flyer and meeting invite to an awareness event being hosted online TONIGHT, 8.00-9.00pm

This event is being led by Andri Nicolaou, from the dedicated child exploitation team as part of Operation Topaz.

You do not need to book to join, simply use the link in the flyer sent electronically by Mrs Coombe earlier this week (copy shown here for reference!)

**Child Exploitation FREE Session for Parents**

**Date & Time:**  
THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025 (20:00 - 21:00)  
[Tell me about future dates of this event](#)

**Venue:**  
ONLINE

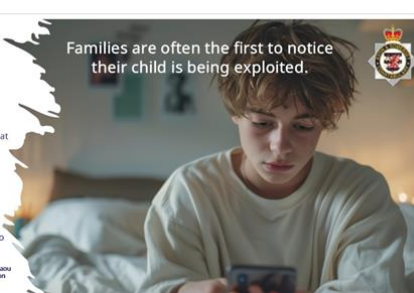
**Detail:**

Parents/Carers can access this FREE online session to

- Learn about different types of exploitation.
- Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.
- Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline
- Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!

Led by Prevention Officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated child exploitation team.

Families are often the first to notice their child is being exploited.



**This is an open event with no requirement to book.**

attend this event, please click the link below on the 30th January.

**Join the meeting now**

Richard Burgas  
30.01.25