



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 07.03.25**

We've completed a full cycle in the new term and seen the successful completion of Mock exams, including MFL Mock Speaking exams. A big thank you to everything you do as parents and carers to encourage, guide and support students to dig deep, take a breath and meet these intensely personal challenges with positivity and a belief that 'it can be done.'

Speaking with students across the school, but particularly those in Year 11 in the last few days, it's wonderful to see how much care and awareness for the well-being of others our students are openly showing.

We have never really spoken about a culture of 'service before self' but reflecting on my interactions this week, I can see that the overwhelming majority of people here are proud to be part of our community, secure in their sense of place and purpose, and show genuine care for what people think and feel about the school.

With brighter weather returning, it's been great to see collective pride in our school manifest with increased engagement in school fixtures and other extra-curricular activities.

Today is the final day of our school production, a showcase event for the diversity of talent we are fortunate to draw upon, and a perfect example of what real education is all about.

We're blessed to have so many amazing people within our Wadham community and I'm humbled by the positivity and strength of character they are giving to meet the realities and challenges of the world we currently face.

### ***Heavenly God***

***Thank you for the potential we each have***

***Thank you that our skills, interests and abilities differ,***

***Thank you that our world is enriched with diversity***

***Help me, daily, to live out love, forgiveness, integrity and peace***

***Help me to make a positive difference, to remove stereotypes of all kinds***

***Help us to help others reach their potential for good,***

***Help me to reach my potential for good.***

***Thank you for the love, forgiveness, integrity and peace that is in you***

***Thank you that, through faith, I can know love, forgiveness, integrity and peace through you***

***Amen***

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
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.

Proof that everything is cyclical, it's great to see Year 10 yield to students in Years 8 and 9 as they battle it out for 'who can get the most people on the podium?'

By a single student, this week's overall superstars are Year 9!

Again, it's lovely to see new names coming up to join more familiar ones and I hope this gives everyone the encouragement to consider that next week... ..it could be you!

## Week Commencing 24.02.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>1</b>	Evan Lock	Riley Morris	Jayden King	Ruby Bryant	Archie Cummins Jas Hansford Joy Jeffery
<b>2</b>	Ava Davenport	Craig Zwiyo	Hope Wood	Charlie Percival	Emily Bending
<b>3</b>	Ruby Churches	James Belobaba George Broom Amelia Dart Sienna Madgin	Poppy Baker Alfie Holt Lily Obern Theresa Siju Daisy Wells	Isabelle Wilkins	Vivian Dawkins

## The Ash Brothers Tackle their way to Victory in Lisbon!

Ethan and Frankie Ash (Year 8) started their half term with a bang following selection at a local U14 Rugby 7s club – 'the Eggchasers' – which meant they travelled to Lisbon to participate in a European Cup competition.

One of 15 teams taking part, they ended up placed in the group playing for 'the Plate' and I'm delighted to share that by the end of the tournament they had won all of their pool matches, gained valuable on-field experience, scored a couple of tries each, and most importantly, had an amazing time!

As group winners, the team have come home with 'the Plate' - pictured here with Ethan and Frankie.







Great work, boys, on your well-won victory!



## Homework Update - Achievements

I'm delighted to share the following information from the Seneca Platform regarding students' achievements regarding Homework in the last week.

We remain top of the class across Somerset, with more XP points than 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> combined! I'm really proud of the way students have embraced this change in our practice and know it will help hugely with their knowledge retrieval and confidence – WELL DONE!

Regional		0	2	:	1	1	:	3	1	:	3	8	
		DAYS	HOURS		MINUTES	SECONDS							
School name		XP											
	 Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced											773,236
	 Brymore Academy Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced											388,782
	 Robert Blake School Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced											342,921







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

Year 11 continue to dominate the "study time" leaderboard, achieving an impressive 430 hours of study time last week on Seneca alone!

It's also great to see representation from all year groups on the "average score" leaderboard.

Thank you for listening in assemblies last week to push yourselves into positive routines for completing homework – we can really see the benefit 😊

Special mention and huge WELL DONE to Amber Quartley in Year 7 for being the first in her year group to top the leader board.

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
	Anna Rowswell	Year 11	16h 13min		Amber Quartley	Year 7	100%
	Millie Webster	Year 11	15h 11min		Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 10	100%
	Kirsty Rowswell	Year 11	14h 21min		Lily Madgin	Year 10	100%
4	Vivian Dawkins	Year 11	12h 34min	4	Joy Jeffery	Year 11	99%
5	Will Todd	Year 11	10h 51min	5	Isabella-May Royle	Year 8	99%
6	Mollie Barratt	Year 11	10h 20min	6	Emily Hutchings	Year 10	99%
7	Noah Barratt	Year 11	8h 57min	7	Daniel Bryant	Year 10	98%
8	William Marsh	Year 11	8h 37min	8	James Le Lohé	Year 7	98%
9	Laila Briggs	Year 11	8h 33min	9	Jenny Pitman	Year 9	97%
10	Sophie Watson	Year 11	7h 18min	10	Zak Rasheed	Year 7	97%

## School Production 2025 – Curtain Call on this Year’s Production

It is the final night of this year’s hugely entertaining school production.

Following 2 superb performances since the curtain went up on Wednesday, there’s a final chance tonight to go and see amazing talent at work in our re-telling of a classic Monty Python story.

I thoroughly enjoyed last night’s show and cannot confirm or deny that audience participation is required!

*I do know that you’d better stay clear of the rabbit.  
– it’s dynamite!*

90mins of pure escapism, and an opportunity to see a wonderful group of students and staff excelling at what they do.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Spamalot Production – another year of lifelong memories made!

Richard Burgas  
07.03.25

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