



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 18th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 18.03.25

We're now past the halfway point in the term, with just under 3 weeks remaining until the Easter break. This has certainly given everyone the little 'lift' we sometimes need at this point, with words of encouragement and positive feedback often shared to help remind people of the 'bigger picture' and what it is we are working towards.

For Year 11 students, receiving their second set of mock results today will help validate their efforts to date, and give clear direction as they work for a final term before the actual exams begin.

For Year 9 students, it's the growing excitement that their GCSE Options Evening is fast approaching, giving them the first real opportunity to reflect on their education journey and begin to shape their pathway to align with their longer-term goals and aspirations.

For Year 10 students, it's the realisation that a large portion of their subject content has been taught, with summer exams this year being the first true indicator of the knowledge they have retained. We're looking forward to meeting parents this Thursday to go through current progress and attainment.

And for everyone, I think it's fair to say we've seen a largely positive response to the revised approach to homework. We are truly grateful for the support you have given in guiding our young people to take responsibility for this component of their education.

The facts speak for themselves – a significant increase in meaningful work set online, matched with a similar increase in completion rates and student engagement. Whilst it's true there have been some teething issues, routines are now embedding swiftly and where detentions have needed to be given, our hope is that this is a lesson quickly learned, and one not repeated. (Evidence to date suggests this is the case!) A reminder that all queries or questions regarding homework should be raised with Mrs Hutter, not the subject teacher: shutter@wadhamschool.co.uk

For now though, with personal development and poetry workshops booked in for Thursday, a Year 9 Geography trip on the horizon and sporting fixtures coming thick and fast, it's a massive well done and thank you to everyone who is embracing our school vision to live **"life in all its fullness."**

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Well done to everyone mentioned below for being in the Top 3 for House Points recently.

With many podium spots shared by multiple students, it's been a close couple of weeks, with often the top spot decided by a single House Point!

Don't forget that with the Easter Cash-in fast approaching, all points count for all students – even if you haven't made it onto the leaderboard, your House Point total still gives you the opportunity for rewards and prizes.

However, by a single student, last week's overall superstars are Year 8!

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 time... ..it could be you!

Week Commencing 03.03.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Evan Lock	Craig Zwiyo	Jacob Prouse	Lucy Wood	Joy Jeffery
2	Luke Hallesy	Mya-Rose Wilson	Milo McGhee	Summer-Louise Greenhill	Jack Bayford
3	Harriet Lemon	Dylan Pattermore Florence Richardson	Nye Edgar	Evie John Eszter Kozari	Katelin Pearce




Week Commencing 10.03.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Isabella Aplin Finley Winter	Emma Pitman	Hope Wood	Miles Quick	Gracy Willy
2	Evan Lock	Charlie Best Alatea Williams	Martha Kennedy	Amie Parsons	Edie Pattison
3	Archie Blunn	Amelia Dart Luigi Tramontini Craig Zwiyo	Theresa Siju	Ivy Hart	Ruth Lewis Rian Taylor Sophie Watson

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 2nd and 3rd 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	5	1	0	4	4	2	6	
		DAYS	HOURS	MINUTES	SECONDS					
School name		XP								
1	 Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced								331,396
2	 Huish Episcopi Academy LANGPORT, Somerset	School synced								143,296
3	 Buckler's Mead School Yeovil, Somerset	School synced								98,556

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

Year 11 continue to dominate the "study time" leaderboard, achieving an impressive 490 hours of study time last week on Seneca alone!

It's also great to see continued representation from all year groups on the "average score" leaderboard – with no change at the top spot... ..well done, Amber!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Millie Webster	Year 11	17h 9min	1	Amber Quartley	Year 7	100%
2	Anna Rowswell	Year 11	16h 51min	2	Lily Madgin	Year 10	100%
3	Kirsty Rowswell	Year 11	14h 19min	3	Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 10	100%
4	Will Todd	Year 11	11h 46min	4	Emily Hutchings	Year 10	100%
5	Vivian Dawkins	Year 11	11h 44min	5	Daniel Bryant	Year 10	100%
6	Noah Barratt	Year 11	11h 25min	6	Jenny Pitman	Year 9	100%
7	Mollie Barratt	Year 11	9h 30min	7	Isabella-May Royle	Year 8	99%
8	Edie Patisson	Year 11	8h 45min	8	Zoë Neal	Year 11	98%
9	Crystal Hawkins	Year 11	8h 21min	9	Thomas Baker	Year 10	97%
10	William Marsh	Year 11	7h 59min	10	Jack Tilley	Year 8	97%

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