



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 04.04.25

My update this week is being typed as the Rewards Assemblies are happening in the Hall, just outside my office. I'm humbled to hear outbreaks of spontaneous applause, chants and cheers as names are announced, and the energy with which each year group 'community' is recognising their own hard work and achievement.

So far, the loudest cheer has gone to Jayden in Year 9 for winning the chocolate – lovely to hear and a very deserving winner!

We've come a long way in helping students accept public praise, be open to collective acts of celebration and confident in their participation. The Easter Cash-in is another example of why positive recognition is so important, and given the wealth and amount of prizes given, I'm hopeful all students feel seen and valued.

It's also recognition of all the academic and extra-curricular activities we have crammed into the last 6 weeks. I will always maintain that education outside of the classroom is just as important as the learning that takes place within it, and this term has provided so many opportunities for students to learn, grow and achieve.

Whatever your plans this Easter, do make time to rest and recover. It's OK to say people are tired, and true to say it's because everyone is working so hard to teach, help, support, encourage and care for everyone in our school community.

My sincere thanks to the students, staff and families who are 'Wadham School' for our continued commitment to improve the outcomes and life chances in the communities we serve.

***May God bless you with gratitude,
Fill your heart with joy and laughter,
And grant you all the sweet promises from above.
Give you a new song, a new idea, a fresh motivation
To return from the Easter break refreshed and renewed.***

Summer Term begins for everyone on Tuesday 22nd April - it's a Week B!
Until then, I wish you all a positive and peaceful Easter holiday.

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 recently.

A record number of House Points have been awarded in response to the Easter Cash-in, with nearly all students enjoying the top spot in the table needing 100+ points to do so!

Whatever the score, it's an absolute delight to see the chocolate bars going out this week, hearing the Hall full yesterday for "popcorn with a film" and watching students come to collect their Easter treats today from the canteen – there's a real 'buzz' of celebration and satisfaction as we bring another term to a close.

Well done, everyone, for rising to the challenge of collecting as many points as possible!

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

Week Commencing 17.03.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Evan Lock	Riley Webb	Lola Hart	Charlie Upshall	Darcy Andrews
2	Vinnie Crossland	Riley Morris	Poppy Baker	Logan Shelley	Liam Gerrish
3	Aurelio Tribot	Fred DeMartino	William McKelvey	Holly Williams	Luke Edwards







Week Commencing 24.03.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Maggie Singleton	James Pearce	Maria Cox	Emily Hutchings	Laila Briggs
2	Ella Wilkins	Eliza Hodgson	Lola Hart	Esme Hallett	Millie Webster
3	Emily Harwood	Riley Morris	Poppy Baker	Eszter Kozari Lily Madgin	Kirsty Rowswell

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!

School name		XP
  Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced	872,472
  Robert Blake School Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced	400,464
  Buckler's Mead School Yeovil, Somerset	School synced	311,148

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

Year 11 continue to dominate the "study time" leaderboard, with a near 50% increase in total study time, topping out at a whopping 621 hours last week on Seneca alone!

It's also great to see continued representation from all year groups on the "average score" leaderboard – with a new overall leader – well done Lily!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
	Crystal Hawkins	Year 11	12h 37min		Lily Madgin	Year 10	100%
	Will Todd	Year 11	11h 40min		Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 10	100%
	Corey Foot	Year 11	11h 25min		Jenny Pitman	Year 9	100%
4	Sophie Watson	Year 11	11h 24min	4	Daniel Bryant	Year 10	100%
5	Ava Boon-Lush	Year 11	11h 15min	5	Isabella-May Royle	Year 8	99%
6	Millie Webster	Year 11	10h 49min	6	Zoë Neal	Year 11	98%
7	Noah Barratt	Year 11	10h 26min	7	Sienna Edmunds	Year 7	97%
8	Kirsty Rowswell	Year 11	10h 8min	8	Emily Hutchings	Year 10	97%
9	Darcy Andrews	Year 11	9h 19min	9	Thomas Baker	Year 10	97%
10	Rian Taylor	Year 11	9h 3min	10	Jack Tilley	Year 8	97%

Eliza is a Top Performer!

Alongside her wonderful comedic turn in Spamalot, Eliza Hodgson (Year 8) continues to 'wow' in the performing arts and has recently been recognised for her achievements.

A member of the local CUDOS Youth Company, Eliza has become the latest winner in the "Best Actor under 30" category within the group and is pictured here, receiving her award.

She is flanked on the left by Taya Bray, founder of CUDOS Youth Company (CYC), and on the right by Dendy Harris, the retiring Chair of CUDOS and Chair of Somerset Fellowship of Drama.



Well done, Eliza, for your fantastic achievement in performing arts – it's well deserved, and we look forward to watching your artistic career blossom!

Year 8 Engineers Fly High at RNAS Yeovilton!



As part of the flying start project, led by Leonardos in Yeovil, Year 8 Design and Technology students had a fantastic time at RNAS Yeovilton last week, competing the gliders they had made against other local schools.

This event was the culmination of an extended extra-curricular project, with students working after school with Leonardo facilitators to research, design and build their gliders.

On the day, as well as competing their gliders they took part in a quiz, STEM challenge and they were able to access the hangars which contained helicopters for their viewing.

It's great to see Wadham represented and competing with other schools in this important creative and engineering sector, and even better to know that they had a lot of fun in the process!

Well done to Phoebe Curtis, Logan Fowler, George Jones, Annabel Lamb, Ella Priddle and Oscar Sansom for taking part and making sure we've earned our place at the competition again next year!

Richard Burgas
04.04.25

Tuning in to Teens



This course will give you:

- Support for understanding of your teens emotional needs (suitable for parents with children age 10+)
 - Tools for better communication with your teen.
- Support to prevent problem behaviour and conflict with your teen.
 - Have a deeper connection and relationship with your teen.
- A warm and friendly environment to reflect and promote change

Weekly Resources | Refreshments | Engaging video clips | Supportive discussions | Free course by trained practitioners

When: Wednesday 23rd, 30th April, 7th 14th and 21st May

Where: Wadham School, Crewkerne

Times: 12:20pm—Doors open for refreshments.
Course starts at 12:30pm and finishes at 3pm.

For more information and to book your place please contact Parent and Family Support Advisors:

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