



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 8th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 08.05.25

Here we go then.... GCSE and A-Level exams have finally arrived and begin in earnest today.

Congratulations to our linguists who have already completed their GCSE Speaking exams, with German listening and reading papers completed later today. *Viel Glück – Ihr schafft es!*

Everyone has worked hard to understand what is expected of them, and what lies ahead as we work to complete the school year. Whether it's final exams, Work Experience, Activities Week, Sports Day, or something else entirely, we all have a rewarding end point to look forward to!

There is a real sense of 'purpose' at Wadham, and although nerves are an accepted feature of exams, there's also a quiet confidence too, and rightly so, given how hard students have been working in preparation for this summer.

Consistency of our expectations and in our actions has established the 'positive social norms' that we know will secure better life outcomes for our students.

Our focus this term is to align this sense of purpose with one of peace, to give everyone the best possible chance of calm as they focus on what is important to them.

A great example so far is the respectful way other students have responded to exam notice signs, moving silently in areas of the school where exams have taken place.

Thank you – it is very much appreciated.

***O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace
may we know your great love and let it lighten our hearts.
Encourage us to be peacemakers
and to walk in justice, mercy and humility every day.
Give peace among nations and communities,
peace in our school, our church, our homes and peace in our hearts.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

With positive thoughts and best wishes to Year 11 and 13 students – You've got this! 😊

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.

Week Commencing 31.03.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Shane Isaacs	Olivia Donahue Mya-Rose Wilson	Lola Hart	Ivy Hart Miles Quick	Mark Holland Sasha Wilkins
2	Bailey Brown Jessica Legg Evan Lock	Fred DeMartino	Alfie Windsor	Finley Bradley	Scarlett Clark
3	Emily Brocklehurst Olivia Turton	Spencer Goward	Will McKelvey	Jack Anstey Hanna Egré	Darcy Andrews Rhys Davies Lily Donald

Week Commencing 22.04.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Tilly-Louise Watts	Rose-Ann Cosby	Caleb Russell	Harry Usher	Sophie Frost
2	Ella Wilkins Finley Winter	Hollie Difford	Emily Salzer	Lily Madgin	Nancy Glover
3	Imogen Dyer Emily Salter	Eliza Hodgson Frida Quince	Alfie McCormick	Ruby Bryant	Emily Bending Ava Boon-Lush Adam Cummings Will Todd Ellie Vaughan- Mitchell

Week Commencing 28.04.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Evan Lock	Rose-Ann Cosby	Jayden King	Georgina Ham	Joe Hughes
2	Olivia Turton	Rhona Ash	Katelin White	Emi Nakayama	Mollie Best
3	Matilda Glaubitz Casper Kennedy	James Pearce	Alfie Windsor	Jack Anstey	Carl Bowles

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, although keen followers may have noticed we dipped recently to make room for another local school – albeit briefly – at the top spot!

Well done, everyone, for getting us back where we belong!

School name			XP
	Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced	532,912
	Brymore Academy Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced	312,993
	St Dunstan's School Glastonbury, Somerset	School synced	245,526

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

Year 11 continue to dominate the "study time" leaderboard, achieving nearly 400hours of study time in the last cycle, more than double the school average of 153hours.

It's also great to see continued representation from all year groups on the "average score" leaderboard – with a sole representative from Year 8 taking the crown.

– Well Done, Isabella-May!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
	Anna Rowswell	Year 11	19h 18min		Isabella-May Royle	Year 8	100%
	Marcus King	Year 11	19h 7min		Zoë Neal	Year 11	100%
	Will Todd	Year 11	10h 38min		Amber Quartley	Year 7	100%
4	Millie Webster	Year 11	10h 24min	4	Jenny Pitman	Year 9	100%
5	Corey Foot	Year 11	9h 18min	5	Lily Madgin	Year 10	100%
6	Pixie Knott	Year 11	8h 52min	6	Lucas Linten	Year 9	100%
7	Edie Pattison	Year 11	8h 50min	7	Andrei Radulescu	Year 9	100%
8	George Finch	Year 11	8h 45min	8	Emily Hutchings	Year 10	100%
9	Mollie Barratt	Year 11	8h 38min	9	Daniel Bryant	Year 10	99%
10	Jack Smith	Year 11	8h 33min	10	Lucy Ellis	Year 7	98%

Homework Update – Completion of Work

I'm really pleased that students have developed a positive work ethic to completing their homework and understand why this is important. This week, tutors have given reminders of our expectation regarding the minimum completion rates, shared here so that parents are aware:

Sparx Maths - 100% or 30 minutes
Sparx Reader – 300 SRP
Active Learn – 15 minutes on each task
Seneca – 80% or above on all quizzes

In line with policy, from next week detentions will be given if tasks are not completed to this standard.

As ever, please advise Mrs Hutter – shutter@wadhamschool.co.uk – if there is an issue with homework BEFORE the deadline for completion is due.

Summer Uniform – Reminder!

Mrs Finch published a detailed update letter regarding school uniform and dress code last term, which can be viewed here: [Uniform Reminder Letter 03.04.25](#)

Despite this, a very small number of students are changing out of expected uniform and wearing other items during the day. When challenged, most can replace these items with correct uniform, but we are keen to avoid this unnecessary conflict and the disruption it causes. Please be reminded of our policy in these specific areas:

- **Skirts need to be of a sensible length.** There is a concern being shared by adults in school and we have had communication from the community that some skirts are too short and are inappropriate to be wearing.
- **Shoes must be plain black and unbranded.**
- **Shorts** – Students may choose to wear tailored shorts, instead of full -length trousers or skirts. **Shorts must be black with no markings or symbols.**
- **Shorts must be the same material as permitted full length trousers.**
- Socks – **Socks must be plain black.**

Thank you for your support in this matter.

PTFA Fundraiser – Brave the Shave!

In support of the PTFA's action to fund, create and offer a quiet reflection space in school, a new fundraising event has begun! If donations reach £250, Mr Straker-Nesbit will shave off his beard and if we reach £500, Mr Burgas will shave his head! Students, staff and other donors have until 11th July to reach their desired target.

Donation tins will be going around tutor groups during morning registration! We're delighted to announce that we've already raised around £140, as of last month.

Richard Burgas
08.05.25



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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