



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

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Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 06.06.25

Welcome to the final term of the 2024-25 year!

I hope you feel rested, refreshed and raring to go for what always is an eclectic term of learning, final exams, enrichment opportunities, work experience, new student welcome (Transition) and 'closure' on another year's work.

Students continue to embody our 'positive social norms' and have returned with high expectations and positive attitudes to pick up where they left off – well done!

GCSE and A-Level exams continue, along with our hybrid timetable, although as some subject exams have now concluded, students do have more opportunity to study from home in these remaining exam weeks. We're starting to see and feel the absence of our Year 11 and 13 students and are looking forward to planned events this month that recognise and celebrate their time in school.

For everyone else, it's been a busy week of creative writing workshops, a launch event to celebrate the publication of last year's book at the Green Dragon bookstore on Tuesday, a talk on politics, a theatre trip to see Warhorse on Wednesday, our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday and further donations to the "Brave the Shave" challenge throughout the week.

Conversations remind me that so much goes on outside of school, and I welcome contact from students and parents regarding these achievements and successes so that we can rightly celebrate them in this newsletter.

Only this week I've been updated about students' involvement in the following:

- a football tournament in Spain – with students bringing home the trophy!
- The ongoing work of a student who is a cadet and local ambassador, making representation and learning French to take part in commemoration events.
- One student who competes in his sport at National level, taking part in National Games recently and securing 4 Gold and 1 Bronze medal!

I'm hoping to receive further email and images for each of the above to rightly share further detail with you and celebrate these personal achievements.

In the meantime, we're looking forward to working through the range of planned activities this term and are confident that students will make the most of the remaining time ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Wall Art has Arrived!

Over the half term break a busy team of technicians arrived to install personalised Wall Art across the school, and the finished results are amazing!

We've worked hard to change the culture, aspiration and work ethic at Wadham School and I'm delighted that we're now in a position to focus attention on the visual aspect of our school site.



Six areas have been completed as part of our ongoing site improvement journey:

- Reception
- Main Hall
- Art Corridor
- English Corridor (Berry)
- Geography Stairwell
- History Stairwell

Feedback from students and staff has been really positive, and I'm pleased to see the care already shown in working to keep displays clean and clear.

I would like to thank the Local Authority and the Crewkerne Education Foundation for paying for this installation – the entire cost was met by their kind donations.

We're confident they will be as delighted as we are with these stunning visuals!









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 leaderboard across Somerset, posting our highest XP total ever, and with a commanding lead over other schools.

Great work, everyone – we know our total will drop when Year 11 students leave shortly, but equally, I can see so many students rising to the challenge and stepping up to make sure we maintain our top spot!

| School name | | XP |
|--|---------------|---------|
|   Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset | School synced | 921,112 |
|   Brymore Academy Bridgwater, Somerset | School synced | 413,244 |
|   Fairlands Middle School Cheddar, Somerset | School synced | 302,155 |

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

BREAKING NEWS... Year 10 have overtaken Year 11 as overall study time leaders, achieving an amazing 402 hours of online learning!

We knew it had to happen at some point, but the significance for me is how quickly Year 10 students have achieved the same positive work ethic as their older peers – this bodes really well for this summer's exams as well as continued GCSE studies next year – WELL DONE!


Key Stage 4 students dominate the average score leaderboard – with a change at the top seeing the crown move to Year 11 – very much going out on a high.

– Well Done, Sophie!

Top students by study time

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
|  Millie Webster | Year 11 | 15h 45min |
|  George Finch | Year 11 | 13h 49min |
|  Vivian Dawkins | Year 11 | 12h 41min |
| 4 Sophie Frackiewicz | Year 11 | 12h 27min |
| 5 Anna Rowswell | Year 11 | 11h 22min |
| 6 Jack Smith | Year 11 | 11h 19min |
| 7 Kirsty Rowswell | Year 11 | 10h 58min |
| 8 Shi Jie Lin | Year 10 | 10h 42min |
| 9 Pixie Knott | Year 11 | 8h 55min |
| 10 Mollie Barratt | Year 11 | 8h 37min |

Top students by average score

| | | |
|--|---------|------|
|  Sophie Watson | Year 11 | 100% |
|  Rebekah Harris | Year 11 | 100% |
|  Joel Clark | Year 8 | 100% |
| 4 Andrei Radulescu | Year 9 | 100% |
| 5 Matthew Emmerson | Year 11 | 100% |
| 6 Lily Madgin | Year 10 | 100% |
| 7 Zoë Neal | Year 11 | 100% |
| 8 Daniel Bryant | Year 10 | 100% |
| 9 Isabella-May Royle | Year 8 | 100% |
| 10 Lucas Linten | Year 9 | 99% |

Top Performing Students

The table below recognises our top-performing students in the final week of last term. It's great to still see new names appearing on the podium, meaning that every week is an opportunity for new stars to shine!

Well done, everyone, for your persistent hard work and positive attitudes 😊

Week Commencing 19.05.25

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|----------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | Harley-George Kellaway | Eliza Hodgson | Rhiley Clarke | Michael McEntee | GCSE Exams |
| 2 | Jasmine Ham | Wyatt Titterrell | Caitlyn Edwards | Alex White | |
| 3 | Tessa Hayes | Isla Fowler | Katelin White | Sienna Isaacs | |

Celebrating our Published Authors!

Last year, a number of Year 10 students took part in a creative writing workshop, run by The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares.

Their brief was to write a short story containing a scientific element aimed at Years 5 and 6.

Over 10 weeks the students developed their stories, met with an author, a member of the Institute of Physics and the book's illustrator to discuss ideas.



They also shared their stories with Merriott and Haselbury Plucknett primary schools.

The culmination of this hard work has produced the book 'Is it Science? The only science book you'll ever need!' A book launch was held recently at the Green Dragon bookshop in Crewkerne.

Copies of the book can be purchased from there or online through the Bank of Dreams and Nightmares: [Shop — The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares](#)

A huge congratulations to our published authors, seen here at the book launch on Tuesday:

Eszter Kozari
Esme Hallett
Jessica Henly
Poppy Hicks
Emily Wood

Lucy Wood
Robert Lawson
Ciaran Emmerson
Daniel Bryant
Thomas Baker



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Wadham's "Red Arrows"

It would be great if I was reporting on our very own aerobatic display team, but in reality, I'm writing to explain the sudden appearance of little red arrows around the school site.

Facilities management staff from the local authority visited the school during half term to paint on / apply a sticker to all the areas of the school where asbestos is present.



The arrows compliment extensive documentation already in place that shows where asbestos can be found, and we have an established schedule of asbestos removal in place.

This work remains ongoing, and the addition of these visual markers will help contractors complete their task with the minimum of disruption to the building.



It's important to say that the arrows do not increase or decrease the risk of asbestos to our community, nor do they tell us anything new about the risk.

We already have clear guidelines in place, such as only using pins in notice boards and not on walls directly, as the risk of exposure only occurs when changes are made to the buildings – the asbestos is buried within walls, floors and above ceilings.

A number of students and staff have asked (and correctly guessed!) what these arrows are for, and this information is shared with the intention of reducing any alarm rather than causing it.

Nothing needs to change regarding our daily routine, and I am grateful to staff and students for leaving the stickers in place.



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06.06.25



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We are Sport in Mind - the charity that uses sport and physical activity to improve the lives of people with mental health needs. Our sessions take place every week, throughout the year and are fun, casual drop-in sessions. All equipment is provided and all abilities are very welcome! All we ask is that you fill in a participant form the first time you join a session. To find out more about sessions in your area please visit sportinmind.org or contact our free, confidential phone line: 0300 102 1400

Bath Sessions

| Day | Time | Activity | Instructor | Venue |
|-----|-------|--------------|------------|---|
| Mon | 2-3pm | Yoga for Men | Mark | YMCA Bath, BA1 5LH Entry via Broad Street or Walcot Street |

Crewkerne Sessions







| Day | Time | Activity | Instructor | Venue |
|-----|-------|-----------------|------------|---|
| Fri | 1-2pm | Tai Chi for Men | Robin | Henhayes Centre, South Street Car Park, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 8DA |

Weston-Super-Mare

| Day | Time | Activity | Instructor | Venue |
|-------|-------|-----------|------------|--|
| Thurs | 3-4pm | Badminton | Rich | Hutton Moor Leisure Centre Hutton Moor Road, Weston-Super-Mare BS22 8LY |
| Tues | 1-2pm | Football | Andy | Weston super Mare AFC The Optima Stadium, Winterstoke Road BS24 9AA |

COMING SOON!

Starts 10th June




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Attendee Sign-Up



Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards

****Submissions must be made by Monday****

Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards invites Somerset's creative writers of the next generation to submit their Anne Frank inspired work.

Every year we choose a quote from Anne Frank's diary and ask our entrants to write a piece based on it.

Your work can be in any form you choose - poetry, prose, a diary entry, or a short story with a maximum of 500 words.

The winners will get the opportunity to read their entries aloud at our Awards Ceremony.

There are four age categories:

School years 5-6 (Ages 9-11)

School years 7-9 (Ages 11-14)

School years 10-11 (Ages 14-16)

School years 12-13 (Ages 16-18)

This year's quote is,

"You can always give something - even if it's just kindness".

– Anne Frank

A shortlist of entries will be selected by a panel of judges and the final winners will be adjudicated by a special guest judge.

Prizes for each age category include:

1st: £75 in book tokens

2nd: £50 in book tokens

3rd: £25 in book tokens

Each shortlisted entrant will also receive a copy of 'The Diary of a Young Girl - Anne Frank' and a certificate of recognition.

How to enter:

We request that all entries are submitted via our [online form](#).

More information and a link to enter are available here:

<https://www.safya.org.uk/about-the-cwa>.

