



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Sunday 14th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update Letter 14.09.25

It is well understood that 'Belonging' is a fundamental human need. A Harvard Business Review study in 2019 suggested belonging revolves around, 'the sense of being accepted and included by those around you.'

Although our new Year 7 students have settled incredibly quickly into Wadham life, supported by the positive behaviour modelled by their older peers, it is worth reminding everyone that there is always a warm welcome to you, as part of our school family.

Schools are incredible places where people work hard to ensure a diverse range of individuals feel accepted and included, and we are no different. I would like to thank all members of our Wadham community for all you do to achieve this.

The Church of England's 'Vision for Education' promotes dignity and respect; community and living well together. These values align with our own and have helped us capitalise on our positive school culture to achieve the Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award. (More info can be found in this letter later!)

With so much news reporting the unease and unrest both at home and abroad, we will continue to build a community of positive belonging. Jesus taught and modelled the importance of loving our neighbours, accepting others who may be in difficult circumstances, or those who are simply different to us.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the diversity across our school and community.

Thank you for diversity across our diocese.

Thank you that I am me, and that others are who they are –

That we are all different, yet we are all loved by you.

Sorry if I have sometimes not appreciated the richness of difference.

Sorry if I have disagreed with others inappropriately.

Please help me to build a positive community where we can live well together.

Please help me to treat others with dignity and respect

Please give me the courage to be a good neighbour, every day.

Amen

Thank you, our parents, carers and staff, for everything you do to support our children to live out these values, to be great citizens now and for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

I'm delighted to restart our weekly celebration of the top performing students, based on the number of House Points received during the previous week.

Well done to everyone mentioned below, in kicking off this academic year with such a positive attitude towards your learning! But... ..will you still be there next week?

Week Commencing 01.09.25.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Nicola Oldridge-Pearce	Toby Dalton-Brown Toby Date	Logan Fowler	Jasper Stewart	Emily Harwood Frankie Rousell
2	Chloe Baker	Cody Adams	Alec Proctor	Jasmine Guppy	Stanley Bristow Ruby Bryant Dolson Curtis
3	Freddie Pearce	Toren Radford-Hyland	Rose-Ann Cosby Olivia Mate	Harrison Partridge	Jack Anstey

Week Commencing 08.09.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Luke Hodnett	Lucy Ellis Alice Henly	Alec Proctor	Jayden King	Frankie Rousell
2	Harriet Keene	Asha England	Jake Hardman	Ashton Langdon Katelin White	Imogen Cremen
3	Fletcher Pitman	Bess John	Ethan Ash	Poppy Baker	Esme Hallett

Rights Respecting Schools BRONZE Award!

As part of a pilot project, we're working in collaboration with UNICEF and the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership to undertake and secure the "Right's Respecting Schools Award." The Rights Respecting Schools Award puts children's rights at the heart of school life in the UK. The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

Work began last term to audit current provision, and I am delighted to share that we have been successful in securing our Bronze Award!

You can read more about our achievement here: [Somerset secondary schools achieve UNICEF Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award! - Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership.](#)

Open Evening: Thursday 25th September

Preparations are well underway for our main Open Evening for the year, taking place on Thursday 25th September.

It's a showcase event, and one where students are actively encouraged to get involved as student ambassadors across the subjects on offer.

Mrs Finch has been issuing consent letters should your child wish to be involved, and it's a massive thank you from me to everyone that is working hard to make sure Wadham puts on another night to remember!

If your child would like to be involved and has not yet returned a consent form, full details can be found in this letter here:

[Open Evening Student Guide Consent Letter](#)



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"Wadham School has high expectations of its pupils. Many pupils describe the positive culture that pervades the school. Leaders have reset the expectations around standards of behaviour. Lessons are calm and low-level disruption is rare."
- Ofsted 2025

New students and parents are warmly invited to our

Open Evening

Thursday 25th September 2025

5.00 - 7.00pm
Doors open at 4.50pm
Headteacher Talks at 5.05pm and 5.45pm



"The school is committed to ensuring pupils become successful, global citizens."
- Ofsted 2025

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School Photographs: Reminder

It's that time of year again when we welcome our school photographers back in to capture the new Year 7, as well as provide updated photos for particular year groups.

Students will receive a barcode and information to bring home that will enable families to order any images online, directly from the photographer.

Please see below the dates for particular year groups:

Date	Year Group
Thursday 18 th September	Year 9
Monday 22 nd September	Year 7
Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 11

Picking Up / Dropping Off at School

A polite reminder - This is never an easy issue to resolve, but please can I ask all road users to be mindful of their surroundings when waiting to drop off/collect children from school. In particular, please ensure that you only park in permitted areas, not blocking residents' drives or junction entrances.

Please do not come onto the school site if you intend to drop-off or pick-up your child by car. Buses need to be able to enter and leave safely and too many vehicle movements, if parents are coming in or have parked in the coach area, will compromise this.

Finally, if you have any questions about where official crossings are placed, whether pedestrian refuges, zebra or pelican crossings, this should be directed to the Somerset County Council Highways team, who are the competent authority for these matters. We will ask this team to monitor the traffic movements, at the start and end of the day, so they can see if they need to take any further action.

Student Safety – Walking and Cycling to and From School

With evenings becoming darker much earlier and the return of more unsettled, wintry weather, we are urging students to take extra care when making their way to and from school each day. We would expect ALL cyclists to ensure they are wearing appropriate safety equipment when riding, that their bikes are roadworthy and that they have lights to be used when it is dark.

For students walking to and from school, they should be aware of their surroundings and stick to footpaths to avoid the risk of trips and falls on uneven or slippery ground.

At this time of year, we know that families sometimes make alternative arrangements for lifts and collections when the weather is particularly bad, and are asking that as part of this process children are reminded of the need to be vigilant with regard to strangers or people they do not know.

Richard Burgas
14.09.25