



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Headteacher's Update Letter 24.11.25

My update this week begins with a well done and 'thank you' to our Year 11 students for successfully navigating their mock exams. Always a busy week, students are to be commended for their maturity and concern shown to being in the right place at the right time, with everything they needed to complete their exam paper.

The mock exams serve 2 important functions:

- 1) They enable students to demonstrate under exam conditions what they know so far.
- 2) They enable students to experience and familiarise themselves with exam conditions!

With these second mocks now under their belt, all eyes turn to the Results Day in a couple of weeks' time and then to the GCSE Information Evening when we return in January.

In other news, field closures due to wet weather have increased footfall around the school site at break and lunch, with an increase in litter as a result. We have plenty of bins and everyone is reminded that it is our collective responsibility to keep everything clean and tidy, not least to avoid the growing number of seagulls that arrive each day expecting a free meal!

We have also seen an increase in poor language and behaviour during social times, perhaps in part in response to the field being closed – restricting some students from running around to let off steam – but perhaps also in response to an emerging confidence among a minority of students that feel it is OK to use abusive and offensive language to target others, including adults.

This is not acceptable and goes against the culture of tolerance, respect and kindness we have worked hard to embed. Students that persist in using offensive language or behaviour to cause upset or harass others will likely see a loss of social time, to safeguard the enjoyment and well-being of others.

Although this message does not apply to the vast majority of students, it is shared for absolute transparency and to give reassurance that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated.

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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## Top Performing Students

We've got 2 weeks of achievement to report and it's all change at the top, with Year 11 claiming the overall crown last week – anything to do with mock exams!?!

Whatever the reason, it's great to recognise the hard work and effort Wadham students consistently make in pursuit of their studies.

Well done, everyone, for another successful week of learning!

## Week Commencing 10.11.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Oliver Hodder	Evan Lock	Jake Hardman	Rita Baker	Dolson Curtis
2	Stevie Watts	Tessa Hayes	Tanya Greenough	Daniil Lyszyk	Holly Bulmer
3	Aislin Charles	Aurelio Tribot	Mackenzie Ball	Harry Cinnamon	Evie Ridewood

## Week Commencing 17.11.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Abel Anil	Edward Parcell	Mya-Rose Wilson	Corey Wadkins	Emily Harwood
2	Sofia Galan-Wilkinson	Evan Lock	Poppy Best	Presley Vincent	Thomas Gibson Esme Hallett
3	Kiki Heslop	Toren Radford-Hyland	Caitlyn Saunders	Poppy Baker	Maisie Djeebet Eszter Kozari

## Uniform Consultation – Final Proposal – Correction!

A reminder that following the original uniform consultation last month, an update letter was published last week to give feedback on the responses made.




Within this letter we've spotted that the proposal states the branded red polo shirt is a compulsory item, with a white shirt being optional. This is a mistake – **the white shirt does not form part of the proposed uniform**. Please disregard this item from the list! A reminder that the deadline to give your views is 3pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

You can give your responses by using this link or QR code:  
[Wadham School Uniform Consultation - Final Proposal – Fill in form](#)









## Homework Update

Another superb student performance has kept us well clear at the top of the Somerset Seneca League! As well as our overall XP Points, this week I am sharing details of student engagement, ranked according to individual study time and average score.

School name	XP
 <b>Wadham School</b> Crewkerne, Somerset <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px;">School synced</span>	1,376,124
 <b>Robert Blake School</b> Bridgwater, Somerset <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 5px;">School synced</span>	584,667
 <b>King Arthur's School</b> Wincanton, Somerset	581,976

Well done to Maks in Year 11 with over 9hrs of study time racked up last week, closely followed by Thomas and Summer-Louise - making it a Year 11 podium for this table.

Looking at top students by average score, Bella in Year 9 takes the crown, with a maximum 100% score – Well done!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
	Maks Orzechowski	Year 11	9h 25m		Bella Taylor	Year 9	100%
	Thomas Gibson	Year 11	8h 3m		Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	100%
	Summer-Louise Green...	Year 11	7h 45m		Evie Ridewood	Year 11	100%
4	Eli Crick	Year 11	7h 38m	4	Craig Zwiyo	Year 9	100%
5	Alfie Senior	Year 10	6h 52m	5	Wyatt Titterrell	Year 9	99%
6	Katelin White	Year 10	6h 38m	6	Lily Madgin	Year 11	99%
7	Emily Hutchings	Year 11	6h 35m	7	Clide Zwiyo	Year 7	99%
8	Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 11	6h 30m	8	Daniel Bryant	Year 11	99%
9	Ella Hoskyns	Year 11	6h 30m	9	Megan Whitehouse	Year 7	99%
10	Lucas Freeman	Year 11	6h 29m	10	Lucas Linten	Year 10	98%

## Wadham Careers Fair: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November



With a range of talks in the Hall, exhibitors in the Sports Hall and Personal Development lessons running throughout the day, there was something for everyone at this year's Careers Fair.

A massive thank you to Beth Church, Lucy Martin and Simon White for making it all happen!



## Wadham Scouts Heading to World Jamboree!

At the end of last month, 3 students, who are also members of 1st Crewkerne Scouts, received the email confirmation they had all been waiting for:

*"Congratulations I am pleased to inform you, that you have been selected to represent Somerset at the next World Jamboree in Poland 2027."*



They had all filled in their applications forms along with a personal statement by either writing or sending in a video explaining who they are, why they would like to go, what they would get out of the experience.

They then attended a selection day with other scout applicants from all across Somerset, where they were placed in small groups of 8 and spent the day completing various different team tasks.

Throughout the day the assessors were watching how they got on within their teams, how they talked to each other and generally how they interacted with each other and all the other applicants as the day progressed.

Team cooking, public speaking about an object they had taken with them, various task master style tasks, saw a piece of wood from a distance by attaching rope to a saw, and herding a blindfolded team from point A to B for example.

All three of them obviously impressed those scoring them through the day as they are now part of Somerset Unit 58.

**This comprises of only 36 youth and 4 leaders representing Somerset.**

The Scout World Jamboree only happens once every 4 years and 40,000 people will attend.

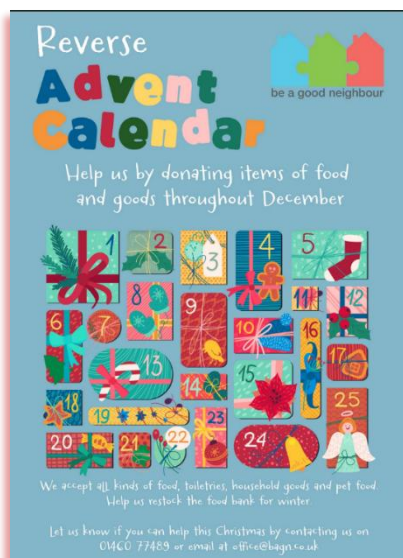
There are only 6 countries in the world that do not have Scouts.

They now have just over 600 days to save, fundraise, apply for grants and hope they get cash for their birthdays, as they each need to raise £3,600 to attend the 3-week trip of a lifetime.

Well done to Poppy Spurway, Toren Radford-Hyland and Evan Pearce!



## Reverse Advent Returns for December



As in previous years we are proud to support local foodbanks through the work of the "Be a Good Neighbour" scheme at Crewkerne Community Church.

**From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, we're asking for donations of toiletries, dried food, tinned food, long-life milk, cereal, biscuits, etc to be collated.

We recognise that the cost-of-living crisis continues to affect many families, so remain utterly grateful of all and any donations received.

Donations should be brought to the Hub.

Thank you so much for your support.

## Christmas Lunch 2025 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Amber and her team will once again be serving Christmas Lunch to students and staff.

This will take place during lunchtime on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December (only 4 weeks away!) and will be the only hot food served on the day.

Everyone, including those in receipt of free school meals, wanting a Christmas Lunch MUST order and pay as soon as possible, and before the end of the day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**ALL ORDERS TO BE IN BY:**  
**FRIDAY 28th November**  
**CHILDREN & ADULTS!**  
**NO ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE.**  
**PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE WHEN ORDERED PLEASE**  
**ASK FOR ALLERGENES**

**THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER**

**MAIN:**

ROAST TURKEY

OR

QUORN FILLET

PIGS IN BLANKITS, STUFFING, VEG, ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY

**PUDDING:**

MINCE PIE FLAPJACK WITH CHOCOLATE TOP

OR

VANILLA FESTIVE CAKE

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS ALSO NEED TO PRE ORDER BEFORE THIS DATE PLEASE**

GF/DF ALSO AVAILABLE, PLEASE STATE WHEN ORDERING

**NO OTHER HOT FOOD AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY, ONLY COLD FOOD WHICH IS NOT PRE ORDER.**  
**THIS WILL BE IN THE NEW SPORTS HALL.**

**£3.50** per child,  
 Adult inc V.A.T. **£4.20**

Richard Burgas  
24.11.25



# Sport In Mind

## November 2025

### Somerset

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](http://sportinmind.org) or contact our free, confidential phone line: 0300 102 1400

### Bath Sessions

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

Paused until further notice

### Crewkerne Sessions

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

### Weston-Super-Mare

Day	Time	Activity	Instructor	Venue
Fri	1-2pm	Football	Andy	Weston super Mare AFC The Optima Stadium, Winterstoke Road BS24 9AA

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Attendee Sign-Up

