



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 19.12.25

It's been wonderful to see the students' response to the 'cash-in' rewards we've offered this week. From a hot chocolate in tutor time, to watching the Polar Express with popcorn and friends; the laughter, warmth and kindness we've experienced at the end of such a busy term speak volumes about the quality of our students' character.

Today has been no different – conversations have been about the magic of Christmas and the values we all feel are important.

This time of year in particular has a special way of focussing our attention on what matters, allowing us to reflect and take heart from what we're doing well, and where we want to be in the future.

Students today were articulate in word and deed regarding the 'positive social norms' we hold dear at Wadham School.

It has been an absolute pleasure to suspend typical daily life and simply enjoy 'being' with people. I am very grateful for all their love, kindness and support given in making Wadham School such a magical place.

My thanks also extend to you, our parents and carers, for everything that you do to provide safe and loving homes for our children to learn, grow and achieve.

All that's left for me to say is that we look forward to welcoming students back, in full uniform and properly equipped for their learning, on Tuesday 6th January. (Week B)

In the meantime, whatever your plans for the holiday,

***May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.***

Wishing everyone a positive and peaceful break this Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

We're delighted to share a bumper crop of winners – with results from the last 2 weeks shown below. It's lovely to see a continuation of familiar names alongside some new ones, reminding us all that every week, every day and every moment is an opportunity to do something different. Well done, everyone, for your continued hard work!

Week Commencing 08.12.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Fletcher Pitman	Cody Adams Edward Parcell	Spencer Goward	Mason Williams	Lucy Spooner
2	Max Welch	Joshua Isaac	Isabella Dicker	Jenny Pitman	Ruby Bryant
3	Poppy Gurd	Toby Date Ava Davenport Teddy Pithers Maggie Singleton	Frankie Ash Tyler Senior	Lexi Mae Charles Esme-Rose Perry	Lily Madgin

Week Commencing 15.12.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Clara Hallett	Edward Parcell	Isabella Dicker	Theresa Siju Mason Williams	Ronnie Ray
2	Lexi Cox	Emily Salter	Spencer Goward	Judit Kozari	Eszter Kozari
3	Evie Charles	Ava Davenport	Florence Purton	Keira Bentham Alfie Holt Haylie North Ed Oleen Emily Salzer	Lucy Spooner

THANK YOU for Reverse Advent 2025

Hannah and Ciaran, our Head Students, were delighted to help Reverend Gray load all of your generous donations into his car so that they can be taken to the Community Church before being distributed to those in need this Christmas Season.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity – it's never taken for granted and always very much appreciated.

Xxx Wishing you all a positive and peaceful Christmas Holiday xxX



Year Team Awards – Christmas 2025

It was an absolute delight to see the positive reaction to the Christmas Cash-in events this week and hear the applause and laughter from our rewards assemblies yesterday and this morning.

The end of term offers a period of reflection and it's right to recognise and celebrate the amazing successes and achievements of our students.

As such, I'm delighted to announce the recipients of the Year Team Awards for their efforts this Autumn Term:

Year	Award Recipient(s)
Year 7	Dixie Bradshaw Elsie Jones Adom Baah
Year 8	Ava Davenport
Year 9	Rhona Ash
Year 10	Eliza Sugar
Year 11	Dan Dibble

Safeguarding Update

Sarah Coombe wrote to families at the start of this week to give a reminder of support and guidance available to help everyone keep safe over the Christmas Break.

A copy of the letter is on our website here: [Safeguarding Update Letter 16.12.25](#)

For further support on a variety of issues regarding wellbeing, please visit the Wadham School website: [Wadham School - Safeguarding @Wadham School](#)

Start of Term Arrangements

Without wanting to wish away any of the Christmas Holiday, the school will be closed from Saturday 20th December to Sunday 4th January.

Staff return on Monday 5th January, which is in INSET day – closed to students.
All students return at the normal time on Tuesday 6th January.
We are returning on a WEEK B!

In the meantime, on behalf of all the staff and Governors at Wadham School, I would like to wish all our families a positive and peaceful Christmas break.

See you in 2026!

Richard Burgas
19.12.25