



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School  
"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Curriculum Information Term 3 (5<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> February)**

At Wadham School we provide a broad and balanced curriculum which is taught in lessons and through a programme of extra-curricular activities. Students learn the value of education and are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Every year we are proud to witness Year 11 students being successful as they complete compulsory education at the age of 16. Young adults leave Wadham with good qualifications and a wide range of knowledge which supports their journey into further education, an apprenticeship or employment with training.

## **FOCUS ON: Personal Development**

To support a fulfilling and safe life, students are taught lessons through a comprehensive 'Personal Development Curriculum' which covers life skills, personal safety and cultural aspects from around the UK and the world. Our intent is that these lessons provide a variety of relevant and enjoyable activities enabling all students to develop their intellectual, moral, social, physical, spiritual and personal qualities to the full.

The 'Personal Development Curriculum' is taught through timetabled lessons, drop-down days, in registration time and in assemblies and acts of Worship delivered by either school leaders or external speakers.

The subjects that form the 'Personal Development Curriculum' are outlined below with the hours of teaching per two-week cycle.

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Personal Development (PD)	2	2	2	2	2
Beliefs and Worldviews (BWV)	2	2	2	2	2
Physical Education (PE)	5	5	5	4	4
Enrichment (ER)				1	1

We endeavour to support the personal and moral development of young people and we know parents and carers are working on this outside of school also. By working together our young people will develop positively, be responsible members of our community and be able to live 'Life in all its fullness'.



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Subject	What will my Year 7 child learn in this subject Term 3?
Art	Exploring colour theory & mixing colours.
Beliefs and Worldviews	Finishing 'The Story of Creation' (Revision and Assessment) then 'The Prophets' – How the Abrahamic tradition developed through the Israelite prophets.
Computing	Essential programming skills in Scratch.
Design and Technology	Continuing to make drawstring bags and learning how to construct seams and finish textile products.
Drama	Storytelling through Mime.
English	Complete reading of the novel Coraline. Develop analysis skills in order to write an essay.
Food	Protein (meat and plant- based sources) Recipe modification.
French	'Mon temps libre (1)': weather phrases, sports with 'jouer + faire', adverbs of time and frequency, opinions on activities related to technology.
Geography	Oceans- Looking at a global resource from its formation to its sustainable management.
German	'Freizeit – juhu! (1)': weather phrases, sports with 'spielen, machen and gehen', adverbs of time and frequency, opinions on activities related to technology.
History	The English Civil War – causes, New Model Army and life as a soldier, key battles (focus on Somerset), outcome and impact.
Maths	Solving problems with addition & subtraction. Solving problems with multiplication & division. Fractions & percentages of amounts.
Music	Understanding notation and Keyboard skills.
Personal Development	Diversity, prejudice and bullying.
Physical Education	Football, Dance or Netball. Football, Hockey or Dance.
Science	Sexual reproduction in animals. Acids and alkalis. Current electricity.

You can find details of the full curriculum on the school website.

We review and evaluate our learning plans regularly and therefore some changes may be made termly.

### **Absence and Home-Learning**

We understand that it is unavoidable at times for a young person to be absent from school. However, we are keen that the learning and progress of a young person is not hindered by absence. In the majority of cases learning can be completed at home whilst absent from school. This will mean gaps in learning will be less of a concern when a young person returns to school as soon as possible after an absence.

The expectation is that students work at home and present their work to their class teacher when they return to school, either online or on paper.

## **Guide to learning at home:**

The information outlined in the Curriculum Letter and Knowledge Organiser will help students identify the learning being completed in lessons at school this term. Online homework will also be accessible.

## **Core Subject Learning Resources:**

### **English**

Students who are absent when they are timetabled an English lesson should read the current curriculum topic using our library service:

[Wadham School \(accessit.online\)](https://uk.accessit.online/wdh01/#!dashboard)

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Complete independent work on the curriculum topic(s) using Seneca plus complete and homework set via Teams and on Seneca. [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com).

Log into Sparx Reader and read your allocated book. To find out more about Sparx reader watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jq8O-DYTNOw>

### **Maths**

Students who are absent when they are timetabled a Maths lesson should access SPARX go to 'Independent Learning'. In the table above the learning for the whole term is identified. A list of Sparx codes can be found in the Year 7 Team, in the Learning Resources channel files. [Maths Sparx Codes](#)  
Sparx will support Maths learning with videos, explanations, written work and questions with answers.

Students also have compulsory homework set on Sparx. Students should make sure this homework is complete and work on the additional XP Boost or Target questions which are updated every week.

Students can also use the wide range of Maths learning websites available online to revisit topics that they have recently covered in lessons or topics that were identified on the curriculum letter or on the knowledge organisers sent earlier in the school year.

### **Science**

In KS3 students who are absent for a timetabled science lesson should use their knowledge organiser to identify the topic that they are studying at present and then look at the relevant section on BBC bitesize to support this learning. They can complete a range of quizzes and interactive learning activities. A list of topics, with links, will be shared with students via teams.

In KS4 students who are absent for a timetabled science lesson should use their knowledge organiser to identify the topic that they are studying and then look at the relevant section in the online text book:

<https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/app/home>

To log in students should use their school email address and default password:  
Password123

Students in KS4 may also wish to use BBC bitesize to support their learning. The exam board that they study is Edexcel.

### **Extra-curricular activities – Term 3.**

Please can we ask that you actively encourage your son / daughter to attend extra-curricular clubs at Wadham. We believe the range of activities we provide challenge and extend the knowledge and experience of our young people.

### **Year 10/11 Past Paper Maths Club Wednesdays 8:00am-8:30am Room A06**

#### **Lunchtimes Clubs 1.20pm - 1.55pm**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All years Cross Country (Must wear kit)	All years Pride Club	Years 7,8,9 Badminton	Years 7,8,9 Cricket	Years 7,8,9 Basketball
Year 10,11 GCSE Dance	Year 7,8,9 Table Tennis	Years 10,11 Table Tennis	Years 10,11 Cricket	Years 10,11 Basketball
Year 10,11 Religion & Philosophy B25	Years 10,11 Badminton	Year 10,11 GCSE PE Theory Support	All years Maths Homework Drop-in A13	
All years Languages Homework Drop-in A12	Key Stage 3 Art Club (Week B only) A02	Years 7,8,9 Science Club D07		
All years Science Homework Drop-in A12	Year 10,11 Further Maths A06	Year 11 History B23/B24		
Mindfulness and colouring Library				Lego and Puzzle Club Library

### Afterschool Clubs 3.00pm – 4.00pm (or other times up to 4.25pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Badminton (All years) *£1.50/session via ipay.	School Production (3:15pm – 5:20pm)  Year 7,8,9 Netball  All years Girls Rugby  Years 10,11 Mixed Netball	All years Trampoline (16 places available. Students must sign up in advance in PE Office)  Years 7,8 Boys Football  Advanced Badminton *invite only*	School Choir A09  Years 7,8,9 Girl's Football  Years 10,11 Girl's Football  Years 9,10,11 Boys Football	Year 10,11 Badminton *£1.50/session via ipay.  All years Debate Club C24

### Afterschool Learning and Revision Study Sessions 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11 Study Club A13	Years 10,11 GCSE French and German A11  Year 11 Science D01  Years 10,11 GCSE PE Practical Support  Year 11 GCSE Food Catch-Up sessions as required	Year 11 Maths A06/A07  Year 10,11 Geography B22	Years 10,11 Art and Photography  Year 11 English C22  Year 11 History B23/B24	

Yours Sincerely,



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