



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 09.01.26**

Happy New Year!

I personally felt the term dates fell well, meaning Christmas Day and the subsequent New Year celebrations could be enjoyed without feeling too rushed or hurried.

I hope it was the same for you.

Feeling refreshed and refocused, it was a delight to welcome staff and students back to Wadham this week and no surprise that familiar routines for learning - our 'positive social norms' – were very quickly re-established.

More importantly, it was great to catch up with students, keen to tell me of their Christmas holiday, what Father Christmas had brought them, and their hopes and wishes for the new Year ahead.

It's wonderful to see the confidence and sense of personal pride that students are readily displaying – we've worked hard to establish a culture where people are encouraged to stand up and be recognised.

For this reason, we have enjoyed another strong start to a new term – much like we did in September – one where uniform and equipment have not been barriers to learning and the collective mood of the school is one of a 'can-do' attitude for success.

This doesn't happen overnight but is the continued and persistent work of everyone involved in making Wadham School the best it can be. I remain very grateful to you, our parents and carers, for the important part you play in the support of our students.

***Dear Lord,***

***Open our eyes to the new opportunities that lie ahead  
Help us to seize them with confidence and faith  
Guide us to use our talents and gifts to serve others  
And glorify Your name.  
Amen.***

Wishing everyone a positive and prosperous 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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## **Post-Christmas Food Amnesty – Donations for Good Causes**



Unopened or unused food and treats from Christmas?

Consider kick-starting your health(ier) 2026 by donating any surplus food to our collection.

We're launching an "Amnesty" with our community from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January where food items can be donated to support local food banks in our community.

Please leave items in Reception and we will pass these on to local charities.

As ever, thank you for your generosity and support.

## **Year 11 GCSE Information Evening – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 5.00-7.00pm**

A reminder that our GCSE Information Evening for Year 11 will take place on Thursday from 5.00pm.

The Evening is intended to support parents with information from subject leaders and teachers being given to help with GCSE exam preparation, and we're looking forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to this event.

## **Year 11 Subject Evening (Online) – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 4.00-7.00pm**

Save the date!

Information will shortly be published to Year 11 parents to launch our online consultation Evening. This follows the forthcoming Informaiton Evening and will give parents another opportunity to be informed and ask questions as we work towards the summer exams.

## **Picking Up / Dropping Off at School**

A repeat of my messages given throughout the year - 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.

There have been near misses, simply because too many vehicles are trying to access the site at pick-up and drop-off times.

Parking is available near to the school, with road users reminded to be aware of road markings and not blocking peoples' driveways.

Thank you for your support in this regard.

Richard Burgas  
09.01.26

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