



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 08.05.26

We're now over halfway through this term, and with a Bank Holiday weekend behind us, I really do think that May is going to fly by!

Year 11 have worked hard in preparation for their GCSE exams – "Just the Boost You Need" sessions were well attended over the last few weeks and from Monday we switch to our hybrid timetable. Don't forget that we have the Ilminster Late Bus available each day to get students home.

We can all learn from the commitment and maturity Year 11 students are showing. In an age where increasingly, people seem to value the convenience and the speed with which our needs can be met, as opposed to the quality of the service we receive – a so called 'Now! Culture', it's heartening to see the deliberate and measured approach that Year 11 have taken to prepare (and be confident!) for the exams ahead. They've got this!

My message this week, then, is one of pace – of recognising that sometimes people choose the easier option and a 'quick win' over investing in longer term action to achieve a more deep-rooted and stronger outcome.

In advocating our positive social norms, we say to each other "do what's right over what's easy" and with 2 weeks to go until half term, this is a message to be shared with all year groups, using the positive example of Year 11 as role models so that everyone can end the term well.

Dear God

***In the journey of life, making choices can be hard,
especially when the easy option is so tempting.***

***In the journey of life, making wise decisions can be tricky,
especially when shortcuts are so enticing.***

I am sorry for times when I may have lost sight of my values.

***Help me to be strong and courageous,
to see the wide and narrow gates,
to choose well.***

***Thank you that I have your example to follow and have your Spirit to guide me in
life's journey today.***

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

It remains a busy place at the top of the house point leaderboard!
Well done to everyone below for your efforts in securing a podium position.







Year 9 remain overall winners, with Year 11 still a close second!

Week Commencing 27.04.26

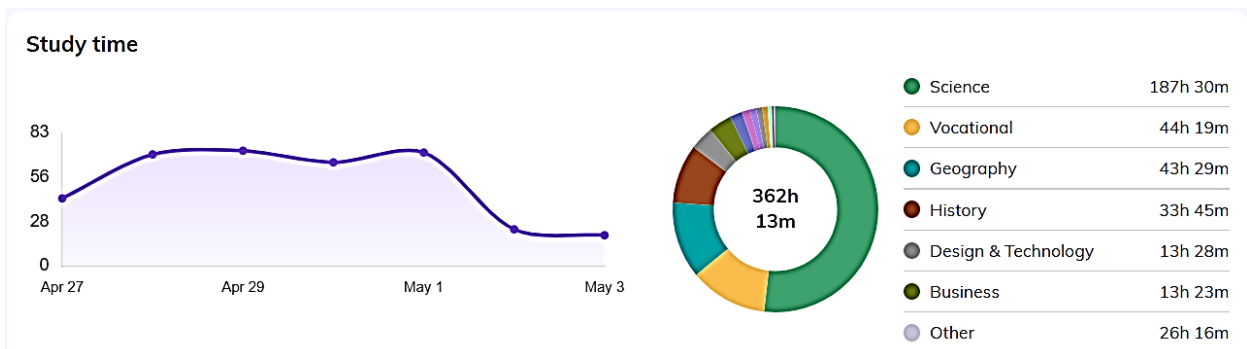
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Clara Hallett	Olivia Moncur	Rhys Jones	Jenny Pitman	Keira Hamilton
2	Rory Grieve	Alice Henly Mason Toop	Eli Jones Riley Webb Harvey Winter	Sophie Barrett	Lucy Spooner
3	Samuel Hardwill Max Welch	Lucy Ellis	Morris Andrews Keegan Robinson	Samantha Carter	Daniel Bryant Ruby Bryant Emily Hutchings

Homework Update

Again, no change at the top as we continue to lead the way with Seneca Learning across Somerset. Thank you for your continued effort and commitment in meeting homework expectations.

School name	XP
  Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset School synced	1,228,536
  Buckler's Mead School Yeovil, Somerset School synced	938,772
  Brymore Academy Bridgwater, Somerset School synced	697,842

Study time last week remained above 350 hours, with engagement consistent across all year groups – WELL DONE!



Homework Update (continued)

...and here are the top-performing students using Seneca last week. GCSEs have started, and with Year 10s completing their first set of Mock Exams later this term, it's encouraging to see an increase in engagement and completion from these students.

Well done to Summer-Louise and Daniil – Last week's Seneca Champions!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Summer-Louise Green...	Year 11	4h 59m	1	Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	100%
2	Katelin White	Year 10	4h 19m	2	William McKelvey	Year 10	100%
3	Charlie Percival	Year 11	3h 31m	3	Nolen Gratton	Year 10	100%
4	Elliott George	Year 8	3h 24m	4	Erin Kent	Year 8	100%
5	Imogen Cremen	Year 11	2h 44m	5	Dylan Bazley	Year 10	100%
6	Sam Dawson	Year 11	2h 33m	6	Sofia Galan-Wilkinson	Year 7	100%
7	Evie Ridewood	Year 11	2h 31m	7	Poppy Hampshire	Year 7	100%
8	Shayne Morais	Year 10	2h 12m	8	Alivia Manley	Year 7	100%
9	Alfie Senior	Year 10	2h 12m	9	Ryan Dyke	Year 7	100%
10	Ellie Hooker	Year 10	2h 4m	10	Andrei Radulescu	Year 10	100%

Edward Deakin is Shortlisted!

We're delighted to announce that Edward Deakin's (7KRH) submission to the Young Artists' Summer Show has been selected for both the online exhibition and for display at the Royal Academy of Arts!



This is an exceptional achievement, given that over 25,000 entries were submitted, and we're looking forward to seeing Edward's work on display in the near future.



His entry, titled "inquisitive snake," is a carving made from a single piece of wood.

The detail and composition are fantastic, capturing the fluid movement of the snake beautifully.

Well done, Edward, it's lovely to see your creativity and effort rightly recognised!

Year 11 Boys' Football Team are District Runners-up!

"The Last Dance"

Our year 11 Boys' football team headed into the district schools' finals knowing this would be their last outing as a Wadham team and what a game it was!

Playing a very strong Preston side, the boys started positively and the game flowed from end to end.

Preston struck early on and took a 1-0 lead, despite this the Wadham Boys fought back and drew level thanks to a fantastic passing move and a great finish from Roman W. The boys continued to battle away, both teams had numerous chances, however nothing could separate the sides after 80 minutes.

Unfortunately, the boys lost out on penalties but can hold their heads high as they look ahead to their next steps as young men.



Year 11 Prom – Clothing Initiative

On behalf of the Student Prefect Prom Committee....

This year, Wadham School has started a program whereby prom dresses and suits will be available to borrow for free for Prom and 'Dress you Best' day.

This service will be available for all Year 11 students for this year, and for years to come.

Therefore, we are also looking for previously owned suits or dresses that are in good condition that you are willing to donate to the school, for students to borrow and then return to the school, to be used again.

We currently have 11 dresses (from sizes 6 to 14), 1 blazer and trousers, but we are hoping to get more through donations.

For enquiries and further information on donating or borrowing dresses/or suits for prom or 'Dress your Best' day, please contact Mrs Gray or Mrs Mee.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated, including from any current Year 11's once they have finished with their prom and any previous students who have prom (or formal) dresses and suits they would like to donate.

To donate, please drop off items in Reception during school hours.

Many thanks!



Blue dress, lace up back
Size 12
Originally from
Signature Collection



Light pink dress, floral
patten
Size 12
Originally from
God Diva



Blazer and Trousers
Blaser Size 42s 107cm
Trousers 34R 86 cm
Originally from
Next

Keep Hydrated – Bring a Water Bottle!

Please can parents ensure that students bring a suitable water-bottle that can be refilled during the day. Water is available in bottle-filling stations around the site and students can access these before school, as well as during break and lunch. We've seen good use of these filling stations and with temperatures looking to rise, students need to be prepared and ensure they stay hydrated.

Student Safety – Walking and Cycling to and From School

With the warmer weather, more students are choosing to walk or cycle to/from school each day. Please be reminded of the behaviours we would expect to safeguard health and well-being.

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 gets 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.

We know that families sometimes make alternative arrangements for lifts and collections when children are either staying in school for extra-curricular activities or going on to spend time with friends. We 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.

On behalf of Girlguiding Crewkerne....

A recruitment poster for Girlguiding Crewkerne. The background is dark blue with various colorful icons like stars, triangles, and a magnifying glass. At the top center is the Girlguiding logo (a stylized 'G' with a star). Below it, the text reads: 'Girlguiding Crewkerne', 'Calling all 4-18 year old girls...', 'Are you looking to make new friends?', 'Ready for your next adventure?', and 'Then what are you waiting for? Sign up today and join the fun!'. There are four small inset photos: top-left shows a group of girls and a leader; top-right shows a smiling girl; bottom-left shows two girls looking at something; bottom-center shows a group of girls on a boat on a lake. A rainbow is visible in the bottom-left corner.

Further information can be found by contacting Girlguiding Crewkerne through either their Facebook or Instagram links below:

GirlguidingCrewkerne
facebook.com

https://www.instagram.com/girlguiding_crewkerne?igsh=ZW80MGlzZ3FuOXVv&utm_source=qr

Richard Burgas
08.05.26

Borneo Bash



A SHOWCASE OF
WADHAM TALENT!



PERFORMANCES



CAKE SALE



RAFFLE



ALL IN AID OF
CAMPS INTERNATIONAL
BORNEO 2027 

AUDITIONS ON 15TH MAY
IN A04 DURING LUNCH!

GET A PLACE IN THE AUDITIONS BY
CONTACTING OSCAR SANSOM ON TEAMS
OR EMAIL AT 25SANSOMOSC@WADHAM SCHOOL.CO.UK.
DEADLINE; 13TH OF MAY