

THE CHARACTER NEWSLETTER

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AT WROTHAM SCHOOL, EVERY STUDENT FOLLOWS THEIR OWN C.O.U.R.S.E.— A JOURNEY SHAPED BY; CHARACTER, OPPORTUNITIES, UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT, SUCCESS AND EXCELLENCE.

End of Term

BY MR S BOUDREAU

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this first term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic start our students have made to the school year.

This has been a term full of achievement, both in the classroom and across our wider school community. Our students have shown real determination, kindness, and resilience, and I am proud to share that the number of Character Strengths awarded is at a record high. This is a powerful reflection of the respect, teamwork, and motivation our young people demonstrate every single day.

The progress being made on the Character Pathway has also been extremely impressive. Students across the school are working towards their Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels at an outstanding pace, showing their commitment to living out our school values consistently. Each step they take on this pathway reflects their character development and their role as ambassadors for our school community.

Beyond this, our students have taken part in exciting enrichment opportunities, community events, and new challenges that stretch and inspire them. Whether in lessons, clubs, or character activities, they continue to show what it means to be part of a caring and ambitious school.

I want to thank you for the ongoing support you give as parents and carers. Together, we are building a culture where every young person is encouraged to aim high, develop their character, and thrive as part of a supportive and aspirational community.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to welcoming our students back for another successful term ahead.

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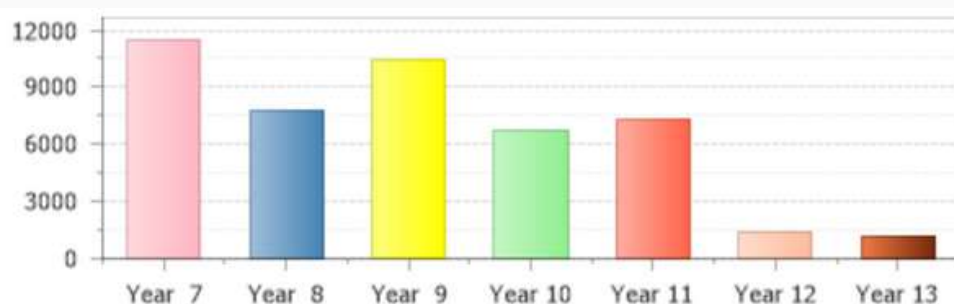


CHARACTER PATHWAY HIGHLIGHTS



A huge congratulations to all our students who have shown exceptional commitment and character so far this year! Your hard work, resilience, and positive attitude have shone through – with hundreds of students already achieving Level 1 and Level 2 on the Character Pathway. You are brilliant ambassadors for Wrotham School and the values we stand for – keep pushing forward and aiming high!

Level	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total across the school
1	52	62	64	90	106	17	14	405
2	125	70	89	35	32	32		351
3	0	0	5	0				5



Year 7 - 11492
 Year 8 - 7745
 Year 9 - 10461
 Year 10 - 6692
 Year 11 - 7318
 Year 12 - 1391
 Year 13 - 1170

Celebrating Our Students' Character!

This graph represents something truly remarkable – each bar shows thousands of moments where our students have demonstrated one of our core character strengths. From acts of respect and compassion to teamwork, motivation, and integrity, every single point reflects a positive choice made by our young people.



Attendance Matters - Everyday Counts!

Coming to school every day is the foundation of success. Every lesson missed is a chance lost to learn, grow, and take one step closer to your goals. Good attendance doesn't just improve grades – it builds resilience, responsibility, and character.

As Maya Angelou once said: "Nothing will work unless you do." By being present, you are giving yourself the best opportunity to succeed – in school and in life.

At Wrotham School, we believe that every day in school is a chance to achieve something remarkable.

Be here. Be ready. Be your best.



Year		
7	96.0	185
8	90.9	176
9	91.1	193
10	91.0	181
11	91.5	189
12	92.8	69
13	91.7	60

All Above	92.1	1053
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Why Attendance Matters!

39 students that were taught at Wrotham with an attendance lower than 80%

- 6 achieved a grade 4 + in English OR Maths (15%)
- 10 achieved a grade 4 + in English AND Maths (26%)
- 23 Didn't achieve a grade in English OR Maths (59%)

38 students that were taught at Wrotham with an attendance higher than 90%

- 3 achieved a grade 4 + in English OR Maths (8%)
- 34 achieved a grade 4 + in English AND Maths (90%)
- 1 Didn't achieve a grade in English OR Maths (2%)

Students with 80% or Less attendance have an average GCSE Grade of 3 (NOT a Pass)

Attendance Reminder

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or require support in improving it, please contact our Attendance Officer, who will be happy to help.

Attendance@wrotham.kent.sch.uk



SPORTING NEWS



Tuesday 16th September - Year 11 boys football lost in a very close game 1-0 in the nationals cup Vs Hurstmere School

Monday 22nd September - U13 Girls Football won 7 - 2 against Bennett School

Friday 26th September - Year 8 Boys Football Lost 2 - 0 to Maidstone Grammar School

Tuesday 30th September - U13 Girls football won 8 – 1 against Homewood

Friday 3rd October - Year 9 boys Football won 3 - 2 against Stone Lodge

Tuesday 7th October - U14 Girls football Lost 4 - 0 to Invicta

Wednesday 8th October - Year 10 Boys Football Lost 6 - 2 to St Gregory School

Thursday 9th October - Year 8 Boys Football Lost 8 - 0 to Norton Knatchbull

Monday 13th October—Year 7 Boys Football Won 6 - 2 Against St John Fisher

Tuesday 14th October—Year 7 Netball tournament - Won 4 out of 5 matches.

WS v Cornwallis 3-1

WS v SSS 3-0

WS v IGS 0-1

WS v TLS 9-0

WS v Mapel 5-3

Wednesday 15th October—Year 9/10 Netball tournament -

Year 9 team won 4 out of their 6 games

Year 10 won all 5 games they played



Trips and Events for Term 1

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD STUDENTS

32 Students took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition during Storm Amy



35 Year 11 students took part in the Maths Careers Event
9th October



Well being event for Key Stage 3



Year 7 Enrichment - Orienteering



£1600 raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital



£200 raised for Charity



115 Year 7 students took part in the Halloween Disco



Character Snapshot

Celebrating our Amazing Students Character Beyond the Classroom



We are incredibly proud of our pupils who continue to demonstrate our school values in all they do — not only within our walls, but out in the wider community too. From acts of kindness and teamwork to sporting success and creative achievements, our students consistently show Integrity, perseverance, and compassion. Their efforts remind us that true learning goes beyond lessons — it's about growing into responsible, caring individuals who make a positive difference wherever they go. Well done to all our pupils who continue to make us proud every day!

- * Gracie Year 7 - Has just been signed by Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club U12's. She is also the captain of the Kings Hill U12 JPL football team.
- * Archie Year 9 - Trialling for Kent Elite Football Academy and being offered a place on their team. He shows such dedication and determination in all aspects of his daily life.
- * Jayden Year 8 - Enters the boxing ring 3 times a week for the past five years. He has won many competitions and has also managed to meet the famous Daniel Dubois
- * Bella Year 8 - Competes in many gymnastic competitions. This term competed in a competition against 60 girls and came first place gold on Bars, Floor and Vault and won 1st place gold overall. She is a very talented Gymnast competing in the south east regional championships in Guildford.
- * Georgia Year 9 - Georgia has had a fantastic gymnastics career since the age of 4! Georgia has trained three times a week with her gymnastics club, showing dedication, discipline, and love for the sport. She has taken part in numerous display shows across the country and has represented her club in many competitions in London. This year, she has been selected—after auditioning—to be part of a special team traveling to Paris for an international gymnastics event this October.
- * Sophie Year 10 - Sophie is a member of Volunteer Police Cadets with the Metropolitan Police, Bromley contingency. In July, she won "recruit of the year" which is an award which has been handed to the best cadets in that year.



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- * Rachel Year 9 - Rachel outside of school is a keen dancer. She belongs to a small dance school based in Strood and the competition season has now started. She performs in various group numbers and also as a soloist. Last weekend was her first competition of the season.
- * Olly Year 9 - Olly has been doing Jujitsu for about 1.5 years now. He's achieved a grey belt one stripe and a few weeks ago he entered the jujitsu South East Open competition and won Silver for his age category.
- * Erin Year 7 - Erin has had some outstanding achievements playing for her local netball club over the past 2 years. Last year her team won her division against 5 other teams. Erin also went on to win the 'coaches player of the year' trophy.
- * Jessica Year 9 - Jessica took part in a theatre production of the musical 'Six', a couple of months ago. She has been going to Musical Theatre classes for 6 years and has performed in several productions.
- * Oliver Year 13 - Oliver is passionate about motorcross and he represents his motorcross club in national events this term.
- * Finn Year 12 - Finn plays national level basketball for Sevenoaks Suns and he loves it! Last year he played nationally for Maidstone Warriors but they don't have an under 18's team. He hopes to play for England one day.
- * Isabella Year 7 - Isabella competes regularly as an Open Championship Irish Dancer. She hopes to represent her Irish dancing school in the Irish Worlds in Dublin next year.
- * Harry Year 7 - Harry has been taking part in the Kent Golf Invictas tour this spring/summer and finished 3rd overall for the under 12's. A great result and incredibly close between 1st and 3rd spot
- * Mia Year 8 - Mia has been the youngest player this year to join the women's team at Cobham Cricket Club in Hardball and softball. Whilst also still playing along with the Colts section for the under 13. Mia has shown great grit and determination throughout the summer, and has put in some great performances. Mia was 3rd in the women's team for her number of wickets reaching 17 in total.



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* Tako Year 11 - While she may not be recognized for achievements in sports or music, I believe her consistent dedication to health and nutrition deserves recognition in its own right. For over a year now, my daughter has taken full responsibility for her own meals, carefully planning and preparing breakfast and lunch every day with a strong focus on nutritional balance. Her commitment goes beyond personal health—she also cares deeply for our family's well-being. Her actions are not driven by obligation, but by genuine care and a mature understanding of how food affects the body and mind.

* Charlie Year 11- Charlie completed his very first solo flight last week. From the very beginning, Charlie has shown such determination to pursue his dream of flying. He has spent so much time studying, training, and pushing himself to improve, often going above and beyond to understand every detail and perfect every skill. Even on the tougher days, when things didn't go as planned, he never gave up. His resilience and commitment have truly paid off, and this solo flight marks a huge milestone in his aviation journey.

* Mia Year 8 - Mia when she made her West End debut at His Majesty's Theatre back in the Summer. Mia is part of the Pauline Quirke Academy at Longfield (PQA) and they wrote a musical for all PQA students across the UK called "Across the Line". Mia's group performed the first scene and the last scene, and they were joined by other PQAs across the Country.

* Poppy Year 9 - Poppy is a member of the Pauline Quirke Academy (PQA) in Maidstone, and at the end of last term she appeared in a stage performance with the group at His Majesty's Theatre in London's West End. Poppy only had a small part but we were extremely proud of her confidence and performance.

* Laurcan Year 12 - Congratulations to Laurcan. He has showed strong communication and confidence in contacting his local MP Laura Trott and he'll be attending Westminster as well as her constituency office.

* Ted Year 8 - trialling to be selected for the Kent School FA squad, with one of the main factors being a trip to Dallas next year. After 4 rounds of trials we got the amazing news that Ted has been selected for the squad! He is also the only one from the Tonbridge and Malling district to do so.

* A very much deserved award for our student Grace and an inspiration to everyone involved that afternoon. Winner of the 2025 WellChild Award.



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL!

Character Events - Next Term



WROTHAM SCHOOL MONDAY LUNCHTIME CLUBS 1:00 – 1:45 PM		
	Young Carers Club	M20
	Debate Club	H1
	Year 7 Multi Sports	Sports Hall
	Wellbeing Hub KS3	Sports Hall
	MFL Movie Club	M3
	Lower School Boxing	M21

WROTHAM SCHOOL TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CLUBS 1:00 – 1:45 PM		
	Young Carers Club – M20	
	Dance Club – Drama Studio	
	Year 8 Multi Sports	Sports Hall
	Wellbeing Hub KS3	Book Nook

WROTHAM SCHOOL WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CLUBS 1:00 – 1:45 pm		
	Upper School Boxing –	M21
	Dungeons and Dragons –	M12
	Year 9 Multi Sports –	Sports Hall
	Wellbeing Hub KS3	Book Nook

WROTHAM SCHOOL THURSDAY LUNCHTIME CLUBS 1:00 – 1:45 pm		
	YOUNG CARERS CLUB	M20
	HISTORY CLUB	H2
	YEAR 10/11 MULTI SPORT	Sports Hall
	WELLBEING HUB KS3	Book Nook
	SINGING CLUB	Music Room M18

WROTHAM SCHOOL LUNCHTIME CLUBS FRIDAY, 1:00PM – 1:45PM		
	YOUNG CARERS CLUB	IN M20
	YEAR 12 AND 13 MULTI SPORTS	IN THE SPORTS HALL
	WELL-BEING HUB	IN THE BOOK NOOK
	AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB	PRODUCT DESIGN CLUB YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9



Key events for Term 2

- Year 7** – School Christmas Dinner
Character Morning
- Year 8** – School Christmas Dinner,
Character Morning
- Year 9** – BIMA Digital Day (invite only),
Ninja Warriors
School Christmas Dinner
Character Morning
- Year 10** – School Christmas Dinner,
Character Morning
- Year 11** – Drama Trip Apollo Theatre (Invite only),
PPE's
Parents Evening
School Christmas Dinner
Character Morning
- Sixth Form** – Vocational Subject PPE's,
National Hall Olympia Careers Trip
Creative Portfolio Workshop
Parents Evening
Aspiration Digital Sixth Form Conferen
School Christmas Dinner

We're incredibly excited for the fantastic range of opportunities and events taking place across all year groups this term! More details on dates, timings, and any additional events will be shared in our next Character Newsletter issue — so keep an eye out.

It's shaping up to be another brilliant term at Wrotham School!

**HAVE A GREAT
HALF TERM BREAK
EVERYBODY**