

THE CHARACTER NEWSLETTER

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 2

BY MR S BOUDREAU

As we draw 2025 to a close, it is a fitting moment to pause and reflect on what has been a demanding, rewarding, and ultimately successful year for our school community.

I would like to begin by recognising the outstanding hard work and dedication shown by our Year 11 students during their PPE examinations. They approached this crucial period with maturity, focus, and determination—qualities that speak volumes about their character and their commitment to success. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the effort they have invested in their futures.

Across the school, our students have continued to demonstrate exceptional character. Whether through perseverance in the classroom, kindness towards one another, or resilience when faced with challenge, they have consistently risen to expectations and embodied the values we seek to nurture.

Thank you to every family for your trust and partnership, to every member of staff for your professionalism and care, and to our students for continuing to show us what is possible when effort, attitude, and belief align.

We end the year with pride, gratitude, and optimism for what lies ahead. We wish you all a restful and well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the opportunities of 2026.



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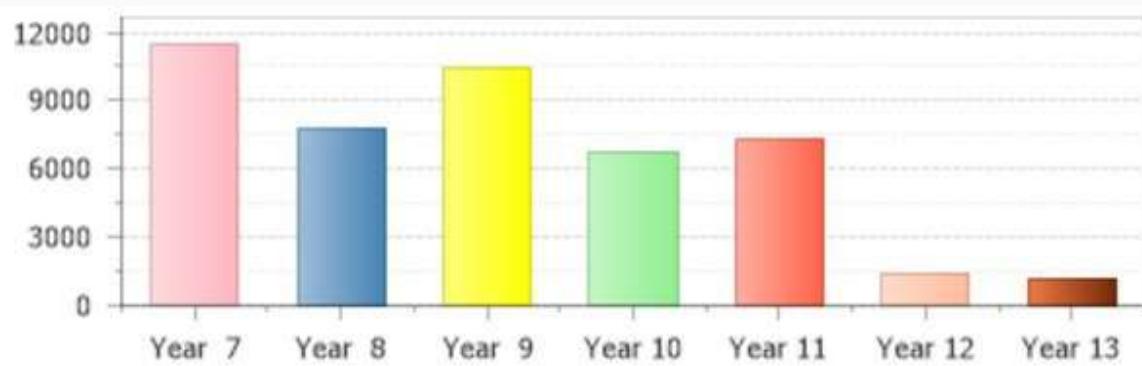


Character Pathway - Developing Character for Life



	Level 1 (25+)	Level 2 (50+)	Bronze (100+)	Silver (150+)	Gold (200+)	Diamond (250+)	Platinum (300+)
Year 7	5	53	87	41	0	0	0
Year 8	15	81	61	7	1	0	0
Year 9	12	67	71	31	8	0	0
Year 10	35	90	46	0	0	0	0
Year 11	58	104	11	0	0	0	0
Year 12	37	7	0	0	0	0	0
Year 13	27	7	0	0	0	0	0

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!



Year 7 - 8878
 Year 8 - 5137
 Year 9 - 8655
 Year 10 - 4845
 Year 11 - 2268
 Year 12 - 571
 Year 13 - 429

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!



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%)

Group	% Attend
Year 7	93.8
Year 8	87.9
Year 9	89
Year 10	88
Year 11	89.7

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

The Department for Education notes that persistent absence is strongly linked to poorer GCSE results

In national data, pupils who were persistently absent (missing 10%+ sessions) had much lower attainment:

Only 35.6% of persistently absent pupils achieved grades 9–4 in English and maths GCSEs, compared with 83.7% of pupils with no missed sessions.

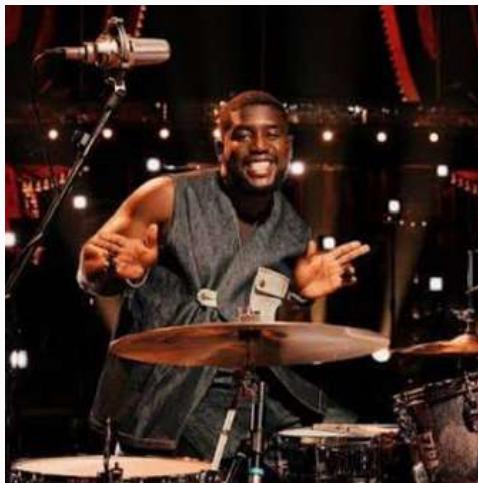
Attendance Reminder If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or require support in improving it, please contact our Attendance Officer, who will be happy to help. Attendance@wrotham.kent.sch.uk



Trips and Events for Term 2



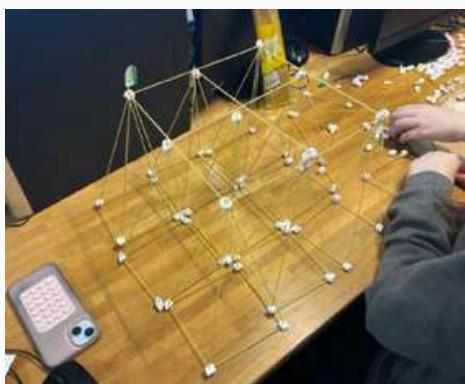
Over 600 Christmas Dinners served!



Students in Years 7-10 had the incredible opportunity to meet with a Mercury Prize winner Femi Koleoso about the music industry



Year 8 Lichtenstein's pop art.



Year 9 Enrichment - Bridge Building Challenge



Year 9 had an online talk from Charlotte a chemist who works for Lubrisol.



Year 9 taking part in the Ninja Warriors Trip



Year 12 and 13 Globe Theatre Trip



19 student took part in the KCC Bikeability program

Character Snapshot - Celebrating Our Amazing Students Character Beyond the Classroom



Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken the time to share positive feedback about Wrotham School. Your comments have highlighted what you value most about our community and what you feel we do well.

Please see some of these comments below.

Brooke – Netball Excellence

Brooke has been selected onto the professional netball pathway and has secured a place at the London Pulse U15 Eltham Hub. Over 1,000 girls trialled across London and the South East, with only 50 selected across the 12–17 age groups. Brooke's selection places her on the pathway towards England representation. This is an exceptional achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her.

Rachel – Dance Success

Rachel achieved a Distinction in both IDTA Grade 4 Ballet and Acro Grade 2. This accomplishment is particularly impressive as the exams took place during a challenging family weekend. Rachel showed remarkable resilience and determination to achieve such outstanding results.

Bella – Roller Cup Final 2025

Bella had a hugely successful weekend at the Roller Cup Final 2025 and the Show Quartet British Championships. Training five days per week and competing across three rounds, she earned her place in the final and exceeded her previous personal best scores.

Results:

- Solo Dance (G Reggae) –  3
- Freedance (Survivor) –  2
- Overall Result –  2

A fantastic achievement following months of dedication and hard work.

Enya – Remembrance Parade

Enya represented Wrotham School with pride at the Remembrance Parade as a newly joined member of the Army Cadets. Her participation demonstrated respect, commitment, and service to the community.

Olivia and Amelia – Netball

Olivia and Amelia represented Borough Green and Wrotham Netball Team in a match in Sevenoaks on Saturday. Olivia was awarded Player of the Match, and both girls showed excellent teamwork and determination.

Tony – Football Scholarship

Tony has been offered a four-year scholarship with Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, making him the youngest player the club has ever offered a place to. Upon turning 18, he will be offered a professional contract. This outstanding achievement reflects Tony's professionalism, positive attitude, and dedication.

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Ava – Korfball Selection

Following the Kent Korfball trials, Ava has been selected to represent Kent at the Inter-Area Korfball Tournament in January in Harrow, London. A brilliant and well-deserved achievement.

Emily – Creative Success

Emily has completed her Component 1 exam, producing her own blog and website as her final piece. While she has travelled to some incredible places over the past six months, her ability to articulate her experiences through thoughtful and engaging writing has been particularly impressive.



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Character Snapshot - Love

My School



Dear Mr Scones We wanted to thank you for being so kind and welcoming to our child this term. As I'm sure you've noticed she hasn't found it easy to settle in and it has meant so much to her and us as parents that you noticed her sitting on her own during lunch break and invited her into your classroom and have then provided a safe, happy place for her to continue going. We were blown away by the pencil case she has made in your class. This is definitely her biggest achievement all term. We hope you have a wonderful and well deserved break over Christmas.

Dear Miss Vint, thank you for all your support this term helping our child to settle in. She looks forward to form time every day. We hope you have a wonderful and well deserved break over Christmas.

Mrs Cheval has been so supportive for my son. Thank you so much it has made a massive difference x

They are very helping towards mental health issues and if things are happening at home etc!

Thank you for your passion, your commitment, and for making learning such a joy. Your hard work keeps our child motivated and communicative, and your gift for empowering him shines through every day. Thank you for all that you do. Wishing you all Yuletide blessings.

A big thank you to all the staff for your hard work. Wishing you all a Happy, restful Christmas and a wonderful 2026.

Mrs Patt thank you for reigniting my sons passion for English and your continued support for his GCSE

Mr Rout exceptional teacher

SEN team always reachable and exceptional with the children

I would like to provide some positive feedback about Mr Scovell. He has been incredibly supportive of my daughter during a difficult time when she was experiencing issues with other students. Mr Scovell acted quickly to resolve the situation and consistently kept me informed through phone calls and follow-up emails. I truly feel that we are very fortunate to have him as Head of Year 10. Thank you very much.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hurley for Making every lesson fun and being such a kind person! Thank you!

Mrs Hollingshead was so helpful with supporting our child to select his options and keeping us his parents in the loop too. I believe that he appreciated the extra support from her too. We're grateful for the time and effort she took in helping us with this so thank you.

Kitchen staff. Thank you for all your hard work! My son always gets treated so well by you all!

A big thank you to all the staff for your hard work. Wishing you all a Happy, restful Christmas and a wonderful 2026.

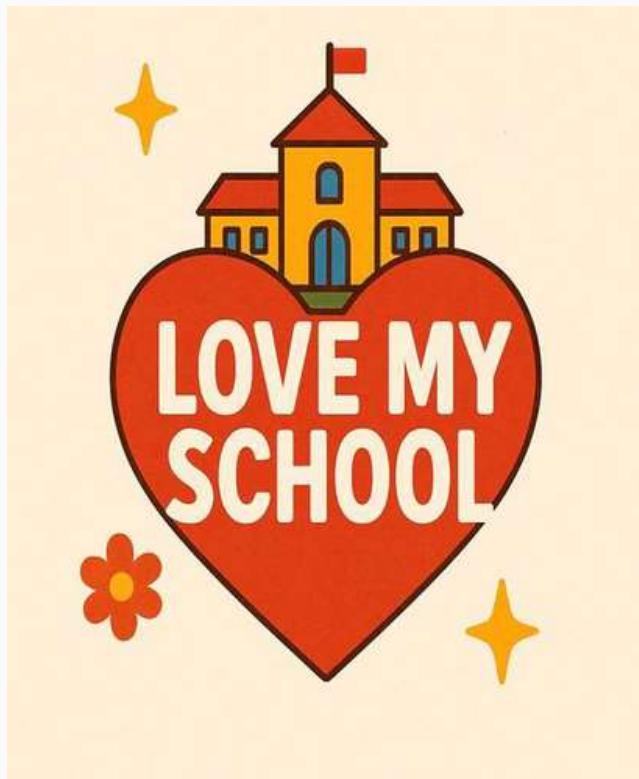


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Dear Mrs Roberts, I just wanted to pass on our thanks for inspiring Lily in your English literature lessons. She has come home tonight and during dinner has told us all about the War poetry she has been studying, especially "tissues" and the "charge of the light brigade". We were so impressed with how much she's learnt and how passionate she is about the poems. Thank you for developing her love for the subject and for sharing your knowledge of the poets and their work. Lily said you told the class that you chose teaching so you could talk about literature all day and share your interest. This is clear to see and the school are very lucky to have you. With best wishes for a restful Christmas,



Love Your School! We would love to hear your positive feedback about our school.

We are proud of what we do well and whilst we spend a lot of time collecting views on what we can improve it is always good to understand what we do well and what our community values most. If you would like to part of this positivity,

we would appreciate your time to help:

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Character Events - Next Term



Year 7

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 7 Gravity Trip

National Apprenticeship Week (whole-school participation)

Year 8

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

National Apprenticeship Week (whole-school participation)

Year 9

National Apprenticeship Week (whole-school participation)

Year 10

CEMA Trenches Trip

National Apprenticeship Week (whole-school participation)

Year 11

Year 11 PPEs

Tate Modern Art & Photography Trip (Years 11–13)

National Apprenticeship Week (whole-school participation)

Year 12

Year 12 PPEs

A Level Parents' Evening (Years 12 & 13)

Tate Modern Art & Photography Trip (Years 11–13)

National Apprenticeship Week (whole-school participation)

Year 13

Year 13 PPEs

Year 13 Geography Coursework Trip

A Level Parents' Evening (Years 12 & 13)

Tate Modern Art & Photography Trip (Years 11–13)

National Apprenticeship Week (whole-school participation)