

# Head Student Team—Life@Wadham Sixth



## **Ollie Staples - President**

I hadn't previously been a member of Wadham School before joining the Sixth Form, so I had to make the decision whether to attend this school or go elsewhere. Having considered other possibilities I eventually chose Wadham Sixth Form for the more personalised atmosphere, where I knew I would have the full attention and support of the teachers. It was not until I arrived that I realised that the Sixth Form has a plethora of other benefits. The sense of community here is amazing and students are granted a lot of independence that'll help for later in life. There are a lot of opportunities for me to flourish and try new experiences that I'd never even considered before. Now, I'm a member of the Head Student Team and taking part in the upcoming Musical Production, thanks to the support of staff members and my fellow students. Equally, Wadham Sixth Form's exam results are consistently good due to the terrific teaching staff and the support from members of staff in the Sixth Form, who want the best for each and every student. I would highly recommend Wadham Sixth Form if you want not only high academic performance, but the chance to develop as a person whilst you do so.

## **Joe Bateman**

Wadham Sixth wasn't originally my first choice for further education, but changing my mind to come back here was definitely the right decision. The atmosphere and feel in the sixth form is completely different to the lower school; we are all treated much more like adults and are given a lot of trust and independence. Saying that, with the smaller class sizes, we can communicate on a much more personal level with our teachers as well as having more meaningful discussions with the class; this I believe is what has helped me to thrive over the past year. Sixth form is a very friendly environment which is helped by the numerous enrichment and other activities such as the London trip, Come Dine With Me, the Christmas Meal and the Dinner and Dance, where all sixth form students have the opportunity to bond with each other.



## **Maisie Bremer-Smith**

Joining the sixth form was a very easy decision for me. Other options were all open and tempting but I knew the place for me was here. The subjects that I have chosen have opened up a whole other world of interests for me and nearly all of the subjects require discussion and independent thinking which has really helped me to learn effectively. At Wadham Sixth Form there is a strong sense of community and family, especially as you progress through the years. In the upper sixth and the lower sixth, you form relationships with people you never thought you would. The Sixth Form has given me the opportunity to get involved with the school in ways I never thought I could. From running sports activities with first schools to acting in the renowned Sixth Form Pantomime.



## **Harriet Hodder**

I love Wadham Sixth-Form! I definitely picked the right place to study my A-levels! The classes are a brilliant size, meaning you get quality time with your teacher, who is able to explain in depth anything you don't understand. I studied my GCSE's at Wadham and this meant that I already knew the teachers and their teaching styles. I have really benefited from this, as it meant I was able to start my A-levels already knowing teachers who have encouraged me and developed my confidence. Sixth-Form is a very friendly place, with all the students holding a strong bond. Staying at Wadham, and joining the Sixth-Form, has provided me with a variety of different opportunities, the main one being the chance to join the Head Student Team. By being part of this team, I have been able to develop my communication, and leadership skills, as well as having the opportunity to give something back to the Sixth Form.

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## Daisy Goddard

Although I considered going elsewhere for my A Levels, I haven't looked back since joining Wadham Sixth Form in September last year. Having had the opportunity to experience many new exciting challenges and opportunities, Wadham was definitely the right choice for me. As well as being offered once in a lifetime opportunities such as a visit to Auschwitz and a London Conference on the roles of women, I have been able to attain many life skills that I can transfer onto my higher education. Sixth Form, also offers more personally rewarding experiences than many colleges; we are constantly developing our leadership and management skills by planning fundraising or whole school events such as Children in Need, or Wadham's Got Talent. All of my enrichment activities have enabled me to mature and thrive here at Wadham.

## Alastair Horne

Wadham Sixth Form has given me many opportunities that put me in a better standing to advance my education at University. So far I have been part of the Maths Mentoring Team helping to teach younger students, the Higher Education Plus Project which enabled me to go to Cambridge and get a taste of University life, the STEM Ambassador Scheme where I assist teachers in getting key stage 3 students interested in science, and of course the Head Student Team which allows me to represent the school and give something back. The small class sizes also allow me to make sure I understand things because I can ask questions more easily and talk things through with the teacher, as well as being able to share information with the class and contribute to each other's learning in a friendly atmosphere. These advantages are put to good use due to the way Wadham gives you guidance on your future career, whether you want an apprenticeship, full time employment or university.



## Gabbi Amor

Joining the Sixth Form was an easy decision for me and since joining I have already developed so much, both personally and academically. One of the greatest things about Wadham Sixth Form is the strong community; it helps new students to settle in, and it helps those already familiar with the school enjoy their time here even more. Having already established a routine means that students are able to manage their time better and with less time wasted travelling I am able to balance my studies with my social life. There is also a highly productive relationship with both the teachers and, in particular, the lower school, with many opportunities given to support them through their schooling. There is never a shortage of opportunities in the Sixth Form; from mentoring to fundraising, there is always something to do which can improve your personal skills as well as helping others. Sixth Form also offers smaller class sizes, which were extremely useful in my first year, providing me with more one to one sessions which helped me to perform well in my AS exams. I have never once regretted joining the Sixth Form, as the school, the teachers and the wider community value me and my peers very highly.

