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# In Touch

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As I write the examination 'season' is well and truly upon us as we approach the final half term of the school year.

Year 11 and 12 GCSE and AS examinations are now under way and Year 13's A2 examinations will follow shortly, the examinations will continue until the end of June. A programme of classes and study/revision sessions will run throughout this period ensuring that all students have continued access to targeted specialist support.

It is lovely to hear that many tutor groups have celebrated this significant time in their educational career by going out for a meal with their form tutor.

Just before the final examinations Year 11 students had a final opportunity to meet together in a celebration assembly. This was a very special occasion where staff and students from each tutor group could share memories and highlights from the years together at Wath and many students received certificates for good attendance, motivation, achievement and a chosen few received tutor group prizes. The results of the WIGs competition was announced with Lucy Weatherstone and James Crow winning the girls' and boys' competition respectively. The motivation draw was also held and tension mounted as the eligible names flashed across the screen.

The presentations were interspersed with entertainment items which included singing, dancing and instrumental performances – what a talented group! Thank you to the many students who contributed so readily to this.

The lovely occasion ended with a buffet and the opportunity for photographs to be taken and memory books to be signed.

Year 13 begin their study leave on Friday 24 May and they too will have an opportunity to celebrate with a special assembly followed by a buffet.

Once the intense period of examinations is over students (and staff) will be looking forward to their respective Y11 and post-16 proms, these are always delightful occasions where everyone makes a very special effort to look their best and they always look fabulous.

Finally, may I offer all students taking examinations my very best wishes. I am sure that they will reap the rewards they deserve following all their hard work. I would particularly like to thank all the staff for the tremendous amount of time and hard work they have given not only in lessons but also after school, at lunchtimes and in the holidays in support of our students. We are very fortunate in having such a committed and dedicated staff, I am sure that their efforts are much appreciated by our students and you, their families.

**P Ward**  
**Headteacher**



## Welcome!

Another half term seems to have flown by so quickly! Especially for Y10-13 who have exams looming. We especially wish everyone taking their final set of exams the very best of luck.

With the better weather, we have had many sporting activities being held, so well done to everyone involved and keep the winning streak going! There are also a few exciting things going on in the half term holiday, such as the Young Drivers' school. Keep us up-to-date with how things went and any pictures would be especially appreciated.

We hope you all have a happy, safe half term holiday and come back refreshed and ready for the final 7 weeks before summer!

## Y7 Enterprise Disco

This year's Y7 Enterprise group are soon to be hosting an exciting event—the Y7 disco!

This fantastic event, organised and run by the Enterprise group will be held from 6-8pm on Thursday 11th June in the main hall.

The theme is a 'onesie' theme, so get yourself down to the shops, or dig out your best onesie and get your groove on!

See Mrs. Wall or anyone in the Y7 Enterprise team for more information or tickets.

See you there!



## A-Level trip to the Elgar Museum and Visitor Centre

Set in beautiful surroundings, the Elgar Museum is a place dedicated to Sir Edward Elgar, a British composer who rose to international fame.

Current Y13 are studying his work and went for a visit to see the history behind the sheet music.



The trip to the Elgar Museum was really interesting and turned the name on the page into a real man with an amazing skill.

Although the journey to Herefordshire was long, it was worth the wait. Every detail had been documented and preserved in his childhood home. We saw everything from Elgar's violin to the original manuscripts of his work. What I found most interesting was the original score of the 1st Symphony (this is the work we are studying for our A-Level) and the desk it was written at and even the pen that was used to compose the piece.

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip as it added an extra dimension to the symphony. Many of the details that were shown to us in the museum will have a direct impact on my work and I feel more confident for my exam next month.

By Matthew Janvier, Y13



## Wath Festival

Wath Festival this year took place in Wath town centre on Saturday 4th May. The samba crew met at 9 am and processed into town alongside Barnsley Samba Group. It was great fun, we played 'Samba Funk' 'Batucada' and 'Hip Hop Funk'.



After our performance in the square we then went, in procession, back up to Wath Parish Church where they did the traditional bun throwing from the roof. I had such a fun day and what an experience it was to play alongside experienced adult samba players. We thoroughly enjoyed bringing a little bit of Latin spirit to Wath.

Matthew Holmes, Y11



The Fame Academy singers performed Emile Sande's 'Next to Me' in the square. We were really nervous before hand and there was a huge crowd of people watching us. Luckily we had Mr Gunjal (singing teacher) with us to keep our nerves at bay.

After we performed Alisha Vickers sang 'Skyfall' from the latest James Bond Film. It was an amazing performance, and whilst we sang everyone went silent. I can't wait to perform again next year and hope that we have the same big crowds as we had this year.

Molly Dent, Y8



I am extremely proud of our music students at Wath. The students performed with such confidence and precision and demonstrated that all the preparation that went into it was worthwhile. It was a wonderful opportunity to show our community what talented students we have at Wath.



A fantastic effort from all those involved in this great annual event and we hope to see even more of you taking next year. Get practising now!

Mrs Shaw



## Rotherham 2012-13 Netball Finals

In April, all 6 year groups (7-6th form) were well represented at the Rotherham 2012-13 netball finals. It was an excellent day and our girls did Wath proud, battling against a strong opposition for some very respectable results.

Year 7 played fantastically well, easily winning their first game and narrowly missing out in the final to Swinton.

Year 8 held the game together and matched their opponents goal for goal right up until the last second where they were knocked out of the semi finals by just one goal.

The Year 9s won their first game comfortably, securing a place in the final where they lead all the way until the last quarter, where they drew and were given extra time. Unfortunately, they came second by just 1 goal.

Year 10s and 11s played brilliantly and came runners up in the semis.

In the 6th form games, the play was aggressive and questionable decisions were made by the officials on more than a couple of occasions. However, our girls kept their heads held high and fought to the very end, achieving 2nd place.

All teams played fantastically well!

Thank you to those staff who came to support - it was greatly appreciated

The PE staff



## Dates for your diaries:

**Thursday 20th June:** Y12 Higher Education Day

**Monday 1st July:** Y10 Work Experience begins

**Monday 8th July:** UCAS Parent & Student Information Evening, 6.30pm in the Hall



## Love Languages

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May marked the annual Love Language evening which was full of: awards ;songs; dance; plays and something very special from the teachers.



There were some very interesting stories about the visit that have taken place over the year these were : Riesa (six form work experience) ;Marcia (Y7/Y8) ; university (Y10) ;Barcelona (Y9/Y10) ;St Etienne (work experience) and Seville (work experience). I remember rightly there was one particular face which was on a lot of the photos which was Mr Bray. He sure gets about!

There was many fantastic performances including the play production Don Quixote (y10) and Die drei kleinen Schweinchen (Three little pigs) which was a two part production featuring guest star Gok Wan, as well as Wath (of E) , the Fla's Spanish lullaby (Y7)class Fliegerlied (Y9 dance) and samba band to kick it off.

Y9 Student Journalists

## *Fascinating Facts*

The longest cricket match took place in 1939 between England and South Africa. After 14 days, it ended with a tie.

## *Comedy Corner!*

**What do cars do at a disco?**

*Brake dance!*