



# Wath Academy Newsletter

Issue 4

## Principal's Update

28 January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,



### Success Stories

This year we would like to celebrate the successes of our students. We have therefore created an email address: [achievement@wathacademy.com](mailto:achievement@wathacademy.com) for parents/carers to send in information about their child's success.

This week it is great to share with you the commitment that Faith in Y11 has shown to her boxing. Faith started boxing two years ago meaning that during the lockdowns she needed to train herself. Her determination and commitment has paid off as she has now passed her medical exam and has her licence to compete. Having had her first fight cancelled she is now looking to arrange an alternative date. We wish Faith the best of luck.

### B11 Education Visit

With a view to continuously improving, this week we engaged in a two day visit from trained OFSTED inspectors through B11 Education. During the visit the inspectors performed deep dives in to some subjects as well as meeting leaders, teachers and students. This process was extremely beneficial for the academy, it highlighted multiple areas of strengths including Maths, Science, History, our Personal Development programme (tutor time, character education, enrichment and house system) and Safeguarding. It also identified the significant improvements which have been made by the English department. The feedback provided will be invaluable in moving the academy forward.

### Ministerial Visit

Yesterday we had a visit from the Minister of State for School Standards, Robin Walker. He visited the area to look at the Attendance Matters pathway RMBC have implemented in conjunction with local schools. The local authority selected us as the school they'd like to show the Minister around.

It was great to welcome the Minister and tour him around the academy, he was very impressed with the curriculum offer across all key stages in particular the broad range of subjects in the sixth form. He was particularly pleased with the standards of behaviour and commented positively on the progress the academy is making.

To be selected by the local authority and to then impress the Minister of State for School Standards on a tour around the academy is a fantastic achievement and something staff and students should be very proud of. This is another indicator that the academy is making significant improvements.



As always, thank you for your on going support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome  
Principal



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**'Meliora Spectare' – 'Look to Better Things'**

## Sixth Form

Good luck to our Y13 students who have sent their applications ahead of the UCAS deadline. Over half of the students who have applied have received offers from at least one of their universities of choice.

The Sixth Form team will be conducting interviews for Y11 students on the 2nd and 3rd February as we move into the next stage of the application process. If any student has not yet applied for Sixth Form or received an invite to interview please email [sixthform@wathacademy.com](mailto:sixthform@wathacademy.com)



## House Events

Last week's **WINNERS!**

**Friday 7 January – The Flamingo Challenge**

**Y7-9 = Troy**

**Y10-13 = Thebes**

**Online Word Link Challenge = Sparta**



Next week's Challenges include:

**Friday 4 February– Maths Challenge**

**Box Challenges – 31.01.22 – 11.02.22**

*House Anthem Challenge*

## Trial Exams

**Year 11 – Thursday 27 January – Friday 11 February.**

## Upcoming Parents' Evening

**Year 7 – Tuesday 22 March 2022**

**Year 11 – Tuesday 8 March 2022**

**Year 13 – Tuesday 1 March 2022**

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## Department Information

### Geography Department

Exciting times at the moment in the Geography department. Our Y13 students have just come back from the Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire, where they were collecting their data for their NEAs. We got lucky with the weather while group one surveyed urban microclimates in Beverley, and group two collected samples to analyse the changing Yorkshire coastline in

Hornsea. All students worked exceptionally hard showing that they have the highest expectations of themselves. The staff at the centre commended the group as one of the most hardworking, driven, polite and respectful groups they have had visit. We are exceptionally proud of the responsible citizens they have become.

In other news, our KS3 students will soon be moving onto their next topics, which includes Extreme Geography, Exploring Africa and Landscapes.

### Cool geography fact:

Did you know the biggest desert in the world is Antarctica? Remember deserts can be both hot or cold, they're defined by a lack of precipitation!

## Football Scholarship

### Upcoming Fixtures

**Monday 31 January**

**Girls Futsal Tournament (H)**

**Wednesday 2 February**

**Girls – Durham (A)**

**Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – Langley Park Sixth Form (H)**

**Friday 4 February**

**Girls – Rossall School (A)**

### Sample the Scholarship

Open training session in February half term for Y11 students who are interested in the Scholarship programme. To register your interest please click one of the following links:

**BOYS -** <https://forms.gle/4VsbJddSyp9ewq6k7>

**GIRLS -** <https://forms.gle/W3P9vaJeVrivVj7p8>



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