



# Wath Academy Newsletter

Issue 8

## Principal's Update

04 March 2022

Dear Students / Parents / Carers,



### 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.

We have a few success stories to catch up on, firstly an update on Greg who is a competitive Power Lifter, a few months ago we informed you that he has broken a number of records, he has now gone on to break more British records! Greg completed in the under 60kgs Classic Raw Division, below are his results:

- Squat was 182.5Kgs which was a new British record
- Bench press was 105Kgs, which is a new British record
- Deadlift was 195 Kgs, which is a new British record (this is 3.27 times his body weight).
- The overall total was 482.5Kgs which was a new British record.
- Greg took home 8 British records in total.
- The Squat and Deadlift were the greatest of all time across all federations and the total was as well by a staggering 56.2Kgs.

These are all incredible achievements and we are very proud of him.

Also this week, Madison in Y9 won 4 medals at her first dance competition since the start of the pandemic. Madison also won gold in her freestyle age 13+ section. Please see the image below of her with her gold medal.



Well done Madison, this is great to hear. We are very proud of you.

Finally, Isla in Y8 auditioned for a place at Yorkshire Elite Associates in Bradford, after a 3 hour audition she successfully gained a place and will attend every other Sunday. Here Isla will receive 1st class training in Ballet, Tap, Jazz & Commercial, alongside her regular dance classes.



This is fantastic news for Isla, we are very proud of her achievements.





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### Ukraine Appeal

I wrote to parents on Wednesday this week regarding raising money for the victims of the war in Ukraine. We have so far raised over £1300 on the Just Giving page and over £100 in cash donations, which is amazing. Below is a copy of the letter sent to parents, please feel free to share the link with family and friends.

As a community at Wath Academy we are deeply saddened by the events in Ukraine over the past couple of weeks. We recognise that this is also impacting some of our students and families. We have offered and provided support to students within the academy, but we would also like to extend that offer to parents or carers who may be affected. It may be that families would like advice on how to talk to their children about this issue or how to deal with grief, stress or anxiety. Whatever it is, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

One of our Key Drivers is Everyone is Valued, it has been particularly humbling to hear several students ask if there is anything we can do to support people in Ukraine who are facing catastrophic consequences of the Russian invasion. We have therefore identified the British Red Cross as a charity who will be providing support to the victims of this war. Money raised will help provide the following:

- food
- water
- first aid
- medicines
- warm clothes
- shelter

We have placed a cash donation box at reception but we have also created a Wath Academy Just Giving page, you can use the link below to make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wathacademy>

It would be amazing, to yet again demonstrate our communities care and compassion for other people, we would therefore welcome any donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity

### Staffing Updates

Over the last couple of weeks we have made some new appointments to the academy.

Firstly we have promoted Mr Woodward to the position of Head of Geography and Miss Lindley to 2nd in Geography. They will both start their positions immediately. We are delighted with their appointments and are looking forward to seeing them drive the department forward. Just yesterday we also appointed a new teacher of geography to join the team in September.

We have appointed Ryan Burrows to the position of Rugby Development Officer. Ryan is an ex-professional rugby player and a former Wath student. He will lead our 6th form Rugby scholarship as well as working with the PE department.

We have added an additional member of staff to the Performing Arts Department, Mrs Nickerson will join us after Easter as a Teacher of Dance.

We have also appointed a new KS3 coordinator in Maths, Mrs Silkstone will start her role after Easter as well.

Finally, we have appointed Mrs Rudman to the position of Trust Mental Health Specialist, Mrs Rudman will be starting her new role at the academy shortly.

We are very excited by another round of successful recruitment and we are sure these staff members will help the academy in its pursuit of the vision.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome  
Principal





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

## Sixth Form

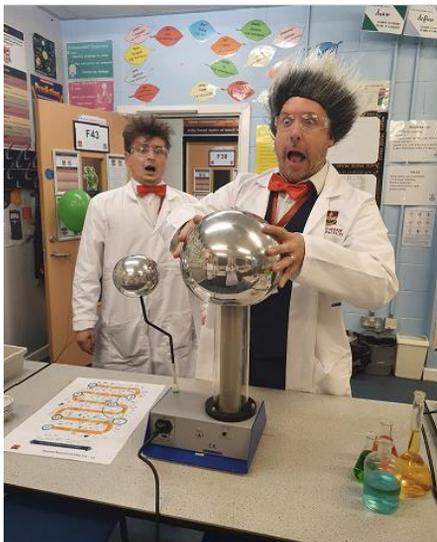
**Investing in teachers of the future**

As an academy trust we are keen to identify and develop teachers of the future. We have identified over 30 students within Sixth Form who have directly expressed an interest in teaching or have been selected by their teachers as having the skills and qualities to excel within the education sector. As a trust we will be supporting these students with work experience opportunities, teacher training sessions and key pedagogical texts to support in growing into exceptional teachers and leaders of education"

## Department Information

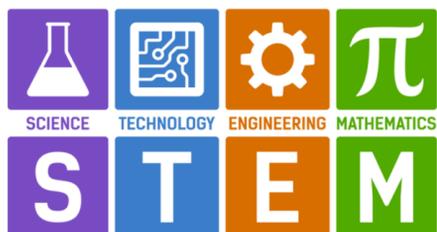
### Science Department

This term in science we will celebrate National Science Week, this is celebrated across the country and it's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all of the amazing things that happen in science on a regular basis. The theme for this year is Growth, and we are going to be running a several competitions within science for students across all key stages to get involved in, these will range from poster competitions to growing an organism. We will also be holding an extra special science club extravaganza for Y7 and Y8 students and hosting several guest speakers from the SHU in lessons. We encourage all students to get involved and support us in celebrating National Science Week this year.



### STEM Club

Y7 and Y8 students are able to join are STEM club which takes place every Monday from 2.50 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.



## Football Scholarship

**February Half term news.**

We started off the half term with a great turn out of over 40 players in attendance for our first half term training event! It was great to see the potential for Wath Scholars for the next academic year. We look forward to welcoming you back at Easter!



In other news, the girl scholars visited Salou during the half term break. It was a fantastic experience for them and they did the academy proud! The girls' played 3 matches in 3 days, and won everyone! #TheWathWay. For more images and to see the match write ups please head to our Twitter page @Wath\_Scholars.



We can't to revisit with the boy scholars in the Spring!

**NFYL Women's Trophy– Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

No rest for our girl scholars, they went to play BSC Tottenham Hotspur in the quarter finals of the women's trophy and have now secured a place in the Semi-Finals after a 3-1 win!!

## Upcoming Parents' Evening

**Year 7 – Tuesday 22 March 2022**

**Year 11 – Tuesday 8 March 2022**

**Year 12 – Tuesday 26 April 2022**



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## Wath Academy House Competitions

Last week's **WINNERS!**

**Friday 18 February – Valentines Treasure Hunt Challenge**

**Y7-9 = Carthage**

**Y10-13 = Athens**

**Online Love Challenge = Sparta**



Upcoming Challenges include:

**Friday 11 March– Spot the ball**

**Box Challenges**

*Science Elements Challenge*

This term each Head of House will be giving you an in site in to what their House is all about. This week we have spoken to Mrs King, Head of Thebes.



**Head of THEBES – Ambition Determination Enthusiasm Focus Optimism.**

As Head of Thebes I am really proud of how as a House we have shown progression. Although this has been slow and steady we know that this is something that we can maintain and continue to improve on.

Our chosen House Charity is Young Minds, this is something that our students voted for. This charity is really important and is one that we will often signpost students to if they need any support or guidance. For our recent Christmas fundraiser we raised £47 selling Reindeer Food and Letters from Father Christmas.

Something that we are focusing on as a House is increasing our participation in House Events, either online or in person on a Friday lunch time.

What is really pleasing to me is that Jessica Lumley in Year 10 is one of our Top Students, this is a real positive as all other House's Top Students are lower down school.

I think that as a House our students show real determination and enthusiasm, this is always evident in our lively House Assemblies.

I am extremely optimistic that we can continue to make progress and we are aiming for Number 1!



## Y6 Transition

This week students in Y6 were informed if they had received a place here at Wath Academy. We have been overwhelmed with the number of applications and are once again oversubscribed for next academic year.

Students received a Welcome and Activities pack alongside their acceptance letter. We have already received numerous entries into the competitions we have running, which has been great to see!



We cannot wait to meet our new students over the coming months and look forward to welcoming them into our school community.



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## Visits

The curious incident of the dog in the night time.



The Drama department took our scholars, Y13, Y11 and Y10 students to the Lyceum theatre in Sheffield just before half term. The students had a fantastic time and were a credit to the school!



## Student Stories

We LOVE hearing your stories! Laney is an Elite Allstar Cheerleader, she competes as a flyer and tumbler with a couple of teams within intensity cheer and dance Sheffield. Last weekend they competed at their first competition of the season Future Cheer Heart of England in Manchester



Don't forget to send your child's success information into [achievement@wathacademy.com](mailto:achievement@wathacademy.com)

## Events

### Piano Recital

Due to the current events happening in Ukraine at the moment we have decided to donate all ticket sales to the British Red Cross who are supporting Ukraine. Tickets are still available for this event. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening while also supporting a good cause!

WATH ACADEMY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PROUDLY PRESENTS

# PIANO RECITAL

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022  
6:30 PM IN THE MAIN HALL

TICKETS: £2 FROM MUSIC

British Red Cross logo and Wath Academy logo are also visible.

## PE Fixtures

Monday	Tuesday
Trampolining (all years, boys and girls) Hockey (all years, boys and girls) Y7 Rugby Y8 Football Table Tennis (all years, boys and girls)	Y10 Football Girls Football
Wednesday	Thursday
Y8 Netball Tournament (H) Netball Training (7, 9, 10) Y7 Football Climbing (all years, boys and girls) Y8 + 10 VS St Bernards (football)	Netball and Football Y7-10 at Queen Ethelburgas Y8 Rugby
Friday	Saturday
Badminton (all years, boys and girls) Y9 and Y10 Rugby Y9 Rugby Vs Kirk Balk (A)	

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