



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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.

### Academy Awards

Wath Academy is hosting their first ever Academy Awards on Wednesday July 6, 2022. We have secured the historic Sheffield City Hall as the venue for the event.

On the evening we will be rewarding a number of students with a range of awards as well as watching the Academy's best musicians, dancers and actors. We are also looking to secure a celebrity guest as well as a keynote speaker to add to the grandeur of the event.

We will be giving out over 2000 free tickets to students, parents/carers and the community for what promises to be an exceptional night.

We will be contacting parents with further information nearer the time.

There are opportunities for local businesses to sponsor a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. In addition to advertising the business, we would also provide each sponsor with two VIP tickets which include reserved seating, canapés and drinks on arrival.

All money raised through sponsorship will be put directly in to making the event even more special. If you would like to sponsor the event in any way, please get in touch with us at [academyawards@wathacademy.com](mailto:academyawards@wathacademy.com).

### B11 Education – Pupil Premium Audit

Recently we commissioned an external audit of our Pupil Premium provision. We were keen to get feedback on how we can further improve our offer to our disadvantaged cohort. The audit was a very useful process and we gained some excellent feedback. Please see below the opening paragraph of the report:

*"The provision for disadvantaged pupils at Wath Academy is first class. The seven key drivers of the school, built around world class learning, high expectations, no excuses, growth mindset, never give up, everyone is valued and integrity are fully promoted. Leaders have an 'out of the box' approach to the curriculum which is not 100% focused on academic support and intervention. Rather, it is focused on enriching pupils' experiences, enjoyment and broadening horizons. In turn, pupils' high regard for school and what it offers them personally has enormous benefits on their academic success which is strong for disadvantaged pupils",*

It was great to have the efforts of staff and students externally validated once again. As always we will continue to work hard to ensure we continue continuously improve.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome, **Principal**

## NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 11

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### PARENTS' EVENING

**Year 12**  
Tuesday 26 April 2022

**Year 9**  
Tuesday 3 May 2022

**Year 10**  
Tuesday 21 June 2022

#### 2021/22 TERM DATES:

**EASTER**  
11 April - 25 April 2022

**SUMMER HALF TERM**  
30 May - 6 June 2022

**SUMMER HOLIDAY**  
21 July – 1 September 2022

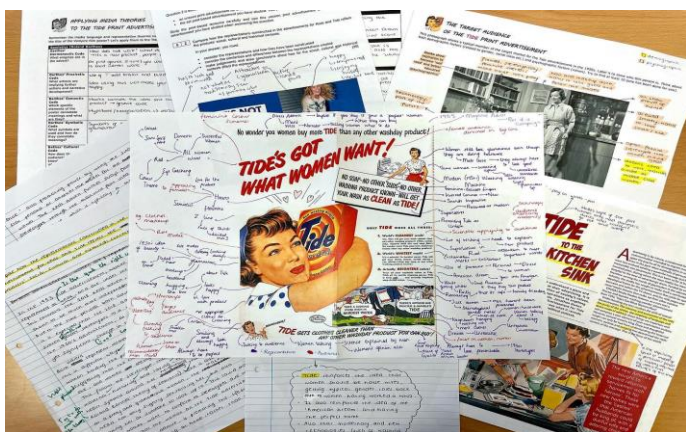
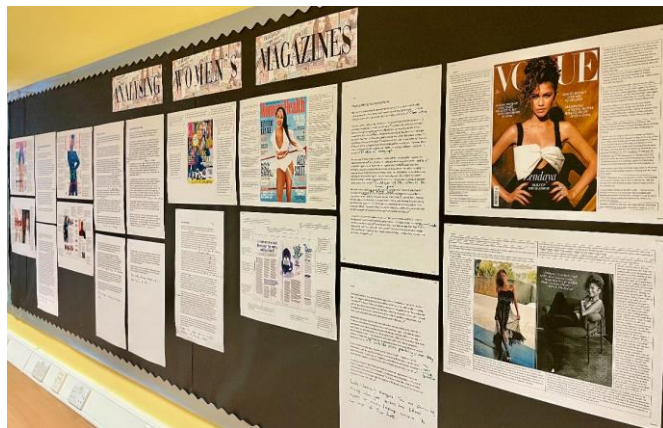
## DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – MEDIA STUDIES

Although the Department of Media Studies was only established in 2014, our school has quite a history of success in the media. The eighth Director-General of the BBC, Sir Charles Curran, attended Wath Grammar School in the 1930s.

Today, A Level Media Studies is thriving at Wath Academy Sixth Form. In the last set of external exams in 2019, half the class achieved a Grade A and student progress was in the top 10% of the country. In September 2020, we moved into a dedicated media suite containing brand new computers and production equipment.

### SIXTH FORM

Currently, our Year 13 students are busy preparing for their final exams, with a particular focus on using academic theories to help enhance the sophistication of their analysis. Year 12, meanwhile, are embarking on their non-exam assessment by researching industry contexts in preparation for making their own media productions.



### SUBJECT SUCCESS

Many past A Level Media Studies students are now enjoying great success. Our alumni include filmmakers, journalists and videogame marketers, with others currently studying media at university. On the other hand, we are just as proud of our former students pursuing non-media careers (including in prestigious areas like law at Russell Group universities). Media Studies is a flexible A Level that gives students a broad range of skills.

### ABOUT THE SUBJECT

Media Studies is an exciting and culturally relevant subject. It is centred around four main areas: how media products communicate meaning, how they represent the world around us, the industries behind the media and how audiences interact with media. These are studied through a wide selection of media products, ranging from dystopian TV drama *Black Mirror* to Beyoncé's 'Formation' music video. The range includes historical, non-mainstream and foreign products, giving students a thorough understanding of the whole media landscape. Most of the course is based on analysing existing media products, but a smaller practical element allows students to create media products of their own using industry-standard software.

For regular updates on Media Studies at Wath, follow the [@wathmediastudies](https://www.instagram.com/wathmediastudies) Instagram account.





## HOUSE COMPETITION WIINERS

18 March 2022 – Footprints Challenge

KS3 = Sparta

KS4 = Thebes

Sixth Form – 5 Words Challenge

Carthage

Online Science Challenge = Athens

## Total House League Results



Building teamwork,  
confidence and  
community through  
competition



**TROY UPDATE** Troy have had a mixed 2020-2021. A good start saw them challenging for the lead of the house table. Later results have seen a slip in form. Troy have a rich history of winning and we are hoping for a late surge to challenge again for the title. The KS3 team have had some good success, recently winning the Hoop Challenge! And more victories are sure to follow with this great team.

## UPCOMING CHALLENGES

1 April 2022 – Friday Challenges

KS3 and KS4 – Huge Ball Pit Challenge

Sixth Form – Dingbats Challenge

Box Challenges - Spring Picture Challenge



In addition to the house events, there have been opportunity to raise funds for our chosen charity – Rotherham Hospice – Our Christmas target stall raised nearly £40 and our Student L Hawke raised a further £40.

## FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

The scholars were back in action this Wednesday with two semi finals; our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI playing Maltby Academy and the Girl Scholars playing i2i International Soccer Academy. Both teams played fantastic and secured victories, which means our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have now secured their place in the Rotherham Games Cup final and the Girls have secured their place in the NFYL Women's U19 Trophy final. We can not wait to see them both in action! Well done to all involved, we are so proud of you! #TheWathWay.

