



Wath Academy

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 for parents/carers to send in information about their child's success.

This week we'd like to highlight the excellent commitment to the community by our Y9 Duke of Edinburgh cohort. The Wath, West Melton and Brampton Litter Pickers posted the following on their Facebook page:

A massive thankyou to the following students of Wath Academy

Vinnie, Josh, Freddie, Charlie, Travis, Ben, Matilda and Megan, who joined us this afternoon as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Their task was immense, a really difficult pick which they all carried out with a smile on their faces at all times. I half expected them to cringe when they saw what faced them, but none of it.

Between them they managed to remove 35 bags of litter, a huge, wet double size mattress, several tyres, along with numerous items discarded carelessly by members of the public.

Thank you all again, your school and parents must be very proud of you, but most of all be proud of yourselves, what great examples you are to others following in your footsteps.

Well done to all students involved, you represented the academy extremely well and we are very proud of you.

Y11 Event

On Thursday 5 May, we will be hosting our Y11 Final Countdown Event. The purpose of the event is to go through the final stages of examination preparation with parents and discuss how we can work collaboratively to fully support our students. It would be great to see as many Y11 parents as possible at the event which starts at 6.00 pm.

There will be a separate presentation for students at the same time.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

PARENTS' EVENING

Year 9
Tuesday 3 May 2022

Year 10
Tuesday 21 June 2022

EASTER INTERVENTIONS

Year 11
11 April – 22 April 2022

ACADEMY AWARDS
Wednesday 6 July 2022

2021/22 TERM DATES
Monday 2 May – May Day

SUMMER HALF TERM
30 May- 6 June 2022

SUMMER HOLIDAY
21 July – 1 September 2022



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Year 9 Options

This week concludes the year 9 options process. Students and parents were provided with videos of each subject leader presenting the content and requirements of their subject as well as an options brochure. Additionally, students received an individual meeting to discuss their option choices whilst Life Skills lessons focussed on the option process also.

It has been a very successful process with students being able to choose from a broad range of subjects. Students who wish to discuss their choices further will have the chance to do so next week.

Staff Appointments

As the academy grows we are keen to ensure that we appoint the very best staff to continue to provide our students with an excellent offer. In the week prior to half term we appointed a new Teaching Assistant, Mr Jackson will work closely with our SEND students to support them in lessons. We also appointed two new additional Student Support Workers; Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Dagget who will offer further pastoral support to some of our vulnerable students.

We have also appointed a sixth PYL to further bolster our pastoral support offer. Mrs Davis will be starting with us in the coming weeks.

Finally, we also appointed two new Science teachers. Mr Avill and Miss Barker will both join our Science team in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Mr Ransome
Principal

SIXTH FORM



On Wednesday, our girl scholars competed in the penultimate game of the National Football Youth League; beating second in the league Park View Academy, 3-0 with a E. Butler hat trick! Well done to the scholars, we are so proud and cannot wait to see what the next match brings! To see clips from the match head to @Wath_Scholars.





HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

8 April 2022 – Egg and Spoon Challenge

KS3 = Carthage

KS4 = Sparta

Sixth Form – Celebrity Match Challenge

Athens

Online Emoji Challenge = Thebes

Total House League Results



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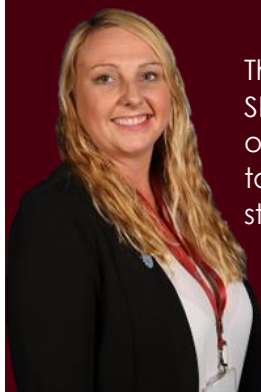


EGG AND SPOON CHALLENGE

Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the last House competition before half term!



HALF TERM 4 – WINNER



The winner for last half term was SPARTA, with an amazing total of 29,735!! Ms Ashton would like to say a huge well done to all students from Sparta!

UPCOMING CHALLENGES

Friday 7 May 22

Friday Challenge – Speed Walk Relay
Online Quiz – Movie Anagrams
Box Task – Limerick Challenge



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through competition*



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DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – ENGLISH

As we start a new term, this means new schemes of learning for our students. Y7 are being introduced to dystopian literature through the contemporary novel, 'The Giver'. Y8 will take a journey through a range of quality short stories, introducing them to different genres, cultures and perspectives. Y9 take their first steps into GCSE with an introduction to the set Shakespeare text, 'Romeo & Juliet' while Y10 extend their GCSE Literature studies through the poetry anthology. As external exams draw closer, Y11 and our Y13 English Language and Literature students are being supported by their teachers through final revision and in developing exam skills, setting them up for success and enabling every student to move onto to the next stage of their life.

E –SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

This weeks tip is on Oculus. More information can also be found by clicking on this link [Inside the Metaverse Are You Safe? Dispatches - All 4 \(channel4.com\)](https://www.channel4.com/inside-the-metaverse-are-you-safe-dispatches)

ACADEMY AWARDS

As you are aware we are holding our Academy Awards on Wednesday 6 July, and we cannot wait!

There is an opportunity for local businesses to sponsor a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. 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.

What parents need to know about OCULUS QUEST

ONLINE VIRTUAL CHAT
Most VR online games and social VR apps allow users to chat with other players. This can be a great way to connect with friends, but it can also be a risk. Parents should be aware of the risks of online chat and ensure their child is safe.

PHYSICAL INJURIES
Wearing a VR headset can be a bit tricky. Parents should ensure their child is wearing the headset correctly and is not using it while walking or driving. It's also important to ensure the child is not using the headset for too long.

MOTION SICKNESS & SEIZURES
Some VR games can cause motion sickness or seizures. Parents should be aware of the risks and ensure their child is not using the headset if they are prone to these conditions.

INTENSITY RISK
VR games can be very intense. Parents should be aware of the risks and ensure their child is not using the headset if they are prone to these conditions.

OVERUSE CONCERNS
Using VR for too long can be a problem. Parents should ensure their child is not using the headset for more than 15-20 minutes at a time.

Safety tips for parents

- TAKE REGULAR BREAKS**
- TRY IT YOURSELF**
- ENSURE CORRECT SETUP**
- USE GAME COMFORT RATINGS**
- LIMIT EXPOSURE TIME**

Meet our expert

National Online Safety
#WakaUpWednesday





CAREERS CORNER

South Yorkshire Police Cadet Recruitment

South Yorkshire Police will be recruiting cadets this year. The application form will be available from 01 April until 30 April 2022 via the following link:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/sign-up/join-team-syp/to-volunteer-with-syp/to-be-a-cadet/>

- Applicants must be 15 years of age by 31 August 2022 and no older than 17 years of age by 31 March 2023
- Applicants need to live in South Yorkshire
- Cadets are based in each of the four Districts (subject to available places)
- Applicants must be able to attend the weekly cadet night every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm-8:00pm during term-times
- Applicants may be background checked but previous incidents with the police are not always an automatic bar to joining the cadets
- Induction days are held in July & August (you will be invited to attend 1 full day and 1 half day)
- Cadet evenings begin in September 2022



On **Monday 16th May** from **5:00pm - 6:00pm** Jaguar Land Rover are hosting their first ever virtual event.

Jaguar Land Rover is the UK's largest investor in automotive research, development and engineering. They use world class processes to create innovative British craftsmanship and engineering excellence.

We'll be hearing all about how the company has become what it is today and their visions for the future with revolutionary new sustainable technologies particularly in the electric car space.

With a wide variety of school-leaver opportunities in a number of engineering fields, data analytics, supply chain & logistics and finance, could a career at Jaguar Land Rover be for you?

Join us to hear about the fascinating world of the ever evolving motor industry and learn from some of the world's leading engineering minds in the industry.

Click the following link to register yourself for

the **online** event: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JLR-Event>

Please see the link below for the latest AMRC Apprenticeship vacancies. All vacancies are for a September start and close on 8th July.

If you are interested, please apply as soon as possible. If you need any help or advice please see the Careers Team based in the library.

[Apprenticeship Vacancies | AMRC Training](#)



The University
of
Sheffield

AMRC
Training Centre

Apprenticeship applications are now open

amrctraining.co.uk/apprenticeships

Specsavers Careers in Optometry: Live Digital Workshops this summer term

Come and discover **Optometry** and start seeing things differently. Specsavers are offering a free, live, digital, hands-on, careers in optometry workshop. Open to Y11, 12 and 13 students. For more information on these workshops, to find available dates and to book a session, please contact early.careers@specsavers.com



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WHAT'S ON IN THE PE DEPARTMENT THIS HALF TERM

We have lots on offer for students this half term. If students would like more information regarding a certain activity please tell them to speak to their PE teacher to go to the PE office.

Wath Academy PE Extra Curricular



May 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B 25 April	Rounders Training Y7-9	Fitness Suite – all years	Athletics Training Y7-10 boys and girls	Y8-10 Cricket Training	Rounders Training 7,8 and 10 Yr7 Cricket Practice	
A 2 May	MAY DAY	Fitness Suite – all years until 3.45	Athletics Training Y7-10 boys and girls until 3.45 Year 9 Cricket vs Kirk Balk (@ Rockingham CC. 1.30pm start)	Y8-10 Cricket Training until 3.45 Year 8+9 Cricket Practice	Rounders Training 7,8 and 10 until 3.30 Yr7 Cricket Practice until 3.45	
B 9 May	Rounders Training Y7-9	Fitness Suite – all years Y11 Rounders Tournament at Wickersley	Athletics at Wath Y7-10 boys and girls	Y8-10 Cricket Training	Rounders Training 7,8 and 10	
A 16 May	Rounders Training Y7-9 Y10 Rounders Tournament at Wath	Fitness Suite – all years	Athletics Trials	Y8-10 Cricket Training	Rounders Training 7,8 and 10	
B 23 May	Rounders Training Y7-9	Fitness Suite – all years	Athletics Inters	Y8-10 Cricket Training	Rounders Training 7,8 and 10	

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

During the Easter holidays, our boy scholars headed to Salou on tour. We saw some great football from all 3 teams throughout our time in Salou, and to end the tour we visited Camp Nou, home ground to Barcelona FC.

