



Wath Academy

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Students / Parents / Carers,

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.

I'm delighted to inform you that Andrew Gill (left) and Luke Breedon (right) have been awarded two-year professional contracts with Huddersfield Giants. The boys have worked very hard for this opportunity, their families, friends and everyone at their club, Dearne Valley Bulldogs are very proud of them. The boys will continue to study at Wath Academy 6th form whilst training and playing for the Giants.



Gregory Pearson in Y9 continues to smash world records in his powerlifting journey. Last week he competed in the European Championships in Hungary breaking the following world records:

Squat = 210kg
Bench = 130kg
Deadlift = 225kg
Full Power = 565kg

Well done Greg, keep up the good work!

Academy Awards

We are now less than a week away from our first ever Academy Awards, The students who are performing are incredibly excited as are the award winners. If you wish to attend the event, please contact us via the following email: academyawards@wathacademy.com. We have a small number of remaining tickets.

Thank you for your continued support.

Telephone System

Having reviewed parent feedback over recent months one of the common themes was the ability to contact the academy via telephone and/or leave a voicemail message. I'm pleased to say that we have now invested in a new telephone system which will be in operation from September. Thank you for your patience with our current system, I hope your experience of the new system will be a positive one.

Staff Appointments

Last week we held interviews for positions on the Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Boyd and Mrs Jandu were promoted to Assistant Vice Principals and Mrs Pritchard and Mr Meyerhoff were appointed Associate Assistant Vice Principals. We look forward to them starting their new roles in September.



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 22

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ACADEMY AWARDS
Wednesday 6 July 2022

**PERFORMING ARTS
SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA**
Thursday 14 July 2022

2021/22 TERM DATES

SUMMER HOLIDAY
21 July – 1 September 2022

2022/23 TERM DATES

Our term dates and INSET days for the next academic year can be found on the academy website by clicking the following link [Wath Academy - TERM DATES 2022 - 23](#)



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Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place in school time on Friday 8 July 2022. The walk will cover approximately 6 miles, passing Hooper Stand, using public footpaths. The route will be fully marshalled by school staff and the Police, who will supervise at busy roads. The school expects all students to take part in the walk (within reason, taking into account all relevant information) and we hope as many as possible are able to be sponsored for their efforts.

Last year, the sponsored walk managed to raise almost £10,000 for Bluebell Wood. We were extremely proud of their efforts and hope our students can show similar enthusiasm. This year we are raising funds for a local project. Stevie Taylor, a Year 7 student in our academy, was diagnosed with CLN3 Batten disease in 2018. This is an extremely rare neurodegenerative condition that causes profound disability and devastating life changing effects. This is fast progressing and can cause a progressive loss of skills such as sight and the ability to walk, talk and swallow.

Stevie's family made the difficult decision to sell their family home and purchased a bungalow in an attempt to make Stevie's life easier and more comfortable. This will need to be totally renovated to meet Stevie's needs. We are keen to assist Stevie's family with raising funds for level access flooring, an accessible kitchen, a sensory room and other adaptations to make the home a safe one for Stevie. We also want to give a donation to the Batten Disease Family Association to help other families living with the same condition.

All students will be given a sponsor form in which they can gain sponsorship for completing the walk and any donation to these causes will be appreciated. Our preferred method for collecting sponsorship money is via ParentPay online but students can also bring collected money into reception, if needed, in the days after the event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal



SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form team are incredibly proud of the hard work Y13 students have put into their final exams and we cannot wait to celebrate their success on results day!



Sixth Form Induction

We would like to invite all Y11 students to attend our Sixth Form induction days on Monday 4 July and Tuesday 5 July. Please contact the Sixth Form team on sixthform@Wathacademy.com for more information.



HOUSE COMPETITION WIINERS

Friday 24 June 2022

KS3 Solstice Spirals Challenge

Winner - Athens

KS4 Chalk Lines Challenge

Winners – Troy

Sixth Form – Subway Orders Challenge

Winner - Troy

Total House League Results



Building teamwork,
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PRAISE FROM MRS LINES FOR THEBES!

"You guys have smashed it this week and it pushed us into 2nd place! AMAZING!

The promises I made in assembly still stand but let's now push for first.

We can do this!"



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PLACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

DONCASTER CAMPUS
19TH JULY- 13:00 - 17:00

National College for Advanced Transport & Infrastructure (NCATI) – July

are holding an Open Day at our Doncaster campus on [19 July, 13:00 – 17:00](#). This is a brilliant opportunity for prospective learners to tour our impressive campus (with £9 million worth of high-tech engineering equipment); meet employers in the transport and infrastructure sector and sign up to apprenticeship vacancies for September 2022; and find out what a career in engineering could mean for them.

Chief Fire Officer Chris Kirby visits Wath Academy – 28 June 2022

On Tuesday students at Wath Academy were excited to welcome Chief Fire Officer Chris Kirby to the school. As a former Wath student, Chris shared his career journey and spoke to some of our Y10 students about resilience, his career path and he offered inspiration for their future choices. Our students appreciated the opportunity to meet such a dedicated, successful and respected role model!



EDT Celebration Event at SHU

Some Y9 and Y10 students have taken part in a 16-week project working with industrial mentors from Liberty Steel. Their brief was "A renewable Rotherham", where they had to repurpose a building of their choice to make it more environmentally friendly. As part of the project they had to write a report, make a model and present their outcomes to judges at Sheffield Hallam University. Each student received a personalised trophy.

Y11 Careers Guidance is still available for Y11 students.

- Please contact a member of the careers team in the Library for more information.
- A representative from JobCentre Plus has been into the academy offering additional support to students who are looking for apprenticeship opportunities. Students should contact the careers team if they would like an appointment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – RSS

KS3 – CORE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Students in CORE Religious Studies have continued to increase their knowledge and understanding of different world views whilst being encouraged to respond to significant questions about meaning. This has included:

Y7 students' study into Buddhism gave the fabulous opportunity for exploring spirituality through the arts. Students used origami to create a variety of lotus flowers to represent the Buddhist belief in the purity of the body, speech and mind, as if floating above the murky waters of material attachment and physical desire, while also demonstrating fully engaged oracy skills through wonderful presentations to the class.

Y8 students have begun reflecting on the natural world and why it creates feelings of 'Awe and Wonder', exploring the final topic of 'Awe and Wonder', using specific examples ranging from our own fingerprints to images of wildlife which some students may not have previously had access or have not been given the opportunity to fully reflect on their experiences.

Y9 students have investigated specific examples of stewardship from a range of religious and non-religious communities, together with action groups leading to an analysis of how it can lead to communal harmony inspiring students to be global citizens in the pursuit to protect the natural world for future generations.



KS4 – SOCIOLOGY

Year 10 - Students in Y10 have been completing work on the 'Education' unit recently exploring exciting topics such as 'why do girls do better than boys in education' and 'is it home factors or factors within school that have the most impact on how well you do in school?' Students have been busy preparing for their second trial which Miss Cooke is looking forward to marking!

Year 11 - Our Year 11 students have recently successfully completed their GCSE Sociology exams. The students worked incredibly hard preparing for these exams. The department would like to congratulate Y11 on their commitment and dedication to these exams and wish them every luck and success for their next steps.

KS5 – PSYCHOLOGY Y13 Psychology, Sociology and Economics students enjoyed a trip to the Tutor2u grade booster conference in May. Students found this very useful and picked up lots of last-minute tips.

Psychology club has continued to run with students recently exploring the topics of psychopathology and personality.

We are looking forward to welcoming students into our psychology classrooms during the upcoming Y11 Induction

KS5 CRIMINOLOGY

Both Year 12 and Year 13 students have successfully completed their external exams this exam period. We wish Year 13 students lots of luck for their future endeavours. Year 12 students have now started to explore their Year 13 units of work on how crimes progress from 'crime scene to courtroom' and how crimes are punished within the Criminal Justice System and why.





ACADEMY AWARDS – FINAL COUNTDOWN

Here at the academy we are getting very excited for next Wednesday's Academy Awards.

The evening is set to be a spectacular event and we cannot wait to share it with you.

If you have any questions regarding the evening please contact us on, academyawards@wathacademy.com.

E –SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK – ESPORTS

British Esports describes 'esports' as "competitive gaming, human-v-human, usually with a spectator element to it". In recent years, the esports industry has grown significantly – and is expected to reach an overall worth of \$1.2 billion, with around 30 million monthly viewers, by the end of 2022. This rapid evolution has presented even more opportunities ... but, of course, opportunities usually come with a risk. Here, we've highlighted some of the potential hazards within the esports industry and suggested ways to help young people stay safe so they can make the most of this exciting space.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as in-game purchases, inappropriate content and possible exploitation.

This is part of our Gaming category.



FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

This Monday saw our Football Scholars have a fantastic evening celebrating their success. Well done to all who won awards!



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