



# Wath Academy

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



## NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 23

### KEY DATETS:

#### 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](#)

Dear Students / Parents / Carers,

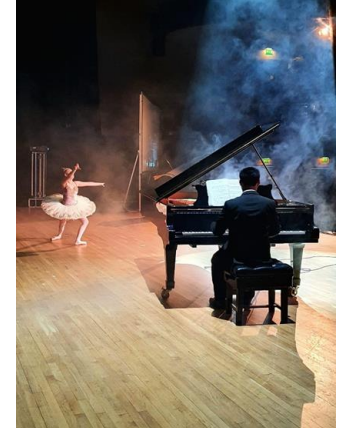
This year we would like to celebrate the successes of our students. We have therefore created an email address: [achievement@wathacademy.com](mailto:achievement@wathacademy.com) for parents/carers to send in information about their child's success.

### Academy Awards

This week we held our first ever Academy Awards. It was great to see our students get the opportunity to perform and receive awards on the Sheffield City Hall stage; we are incredibly proud of all of them. I'd like to thank parents/carers and audience members for making the event so special, the evening had a great celebratory atmosphere.

Events such as this serve to provide memories that last a lifetime, I know from speaking to some parents and students this is certainly something they will look back on fondly. We are already beginning to plan next year's event and look forward to making it even bigger and better.

Please see below some images from the evening.



Thank you for your continued support with the event.



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I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the sponsors of the event:

- Dyce Energy
- Corrosion Resistant Materials
- PA Entertainment
- Actus Insurance
- Waterfront Golf
- Constant Security
- Mosaic Compliance Solutions
- Next

If you would be interested or know somebody who would be interested in sponsoring next years Academy Awards please contact us via email: [academyawards@wathacademy.com](mailto:academyawards@wathacademy.com).

### Y11 Prom

Last Friday we celebrated our Y11 Prom at the prestigious Wentworth Woodhouse. It was a superb evening with all students looking fantastic. It was another opportunity for our students to experience a great event in a beautiful venue. Please see some photos of the event below:



### Year 13 Ball

Last night Year 13 celebrated their time at Wath Academy at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. It was a lovely evening and it was great to see them off before they enter University or the working world. We look forward to seeing them all on results day in August.







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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 Hoover 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 are also wanting 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

### Y12 work experience



Our Y12 students are currently integrating into a variety of workplaces as part of their work experience placements. Early feedback from students and employers is overwhelmingly positive. We wish students well for the rest of their placements and look forward to hearing all about their new experiences.

### Y12 University visit

All Y12 students will be taking part in a university visit as part of our Careers day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Students will spend the day exploring one of three universities of their choice to help support their Post-18 decisions.



## HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

**Friday 1 July 2022**

**KS3 Under/Over Tennis Challenge**

*Winner - Sparta*

**KS4 Under/Over Tennis Challenge**

*Winners – Troy*

**Sixth Form – House Staff Facts Challenge**

*Winner - Thebes*

## Total House League Results



*Building teamwork,  
confidence and  
community through  
competition*



## Box Challenge

### Design a New Emoji

It's emoji day this week! Design your own emoji.  
What did you want to communicate that doesn't exist already  
You could

- Draw
- Paint
- Collage
- Computer design
- Or use your own ideas!



Make sure you show your  
emoji and say what it  
represents



**Post entries in reception.  
Remember name and tutor group.  
Deadline: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**



*Building teamwork, confidence and community  
through competition*



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Enabling young people to experience the skills required for the world of work is a great way to set them up for a successful career. With World Youth Skills Day approaching, are students aware of skills development and lifelong learning the Army can offer? The cost of university can seem daunting, but the Army has many ways to help students fund their education to gain the skills needed for the future. Find out more here: <https://schools.tecl.co.uk/educationcompany4lz/lz.aspx?p1=MXYDU4OTUzMjl1UzcyNzE6MDYxODQ2MUM5RDNCOEYyQ0VDNUYwMzdGRjgxNURENEQ%3d-&CC=&w=23219>

**Unifrog** is a digital careers platform that provides independent and impartial information to students at Wath Academy. Unifrog holds the world's biggest database of post 16 and post 18 opportunities and all pathways are covered from traineeships and apprenticeships to university and gap years. Students have their own account and use Unifrog in their Life Skills lessons, supporting their careers education journey.



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## Wath Academy Uni Away Day – 15.07.22

On Friday 15 July all Y12 and Y10 students will be taking part in our first Uni Away Day, visiting a variety of universities including Leeds, De Montfort, Lincoln and University Centre Rotherham. Students have a jam-packed itinerary planned with tours, taster sessions and the chance to meet student ambassadors.

## 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.



What an incredible night of celebrating our students at Wath Academy and their achievements! Throughout the evening our performers put on an amazing show and our guest toughly enjoyed it.

We cannot thank our sponsors enough for their generosity and coming along to celebrate the event with us!

Keep an eye out on our social media pages for our professional photographs !





## E –SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK – OMEGLE

Omegle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It first launched in 2009 and its slogan is "Talk to strangers!" There is an option for adult (18+) content and a section for people aged 13+ with parental permission. Anyone can use the site. Users simply go to Omegle.com and then choose 'Text' or 'Video' chat and the page states how many users are currently online. Depending on the time of day this can be hundreds of thousands. Omegle markets itself as a great way to meet new friends however has been known to feature pornography and inappropriate content within chats, so its important parents are aware of the risks associated with the site.

In the guide, you'll find tips on several potential risks such as pornographic content, cyberbullying and the chats being unmoderated.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and school staff with the information they need to help safeguard their children's online safety. We have created this guide to help you understand the risks of Omegle and how to keep your child safe.

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**What parents need to know about OMEGLE**

**NO AGE VERIFICATION MEASURES**  
Omegle does not verify the age of its users. This means that anyone can use the site, including children. This is a major risk as children can be exposed to inappropriate content and contact with strangers.

**RISK OF CYBERBULLYING**  
Omegle is a high-risk environment for cyberbullying. Strangers can be paired with children, and there is no moderation of the content. This can lead to children being bullied or harassed.

**UNMODERATED CHAT**  
Omegle is an unmoderated chat site. This means that there is no oversight of the content. Children can be exposed to inappropriate content, including pornography and hate speech.

**PRIVACY RISK VIA FACEBOOK**  
Omegle has a feature that allows users to connect with friends on Facebook. This can be a risk as children's personal information can be shared with strangers.

**RISK OF EXPLOITATION**  
Omegle is a high-risk environment for exploitation. Strangers can be paired with children, and there is no moderation of the content. This can lead to children being exploited for sexual or financial gain.

**ADULT THEMED CONTENT**  
Omegle has an '18+' section for adult-themed content. This can be a risk as children can be exposed to inappropriate content, including pornography and hate speech.

**Safety Tips For Parents**

**DISCUSS RISKS WITH YOUR CHILD**  
Talk to your child about the risks of Omegle. Explain that it is a high-risk environment and that they should not share personal information or contact strangers.

**PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION**  
Teach your child not to share personal information, including their name, age, address, or school. This can help protect them from exploitation.

**REPORT CONCERNS**  
If you or your child are concerned about something on Omegle, report it to the site. You can also report it to the police or a child protection agency.

**DISCOURAGE VIDEO CHAT**  
Video chat is a high-risk activity on Omegle. It can be easier for strangers to see a child's face and location. Discourage your child from using video chat.

**TRY OMEGLE YOURSELF**  
Try Omegle yourself to see what it is like. This can help you understand the risks and how to keep your child safe.

**USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Use parental controls to monitor your child's online activity. This can help you identify any risks and take action.

**Meet our expert**  
Jonathan Taylor is a specialist safety expert and former police officer. He has extensive experience in child protection and online safety. He is available for advice and support.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

PERFORMING ARTS  
**SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA**

An Evening of Drama, Music & Dance

Thursday 14th July 2022 at 6:30 pm

 Wath Academy

Tickets: £2 from Reception

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