



Wath Academy

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 24

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 time last year we wrote to parents on the back of a challenging year which included periods of lockdown. We wrote that we were looking forward to post Covid-19 times when we could welcome back important aspects of school life like enrichment, school trips and whole school events. I'm pleased to say that despite ongoing challenges posed by Covid-19 around illness and isolations we have managed to have a year which is far more representative of what we envisaged.

School Trips

We have been able to recommence school trips, including overseas visits. It has been amazing to hear of the experiences that our students are taking advantage of when engaging with this important part of our curriculum. In planning for next year, we are looking to share a calendar that details the school trips on offer for the year. This will allow families to plan forward both financially and logistically to ensure that this aspect of our curriculum is open to all students. Our aims is for all students to experience a school trip each year and we are passionate about finding ways to make this happen.

School Events

Whole school events such as the Christmas Dinner, Sports Day and the Academy Awards, among many others have brought about a real community feel around the academy. These are, in our opinion, truly special events that showcase what our academy is really about. The positive school memories borne out of these events will hopefully last a lifetime for our students and community. The feedback we have received around these events from students and parents/carers has been overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to make these even bigger and better next year.

Year 11 and 13 exams

This year we have embarked on the first external examination season since 2019. The Year 11 and 13 cohorts have had their education significantly disrupted in recent years, however, you would not have known this given their effort and commitment over the exam season. It was a very challenging time for our students but their enthusiasm and the positive momentum they gathered was palpable. We are looking forward to celebrating their results with them during the summer.

PCAB

We have continued to work closely with parents who are on our Parent & Community Advisory Board. This group have shared ideas, challenges and their input with leaders at the academy and from this we have been able to further adapt and improve systems and routines at the academy. The group will continue to work closely with the academy and we look forward to our first meeting post September. I'd like to personally thank all members of the group for their invaluable contributions.

Recruitment

I'm delighted to inform you that we are fully staffed for September. We have recruited 15 new teaching staff who will join us in the new academic year. We have also made a number of internal promotions which have placed exceptional staff in positions of greater influence. We are excited to see the positive impact that these staff members will have on our students.



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Academy Progression

This year we have engaged with a number of internal and external audits with a view to gaining feedback on how we can continually improve. We have received extremely positive feedback in audits and reviews around safeguarding, SEND, Pupil Premium provision and Teaching & Learning. The academy is making significant strides forward and it is a truly exciting time to be apart of the Wath Academy community. We are absolutely passionate about delivering exceptional learning experiences and we remain relentless in our desire to ensure the community has an academy they can be proud of. We will continue to work hard on all aspects of the academy in pursuit of our vision.

This year have been extremely positive. We have been faced with many challenges but staff and students have risen to the occasion every time. We are very proud of their achievements this year, there are simply too many to mention!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Without this the academy would be much weaker and unable to progress and improve at the rate it is doing. I hope you all have a fantastic summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

For information, Y7 and Y12 are expected to be at the academy for 08:20 on Friday 2nd September with all other students then returning on Monday 5th September at 08:20. Y7 & 8 will continue to enter the academy via the gates at Festival Road whilst all other students should enter through the reception entrance.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal

E –SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK – STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as potential scams, contact with strangers and in-app purchases.





HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

Friday 8 July 2022

KS3 Hopscotch Challenge

Winner - Sparta

KS4 Hopscotch Challenge

Winners – Troy



Total House League Results



Building teamwork,
confidence and
community through
competition



Online Challenge Champions

FAMOUS MOVIE LINES!



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100% Correct entries from Troy!



Brandon L	Kian S
Brandon S	Liam S
Daniel R	Mason V
Evan D	Ben M
Harrison S	Isla J
Katie B	Oliver S
Kenny H	Erin H
Lauren M	Harriet G
Maddison O	Mackenzie R

"Special shout
out to Megan O.
She kept going
for Rome, mostly
on her own
despite the heat
on the day.
Go Megan !!!!!!!



*Building teamwork, confidence and community
through competition*



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DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Netball Finals Day

On Saturday 9 July, we had four of our Rounder's teams successfully qualify for the Rotherham Schools Finals at Rawmarsh Community School. The sun was shining brightly, the players were up early and ready to take on the teams in the semi finals. All four games showcased how the players have progressed over the season, both as individuals and as a team. With Covid being against us for the last two years, this was the first season for most of our teams. We have seen some great batting, fielding and tactical decision making throughout the competitions. Our Year 7 team and Year 8 team were crowned 4th in Rotherham and our Year 9 and 10 teams came 3rd! It was such a great end to a fantastic season! Well done to all involved, we are so proud of you!

Monday 18th July - Our annual Sports Awards evening - the first one for three years! Tickets can be collected from the PE office for all students



WATH ACADEMY SPORTS AWARDS 2022



*Join us in celebrating an evening of sporting achievements from 2022 on
Monday 18 July at 6.00 p.m in the Main Hall .
Tickets to be purchased from the PE Office.*



FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Women's Euros is well underway and on Sunday saw students from Y7-Y9 representing France. The girls could be seen on the BBC waving the French National flag before kick off! Keep a look out as the girls will be making another 4 appearances at the New York Stadium!

