



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 1



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

Since the passing of Queen Elizabeth II we have reduced our external communication via social media and newsletters due to being in a period of national mourning. We will now commence our usual level of communication.

Over the summer we celebrated the academies best ever results at both GCSE and A-Level. The students worked incredibly hard in preparation for their exams and thoroughly deserved their success. Seeing the students open their results envelopes and celebrating was fantastic. For those students who have now left us and gone on to Further or Higher Education we wish them the very best of luck.

I've included a table that provides a short summary of the attainment scores students achieved compared to the last validated set of exams on 2019:

GCSE

Measure	2019	2019 Rank in Rotherham	2022	2022 Rank in Rotherham	Improvement
4 + English	64.3%	14	86.5%	2	22.2%
5 + English	49.8%	11	70.1%	2	20.3%
4+ Maths	62.1%	11	85.0%	1	22.9%
5+ Maths	48.00%	6	67.5%	1	19.5%
4 + English & Maths	54.5%	10	79.6%	1	25.1%
5 + English & Maths	40%	8	56.9%	3	16.9%
Attainment 8	44.7	9	54.4	1	9.7

A-Level

	2019	2019 Rank in Rotherham	2022	2022 Rank in Rotherham	Improvement
% of entries achieving A*- A Grades	36%	2	44.20%	1	8.20%
% of entries achieving A*- B Grades	59.60%	1	69.0%	1	9.40%
% of entries achieving A*- C Grades	86.50%	1	92.40%	1	5.90%
% of entries achieving A*- E Grades (Pass rate)	100%	1	99.8%	1	-0.20%

Once again, a huge congratulations to the students for their fantastic achievements.

KEY DATETS:

2022/23 TERM DATES

Y6 Open Evening
Thursday 29th September

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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Site Improvements

We have been busy over the summer making some improvements to that academy site and preparing for the new academic year:

Phone System

Last year we received feedback from parents that at times it was hard to contact the academy by phone. Because of this we have invested in a new phone system which should improve this route of communication. The phone lines have been busier than usual in the opening week, this is often the case with new Y7 settling in. As with any new system there will be teething problems however we are committed to ensuring that it improves on the experience from previous years.

As we did last year, we have made key members of staff's emails available on the website. This is often the best way to communicate as staff tend to be away from their office during the school day, staff will reply to your email within 48 hours. I have listed some key email addresses below:

Year Leaders		
	Academic Year Leader	Pastoral Year Leader
Year 7	Mrs Weatherall eweatherall@wathacademy.com	Mrs Davies jdavies@wathacademy.com
Year 8	Miss Sanderson msanderson@wathacademy.com	Mr Bullers mbullers@wathacademy.com
Year 9	Mrs Eyre eeyre@wathacademy.com	Miss Gray egray@wathacademy.com
Year 10	Mr Davies sdavies@wathacademy.com	Mr Orr jorr@wathacademy.com
Year 11	Mr Oldfield roldfield@wathacademy.com	Mr Lines slines@wathacademy.com

Subjects	
English	Miss Radford - hradford@wathacademy.com
Maths	Mrs Casey - scasey@wathacademy.com
Science	Mrs Stocks - rstocks@wathacademy.com
Business & ICT	Mr Tingle - rtingle@wathacademy.com
Art, Design & Technology	Mr Fidler - sfidler@wathacademy.com
PE	Mr Thompson - jthompson@wathacademy.com
Languages	Mrs DaCosta - cdacosta@wathacademy.com
RSS	Miss Waddington - kwaddington@wathacademy.com
Performing Arts	Mr Stanley - mstanley@wathacademy.com
Geography	Mr Woodward - swoodward@wathacademy.com
History	Mrs Champlin - lchamplin@wathacademy.com



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Student Support

SEND Department	send@wathacademy.com
Safeguarding	safeguarding@wathacademy.com

New Dining Areas

In recent years we have recognised that the single canteen is not big enough to serve the size of our academy. In the last two years we were forced to host students in different dining spaces as part of our Covid-19 risk assessment. This system actually worked out better and led to less congestion, shorter queues and safer environments. We have therefore created a new canteen just for Y9s in the old library (the library has moved upstairs) and invested in seating and tables for Y7 & 8 in the sports hall. This arrangement has been very successful in the first week and the feedback we have had from students has been positive.

Newly Decorated Classrooms

Having had all of the corridors redecorated and new flooring put in over the past 2 years we have now commenced a programme to get the classrooms redecorated. This summer all of the classrooms and office spaces between reception and social area 1 have been completely redecorated with new carpets also installed. Over the coming years we have a plan to work through departments around the academy to further improve our learning environment.

WiFi

Over the summer we have had a new WiFi system installed within the academy, this has improved the connectivity of devices in all areas across the school.

Festival Road

We are aware that Festival Road becomes very busy before and after school. It has been reported that there have been instances of dangerous driving and parking over the past few days. This is concerning as this is a busy exit for our students. Wath Central Primary School is also very close to us and is often busy with parents dropping off or collecting young students at a similar time. One way in which we have reduced the congestion previously is by asking parents to drop students off and pick them up a short distance from school and allowing them to walk the final part of their journey. It would be greatly appreciated if you could consider this approach in order to make Festival Road a safer place.

Success Stories

This year we would like to continue celebrating the successes of our students as we did last year. We have therefore created an email address: achievement@wathacademy.com for parents/carers to send in information about their child's success. Once these are shared they will form part of the weekly newsletter sent out to parents.



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PCAB

Due to the successes of last year's Parent & Community Advisory Board (PCAB), we will be continuing with the initiative moving forward.

The PCAB has a dual purpose:

- It allows parents/carers and members of the community to provide feedback to leaders on current systems, successes, and areas for development.
- It is an opportunity for the Academy to provide updates to our members on the progress we are making and share early thinking about upcoming developments.

If you would like to be part of the Parent & Community Advisory Board or would like to suggest areas that our PCAB group could discuss in their upcoming meeting please email pcab@wathacademy.com.

It has been a very successful start to the new academic year, we will be working hard to ensure this continues.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal