



# Wath Academy

## NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 28



### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

26 May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

#### Success Stories

Madi in Y10 took part in another successful cheerleading event. She came away with 10 medals and 3 trophies, including one for the runner up age 13+. Well done Madi, we are very proud of you.



If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email us via the following address:  
[achievement@wathacademy.com](mailto:achievement@wathacademy.com).

#### Staff Appointments

This week we have appointed Miss Dawson to the position of Teacher of Art. Miss Dawson joins a growing team and we are certain she will be a fantastic addition.

#### Y11 and 13 Exams

Today marks the end of the second week of exams. Both Y11 and 13 have found the exams challenging and they have come thick and fast, but their response has been superb. We are very proud of them, and we know they are giving themselves every chance to be successful due to their buy in to the intervention sessions.

#### Torch Magazine

The new edition of *Torch* has been released today. As usual, the latest issue features a wide variety of features about events both in school and beyond. Read it at <https://www.wathacademy.com/torch>



#### KEY DATES:

Half Term  
29 May – 02 June

Year 11 Exams  
15-31 May 2023

#### 2022/23 TERM DATES

Our term dates and INSET days for this academic year can be found on the academy website by clicking the following link [Wath Academy - Term Dates](#).



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### Vape Pens

This week the BBC reported high levels of lead and nickel in vape pens. In a test conducted in some vapes the following amounts were found:

- lead - 12 micrograms per gram, 2.4 times the stipulated safe exposure level
- nickel - 9.6 times safe levels
- chromium - 6.6 times safe levels

Please be aware of the dangers of your child smoking vapes, particularly those not bought in shops. I have attached a link below to the article by the BBC.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-65614078>

### Staff Car Park

Over recent weeks we have noticed that more parents/carers are using the staff car park to drop off/collect students. If you drop your child off at the Academy, you can do so in the bus turning circle, not the staff car park, from 8.00 am until 8.20 am. There are safe drop off points around school such as Festival Road and the Wath Leisure Centre car park.

If you need to pick your child up at the end of the day, please do not use the staff car park as the school gates will be locked to allow students to leave the school site safely.

If you do need to use the car park to access the disabled parking bays, a valid disabled badge should be clearly displayed. We require access to these bays at all times for our families with children who are supported by our Physical Sensory department.

If you have to collect your child during the school day, please be mindful of where you park your vehicle. Do not block the crossing and again only use the disabled bays if you have a valid disabled badge clearly displayed.

I hope you all have a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming students back after half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ransome  
**Principal**



## Academy Awards

Following the hugely successful Academy Awards event hosted last year at the Sheffield City Hall, we have again secured the historic venue for this year's event which will be held on Wednesday 19 July 2023.

On the evening we will be rewarding a number of students with a range of awards as well as watching the Academy's best musicians, dancers and actors. Last year Mark Labbett (best known as 'The Beast' from ITVs The Chase) presented awards. We will be looking to secure a celebrity once again to make the event special for our students.

We will be giving out over 2000 free tickets to students, parents/carers and the community for what promises to be an exceptional night.

We would like to provide local businesses with an opportunity to be involved in the event by sponsoring a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. In addition to advertising the business, we would also provide two VIP tickets which include reserved seating and drinks on arrival.

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](mailto:academyawards@wathacademy.com).

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome

**Principal**





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## **Class Charts**

From Monday 20 March, all notifications regarding Achievement points, Behaviour and Whole school notifications will be sent via the Class Charts App. When information is sent from the Academy, an email notification will be received. The School Gateway app and Epraise will no longer be used.

The Attendance Team will continue to send messages regarding absence or punctuality via text message.

Satchel One and ParentPay will continue to be used as normal.

Emails have already been sent home to parents/carers with information on how to access the Class Charts App.

If you have any queries, please email [enquiries@wathacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@wathacademy.com)

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hopkin  
Vice Principal

