

# **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

7 July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Success Stories**

This week it is great to share the successes of a former student. Noah Scott-Liversidge left the Academy during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic and went on to train to be a chef at Sheffield College. He has recently moved to Bakewell after being offered an amazing position at The Peacock at Rowsley, a 3 Rosette restaurant which is in the Michelin Guide 2023. This is a fantastic achievement, and the Academy are very proud of Noah.



**Golden Ticket Rewards** 11 July 2023

> **Sports Day** 14 July 2023

**KEY DATES:** 

**Academy Awards** 19 July 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

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



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#### **OFSTED Visit**

As you will have been aware we were visited by OFSTED on Monday and Tuesday. We are unable to share the details of the outcome until the report is officially published however, I am pleased to say the visit was very positive overall and really validates the rapid improvement journey the Academy has been on. One inspector commented that the improvement and rate at which it has been achieved has been 'meteoric'. Staff at the Academy are incredibly passionate about delivering exceptional learning experiences and this remains our focus. We want to provide the community with an academy they are proud of and will continue to work relentlessly towards our vision.

### 100 Years Celebration

As part of our 100-year celebration we are aiming to plant 100 trees to celebrate the Academy's centenary this September.

Isla from Year 9 said: "This is a great chance for us to do something positive for the environment and celebrate our Academy's 100th anniversary.

To celebrate this, we are looking to raise funds to plant the 100 trees, it would be hugely appreciated if you could donate to this great initiative by using the following link: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/page/100-wathacademy">https://www.justgiving.com/page/100-wathacademy</a>

You can read more via the following link: <a href="https://www.wathacademy.com/news/?pid=3&nid=4&storyid=82">https://www.wathacademy.com/news/?pid=3&nid=4&storyid=82</a>

## **Academy Awards**

Planning is well under way with for the upcoming Academy Awards. Students are busy rehearsing, and award winners have been notified by mail and via Class Charts. The event will be held on 19 July at the Sheffield City Hall. We are extremely excited to host the event here for the second time following the success of last year. Further information will be coming out regarding tickets over the next couple of weeks.

If you wish to be involved in sponsoring the event, then please contact us via the following email: <a href="mailto:academyawards@wathacademy.com">academyawards@wathacademy.com</a>.



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#### Y11 Prom

Last week we hosted the Y11 Prom. It was a fantastic event at a beautiful venue. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the students' hard work over the past 5 years and wish them the very best for the future.







## **Sponsored Walk**

Today we are about to embark on our annual sponsored walk. The walk will cover approximately 6 miles passing Hoober Stand, using public footpaths. It is a great event which gives students a great experience as well as the opportunity to raise money for charity.

Students have been given a sponsor form and will be raining money for their house charities:

- Athens Barnsley Animal Rescue Charity
- Cartage Macmillan Cancer Support
- Rome Rotherham and Barnsley Mind
- Sparta Cancer Reasearch UK
- Thebes Young Minds
- Troy Rotherham Hospice

Additionally, we will be raising money for Wentworth Woodhouse Charity.

It would be great if you could support your child in raising as much money as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome

Principal