



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 12

Dear Parents/Carers

Success Stories

As we have done for the past two years, we would like to share students' success stories and achievements in this newsletter each week.

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

Christmas Lunch at Wath Academy and Final Day of Term Arrangements

As the start of the festive period approaches, we would like to thank all students for their hard work and all parents/carers for your support during this term.

This year we are delighted to announce that we are hosting our Christmas Lunch on Friday 22 December. Students will attend period 1 and 2 as normal; then after break they will take part in Christmas house activities and have their Christmas dinner.

The last day of term will finish at the normal time of 14:50 (this includes Year 11).

The event has been a huge success in recent years, and we are looking forward to continuing this tradition this year. The aim of the day is to create positive school memories which last a lifetime. It is an opportunity for all students to spend time with friends and staff and engage in festivities including eating lunch together, having dinner table conversations and games, pulling crackers, telling jokes and singing Christmas songs.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

Monday 18 December
Marché de Noël
Annual Christmas Concert

Tuesday 19 December
Year 9 IEP Review Day

Wednesday 20 December
Year 10 and 11 IEP Review
Day

Thursday 21 December
Golden Ticket Rewards

Friday 22 December
Last day of term
Christmas Day celebrations

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and INSET days.

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Christmas Lunch

On the day every student will be given a Christmas dinner for free. As well as a meat option, both vegetarian and vegan options will be available. Students will eat lunch in either the Main Hall or Canteen 1. To allow the catering team to prepare for the Christmas Lunch, no food will be available on this day at break time except drinks that will be available as normal. For students who want it, fruit and cereal bars will be provided free of charge in the morning, on entry to the Academy.



Christmas Jumpers

To raise money for our individual local House charities, in return for a small donation, students can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer on this day. Students must still wear their shirt and tie under their Christmas jumper and can wear their blazer over the Christmas jumper if they wish. If students do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper, they are expected to wear their uniform as normal. Donations will be collected on entry to the Christmas Lunch. We are aware that in the current financial climate buying a Christmas jumper may be challenging for some. Therefore, we are asking students and families who have Christmas jumpers which are no longer used, to donate them to the Academy. Students can hand the jumpers into reception before school or at break or lunch. We will then make these available for students who wish to have them.

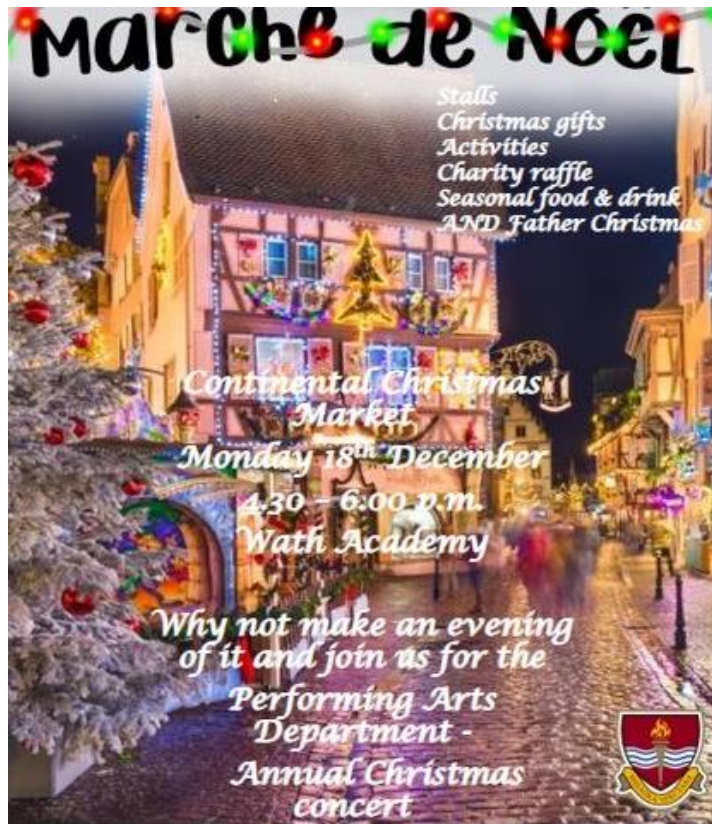


Productions

Thursday night saw us host the third and final show of *Oliver*. We have had over 80 students involved in the production which has been incredible. The quality of the performance was fantastic, and we are so proud of all the students. We are already looking forward to the next production.

Today we are hosting our annual Christmas Concert. This is a fantastic event each year and we are looking forward to seeing our students showcase their talents once again.

We are also hosting *Marché de Noël*, our very first Christmas market tonight. There will be stalls and traditional food as well as music. The event has been organised by one of our Y10 students as well as the Languages department. We hope you can join us before the Christmas concert.



Saint-Étienne, France

Our Year 13 students had an amazing residential visit to Saint-Étienne in France last week. They helped with a primary school's reading and phonics sessions, a Harry Potter French lesson and even navigated public transport with more than 30 primary school students! The Year 13's settled in well with their host families and tried many traditional French dishes, including frog legs and snails! They spent time with French students their own age and presented to the primary classes to tell them all about their experiences in an English school.

What an amazing experience!