



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – Week 25

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week for the Academy, which included visits from alumni, careers events, a cup final, multiple trips and a visit from an Inclusion Quality Mark assessor.

This week we were visited by the Quality Inclusion Mark assessor who spent two days with us. He met with leaders, staff, governors, parents and students as well as conducting multiple learning walks. Main strengths included the calm atmosphere around the Academy, quality of teaching and learning, how we support our vulnerable learners, staff wellbeing initiatives, excellent SEND support, our Alternative Provision and tutor provision. He also thought enrichment was 'amazing'. It was particularly pleasing to hear him comment on the clear passion that staff have for the Academy. We will be receiving a final report in the coming weeks.

We are proud to be celebrating 100 years of educating children at Wath Academy and recognise the importance of the connection that we have with our community and former students. With this in mind, we would like to explore any interest there may be in an initial alumni/reunion event and consider the potential for this to become an annual occasion. We would appreciate your views and ideas through completing the form in the link provided.

<https://forms.office.com/e/K47DfpSSfP>

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome  
**Principal**

### Key Dates:

**W.C 06 May – W.C 17 June**  
Year 11 and 13 Exams

**15 May**  
PCAB Meeting

**23 May**  
Golden Ticket Rewards

**W.C 3 June – W.C 10 June**  
Year 12 Work Experience

**26 June**  
Year 11 Prom

**5 July**  
Year 13 Summer Ball

**10 July**  
Academy Awards

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

## Weekly Update

### **Royal British Legion Coffee Morning**

Students and staff spent a lovely morning on Sunday at the Wath upon Dearne RBL coffee morning. They accepted a certificate of appreciation for Wath Academy's contribution to the Poppy Appeal. A fantastic event, full of community spirit, entertained by the wonderful Thorpe Hesley Brass Band.

### **Year 11 Exams**

From next week, the Year 11 timetabled lessons will end and the intervention programme will commence. Please follow our social media pages for further information and schedule of sessions.

### **STEM Workshop**

Year 8 girls took part in a hands-on STEM workshop, led by representatives from GFG Foundation and LIBERTY Steel UK. The theme was sustainability and students calculated their own carbon footprint before creating an eco-garden. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the activity, and all achieved their Industrial Cadets Challenger Award.

## Year 12 Maths – University of Leeds

Our Year 12 Maths students enjoyed a visit to the University of Leeds this week. They took part in problem solving workshops, prepared for university admission tests, watched presentations from early career mathematicians and enjoyed speed networking sessions with current university students.

## Year 12 Higher Education Evening

On Tuesday, the Sixth Form team delivered an evening for parents/carers to share key information around Post-18 options available to students, key dates and application processes. This is part of the Academy's offer to ensure students make informed decisions that best suit them and their future career aspirations.

Abigail Woods, a former Wath Academy student, spoke at the evening about her experiences through higher education. Abigail is a law graduate, completing her training as a Graduate Solicitor Apprentice at Henry Boot. Students and parents heard about the various aspects of higher learning, the university route versus apprenticeships, and Abigail was able to offer helpful information and advice about taking the next step.

## Brilliant Club Scholars

The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme gives students the opportunity to explore higher education. Year 8 students worked under the guidance of a PhD tutor for seven university-style lectures, they then wrote an assignment up to 2000 words, demonstrating subject knowledge, written communication and critical thinking skills they have developed. They attended Leeds University for a Q&A session with university students, a campus tour around the accommodation, library and student hubs. A graduation ceremony was held where the students were celebrated for their work. We are very proud of all your hard work and dedication.

## Alumni Student Nurse Visit

This week we were visited by student nurses from Sheffield Hallam University, including former Head Student, Lillie. Y11, Y12 and Y13 Health and Social Care students listened to what a typical day is like for a nurse, did some practical assessments and received advice on the application process. It is always extra special when our alumni return to share their success with current students. Thank you to Lillie and her fellow student nurses.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Last weekend, another group of students attended the Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. The weather wasn't kind; however, the students showed exceptional resilience and enjoyed the weekend non-the-less.

## Academy Awards

We are now in the process of finalising the award winners for this year's Academy Awards ceremony. Letters will be sent via Class Charts to parents/carers of the students who have an award inviting them to attend Sheffield City Hall. You will have the opportunity to book tickets for the event through our online booking system, Your Box Office; details of which will be included in the letter.

## Success Stories

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)





## Careers Update

This week, the Academy celebrated our collaboration with Henry Boot through representatives from the company delivering a daily assembly.

Our Year 9 Better Learner Better Worker Ambassadors visited the award-winning engineering company AEsSEAL on Tuesday at their head office in Rotherham. Students toured works and offices, learnt about the company and the roles available and met employees and apprentices to hear first hand about their career journeys.

On Thursday, Year 8 students took part in Careers Speed Networking. The aim of this activity is to give students the confidence, experience, and opportunity to meet local employers, and find out about as many different careers as possible within a short space of time. Students met with representatives from a variety of job sectors, who described their job roles, career journeys and answered numerous questions!



## Great week for the Girls!

We've been lucky enough to host the Girl's Rotherham School Games. A brilliant event allowing girls aged U9 – U11 to be crowned champions of primary schools in the Rotherham area. A well done to Bramley Sunnyside and Listerdale for winning those tournaments! All of these events have been run by our Girls Scholars in refereeing, officiating and score-keeping, showcasing themselves as excellent role models

The Girls Scholars had a bittersweet experience competing in the National Football Youth League – League Trophy Final. A game that was held at Northampton Town FC's ground in front of 100+ fans plus the many more via the live stream of the game! All the girls were fantastic in their endeavor to win the game, never giving up. Unfortunately, the early goal we conceded made it difficult to recover, resulting in a 2-0 loss. However, there was nothing but a feeling of pride from the coaching staff, with Head Coach Mr. Flowers said "The whole scholarship team were delighted with the girls' achievements in reaching the cup final and their application within it. Although we did not win the competition, the experience has given the players and staff a drive to be there again next season!"