



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 28

Dear Parents/Carers

This week is the final week of the half term. It has been a busy one with the Year 11 and 13 exams as well as multiple events and educational visits. This week has also seen the return of Year 10 work experience. This is something that hasn't happened for a number of years, so we are delighted to see that it has been a huge success with students gaining some valuable experience whilst exploring potential future career options. We are proud of their confidence and application of effort throughout the process. We are looking forward to hearing more about the placements when they return after half term.

We have begun planning for next academic year with the timetable currently being written and staff appointed ready for September. I'm pleased to say we are fully staffed again across the Academy which is no mean feat within the current educational landscape. We are also pleased to see record numbers of Year 7 applications as well as record numbers of Year 12 expressions of interest for September 2024. The work that staff and students are doing is having a clear impact at the Academy and this is not going unnoticed amongst the local community.

We are looking forward to next half term as we have multiple events such as Sponsored Walk, Sports Day, Year 11 Prom, Year 13 Ball and of course the Academy Awards. These events are just some of the things that we place real value in. We hope they help generate memories that last a lifetime for our students.

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

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

26 June
Year 11 Prom

2 July
Year 8 Online Parents Evening

4 July
PCAB

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

Athletics

Following the athletics competition which took place in Sheffield last week, we are delighted to announce that a total of 32 athletes from the Academy have qualified to the Regional final of the ESAA Track and Field Cup. A great effort from everyone who took part! Good luck for the final.

Attendance Draw

Our half termly attendance draw took place today, well done to those who were lucky enough to win one of twenty amazing prizes!

Rugby Scholars

Great news this week for the boy's rugby scholars programme, receiving confirmation that they are league winners in the AoC Sport Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Division! A testament to the players and coaching staff for a fantastic first season!

Academy Awards

We have now finalised the award winners for this year's Academy Awards ceremony. Letters have been 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.

Open Sessions

We are delighted to announce that our next Open Session for the Boys and Girls Football Scholarship will be held at the Academy on Saturday 01 June. Please follow the links below to register.

Girls 10am - 12pm <https://t.co/l6lxx5yP3h>

Boys 1pm - 3pm <https://t.co/bCJQ3hHZwS>

Multi Sports Camp

Our next Multi Sports camp will take place during spring bank half term on Wednesday 29 May 10am - 3pm. It is open to all 5 to 12-year-olds. Please see our website for further details. [Wath Academy - Latest News](#)

Success Stories

Six Wath Academy Students represented the Academy and their respective clubs over three weeks in the Northeast Region Swimming Championships this month. Sam Wakefield (Y10) Theo Swann (Y9) Esme Beevers (Y7) and Luke Blackburn (Y7) all represented Rotherham Metro with Lilly Krzebietka-Atherley (Y11) ruled out through injury.

Freddie Cooke-South (Y8) represented Borough of Barnsley and Lexi Goddard (Y8) represented Doncaster DARTES. Sam, Theo and Esme have all qualified for the National Swimming Championships this summer. Well done to all students.

Also, Luke Swift in Year 7 and his team Leeds Junior Knights were crowned Under 12 Northeast League winners on Saturday 11 May and were presented with their trophy & medals at the National Champions.

If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email us via the following address:

achievement@wathacademy.com



Leeds Rhinos Netball Fixture

On Friday, girls from all year groups went to watch Super League Netball team Leeds Rhinos vs. Bath at Canon Medical Centre, Sheffield. A great fixture resulting in 59-55 win for the Rhinos! Great to see our students having the opportunity to attend a fixture and be inspired by the players they watched and managed to meet !

Year 8 Parents Evening

The Year 8 Parents evening has been rearranged for Tuesday 02 July. A letter has been sent out this week with details. The booking system will be open from Tuesday 18 June for parents/carers to make appointments via the following link. <https://www.wathacademy.com/parentsevening>



Enrichment

During our Wednesday enrichment session this week, representatives from Yorkshire Ambulance Service visited school to give students the opportunity to find out more about the wide range of roles they offer. Students looked around the ambulance, practiced CPR and engaged in a Q&A session about what a typical day for a paramedic might look like. We were delighted to see a familiar face as former student Jordan came along as part of the crew.

As part of our Inspiring Reading in Primary Schools enrichment, a group of students were invited on a planned visit to Wath Library to meet author and illustrator Liz Million. Our students escorted primary children in Years 1 and 2 from Our Lady and St Joseph's school to the library, helped to hand out equipment, actively take part in the tasks, before escorting students back to school.



Kayaking

As part of the Outdoor Enrichment programme, students have the opportunity to take part in four kayaking sessions at Manvers Lake. This is in addition to the sessions that students in Years 9 and 10 have as part of their PE curriculum. The kayaking sessions are run by qualified instructors and help students build resilience as well as learning new skills.

Golden Ticket Rewards

On Thursday, our Golden Ticket Rewards took place and students had the opportunity to choose from Paddleboarding on Manvers Lake, Aqua Bounce on the inflatables at Wath Leisure Centre, Pizza making or Football activities at the Academy, if they had 50 achievement points. A fantastic afternoon had by all! We can't wait to announce what we have coming up for the last rewards of the year in July!