



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – Week 29

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a great half term break.

As we enter the final half term of the year we are preparing for multiple events as well as finishing the exam season with Year 11 and 13. I've said this on many occasions, but the way the Year 11 and 13 cohorts have approached the exams has been exceptional. Their attitude and effort has been fantastic. Students have taken advantage of weekend intervention, Period 0 and Period 6, as well as the in-school intervention programme. Because of their buy in to the programme, students have been very positive when coming out of exams.

Although the programme can look like a lot, it is designed to fully support students academically but also mentally. If students engage in every opportunity the programme provides it means they do not need to be up late at night revising, therefore giving them the opportunity to get to bed a suitable time and be well rested for the next day. The feedback we have had from students and parents/carers has been great. We will of course look to improve even more next year.

### 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).

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

**02 July**  
Year 8 Online Parents  
Evening

**04 July**  
PCAB

**05 July**  
Year 13 Summer Ball

**08 July**  
Academy Awards

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## Weekly Update

### **Academy Awards**

The Academy Awards date has now changed to **Monday 08 July 2024**. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause. We have been working to find a date which maximises the number of students who can attend the event owing to trips, prior commitments and the potential of England playing in the European Championship Semi Final. Initially the 08 July wasn't available, however we are now able to move the date. All other transport arrangements remain the same for the new date.

### **Golden Ticket Rewards**

Our final Golden Ticket Rewards of this year will take place on Wednesday 17 July and students have the opportunity to choose from Kayaking on Manvers Lake, Aqua Inflatables at Rother Valley Country Park or baking Summer Smores. If they have 50 achievement points, they can now purchase their Golden Ticket via Classcharts.

## Upcoming Events

In addition to those mentioned in the key dates, below are some of the remaining events and educational visits for this academic year. We are passionate about providing our students with the opportunity to have exceptional learning experiences in addition to the academic offer. We feel that these events and trips will provide memories that last a lifetime for our students.

- 12/13 June - Macbeth Drama performances
- 19 June – Big Bang Science Visit to Birmingham NEC
- 25 June – Master Cutler visit to the Academy
- 02 July – Geography visit to Sheffield City Centre
- 05 July – Year 7 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 05/06 July – Wimbledon Residential
- 06/07 July – Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expeditions
- 11 July – Art Exhibition, Wath Library
- 12 July – Sponsored Walk
- 15 July – Sports Day

### Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to Year 10 students on completing their work experience the week before half term. It has been great to hear their stories and how valuable the experience has been. We are now starting to plan for next year's Year 10.

### Year 12 Work Experience

Year 12 are approaching the end of their first week of work experience. Again, it has been great to hear of some early successes. Year 12 have 2 weeks work experience, so we look forward to welcoming them back the week after next.

### Better Learners Better Workers

Our BLBW Ambassadors took part in a visit this week with ESH Construction. They spoke to employees to discover more about the wide variety of roles in the construction industry and also donned their hard hats and hi-vis vests to look at a current project that is being undertaken in Rotherham town centre.



### Sheffield United FC Training Day

On Wednesday, our boys and girls Football Scholars were lucky enough to train at SUFC training ground. A great experience for all, students took part in a carousel of sessions working on Build, Create and Finish the Attack in the morning followed by an 11 v 11 fixture in the afternoon.

### IEP Review Morning

The IEP reviews will take place for Year 7 on Thursday 13 June and Year 8 on Friday 14 June. An email has been sent out to parents who need to make an appointment with the relevant information. The appointments need to be made via Schoolcloud but will be face to face in the Academy.





## Rotherham Inter Schools Athletics

Yesterday our Year 7, 8 and 9 athletics teams competed in the annual Rotherham Inter Schools Athletics Competition against Wickersley, Maltby and Dinnington. All athletes showed excellence, resilience and impeccable character both on and off the track. Outstanding performances by all!

On Saturday 08 June our athletes who have qualified to represent Rotherham in the South Yorkshire Championships will compete at Keep Moat Stadium, Doncaster. We are so proud to have so many of our students taking part and we can't wait to see their successes. Good luck!

## Student Appreciation

Year 11 and Year 13 have had a flying start to their first week back, engaging fully in Period 0s, the intervention programme and pre-trial talks. It has been great to see many students leaving exams confident and feeling like they have done their absolute best.



## Year 11 Rewards

On the Friday before half term, as a reward for all their hard work and dedication over the exam period, Year 11 were rewarded with a choice of inflatables, darts, board games, a movie afternoon or playing in the now infamous L band vs T band football match. No mention of exams or intervention, simply time to have fun and spend time with friends!

## With Me in Mind – Mental Health Support

A Parent and Carer support group 'Run for parents – Run by parents' is holding local sessions over the coming weeks. Please see information below:

- Support & Stroll – Friday 14 June 9:30 am – 10:30 am Meet at Manvers Lake Café, Wath Upon Dearne
- Create & Chat – Friday 28 June 9:30 am – 10:30 am Swinton Civic Hall, Swinton Precinct.
- Coffee & Cake – Friday 12 July 9:30 am – 10:30 am Swinton Civic Hall, Swinton Precinct