



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 30

Dear Parents/Carers

Today marks the end of the Year 11 exam period for the vast majority of students. We are so proud of them for their hard work and effort. We are looking forward to celebrating with them in their end of year assembly later today. Many Year 13s are also finished this week; however, we still have a few exams to go with them. Once these have finished, we will also be holding an end of year assembly with them.

Inclusion Quality Mark

As shared previously, we embarked on achieving the Inclusion Quality Mark which recognises high quality inclusion within schools. We choose this quality mark as we recognised the rigorous framework as a challenge. We're delighted to share that we have not only achieved the Quality Mark, but we have been asked to apply for Centre of Excellence status which is something we will be working on in the coming weeks. We are very fortunate to have excellent staff working within our inclusion areas of school. Please see an extract from the report below:

The report highlights that:

- *pupils learn to have the highest expectations of success at this inclusive school.*
- *pupils enjoy exceptional development opportunities that extend learning beyond the classroom.*
- *there is a calm and purposeful atmosphere throughout the school.*
- *leadership of the school is exceptional. Staff feel very well supported. They say that their wellbeing is a priority.*
- *pupils receive an outstanding programme of personal development. They are taught life skills that prepare them well for the outside world. For example, they learn about relationships, finances, mental health and fundamental British values.*

There is a strong inclusive ethos and culture at Wath Academy. This is embedded across all aspects of the academy life. The vision and values of the academy are visible across the site and included in the way that leaders, staff, students and parents talk about Wath Academy. Students interact positively with each other and have very clearly 'bought in' to the vision of the leadership team for the academy."

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

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

12 July
Sponsored Walk

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Weekly Update

Staffing

We have now completed our external recruitment to teaching positions. It is great that yet again we are fully staffed in all subject areas. This is a great achievement given the significant challenges faced across the national landscape. We are now finalising our non-teaching roles which have drawn a lot of interest; we are confident of appointing more exceptional staff in the next couple of weeks.

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.

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.

- 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

Success Stories

This week it is great to share with you that Madi in Year 11 has had yet another successful competition weekend having competed in Newcastle in the final cheer & dance competition of the season.

Madi and her team won both their cheer section and their dance, meaning those two teams are undefeated this season! After coming 8th at worlds in Orlando, the dance team also discovered they have won a bid to return next year to compete at worlds. Well done to Madi and her team.

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

Year 8 Parents Evening

This will take place on 2 July. The appointment booking system will be open on Tuesday 18 June at 9am via the following link.

<https://www.wathacademy.com/parentsevening>



EDT & GFG Gold & Silver

The Year 10 and Year 12 EDT & GFG Gold and Silver students visited Liberty Speciality Steels at Stocksbridge with their industrial mentors. They had the opportunity to see steel being rolled in front of them. During the visit they also witnessed advanced manufacturing, and the use of CAD/CAM and robotics. They were also given a tour of the materials testing labs where the staff were more than impressed with the depth of the students' scientific knowledge.

Year 11 Induction

Our Year 11 induction will take place on 27 and 28 June, providing an opportunity to explore our Ofsted Outstanding Sixth Form provision. Emails and letters have been sent to all applicants.

Please click on the link below to confirm your attendance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/UjCAW6AXBZ>



English Schools Athletics

Our athletes had a fantastic week, both representing Rotherham at the English Schools Athletics South Yorkshire Championships at Keep Moat Stadium, Doncaster and our Junior boys and girls competed in Nottingham on Monday. We beat PBs, we had first and second positions in the county and we are very proud! Some of the outstanding achievements of the week included ; Riley K won shotput 11.21m, Freddie C-S won 1500m by a landslide victory and 2nd in discus, Ollie B was 2nd in 300m, 1st place for Junior Boys relay (Noah T, Noah C, Tyler ZN, Ben C), Junior Girls relay (Skye M, Erin C, Annabelle S, Holly S) came 2nd. Luca D won heats, 2nd in finals 100m with a time of 12.2s, Luke S 3rd in 200m finals and Madison P came 2nd in 1500m.

Rounders

We are very proud of our Rounders teams this week. Our teams from Years 8, 9 and 10 have qualified for the Rotherham Schools Finals Day on Saturday 6 July! We wish our Year 7 team good luck for their game this Thursday after school.



Year 11 Driving Lessons

The driving instructors were back this week! Year 11 students received a free driving lesson for attending all their Easter intervention sessions. Students took part after being nominated by their teachers for World Class Learning through the intervention programme. A fully deserved treat after all their hard work and commitment.

Preloved Uniform

We are asking our Year 11 and Year 13 students and parents to donate good, used uniform to the Academy before the students leave in the coming weeks. Please bring into Reception. From ties to blazers to house badges, we would love anything we can donate to other families!

Being able to offer our community preloved uniform where it is needed goes such a long way in changing the life chances of our young people