



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 2

13 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the first full week for all students it is great to see the Y7s starting to navigate their way around the school freely. They have made a fantastic start as a year group, and it has been a pleasure to welcome them into the Academy. Students in other year groups have also made a great start, with the culture around the Academy once again improving further.

Yesterday, we had our first unannounced Golden Ticket tour of a Y6 student and his family. This is a strategy we use to show parents/carers what the Academy truly looks like each day. The tour was excellent; the parents were able to go into classrooms and see what learning was taking place and get a taste of a day in the life here at the Academy. It is testament to students and staff that we are able to offer this opportunity. It shows the confidence we have in our offer.

New Hall Equipment

This week we have replaced the audio and visual equipment in the hall. We now have 2 x 96inch TV screens either side of a 5m screen over the stage. Additionally, we now also have a surround sound system. The new equipment will significantly improve the experiences of students and visitors for assemblies and events.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

Year 8 & 9 Photographs
Thursday 19 September

Year 11 Photographs
Friday 20 September

Year 5/6 Opening Evening
Thursday 26 September

Year 10 Photographs
Thursday 26 September

Year 11 Online Parents
Evening
Tuesday 22 October

INSET DAY
Friday 25 October

[Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.](#)

Wath Academy Term Dates

Weekly Update

Goals for Gaza

To support the children of Gaza, we will be raising money for Save the Children's emergency fund on Friday 20 September during lunchtime. We are asking for a donation, if you can, which can be made via Parent Pay [ParentPay - Leading Cashless Payment System for Schools](#)

Please see our website for more information. [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#)

Sponsored Walk – Snowflake Appeal

In July, students and staff took part in our annual sponsored walk and we are proud to announce that we raised an amazing £51 66! Thank you everyone who donated to Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity Snowflake Appeal as they celebrate their twentieth anniversary of snowflakes in 2024.

[TCHC: Raising Money for the Children's Hospital](#)

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 07 November 18:00-20:00.

Students and parents/carers can experience our outstanding provision and explore a wide range of engaging A-Level and BTEC courses, plus our popular sports and performing arts scholarship programmes.

Student Achievement

As we have done in previous 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.



Enrichment

Enrichment within the school day is designed to engage 100% of students in an activity beyond the academic curriculum. One of the aims for students to find a passion and take it up beyond the enrichment session. Madison in Year 10 has done just that. She has taken her newly developed textiles skills and created a bear from recycled clothes at home. Well done Madison.

This week we have started our after school wider enrichment opportunities. It has been great to see students engaging in new activities such as girls football and rugby. Please see Satchel One, Classcharts and our website for details of which groups are running and when.

[Wath Academy - ENRICHMENT](#)



Torch Magazine

Torch is Wath Academy's student-produced magazine, published every term. Students can contribute to *Torch* via enrichment, attending the after-school club on Thursdays at 2:50 pm in G20 or by emailing articles to torch@wathacademy.com. You can read past editions of *Torch* and its predecessors from the last hundred years on our website [Wath Academy - Torch Magazine](#)

Parent & Community Advisory Board

Here at Wath Academy, we continually reflect on our practice and always look to improve. As a parent/carer at our Academy, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join PCAB. We meet every half term to discuss pertinent agenda items determined by members of the group. Please see our website for more information and dates of meetings for this academic year. [Wath Academy - PARENT AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD \(PCAB\)](#)

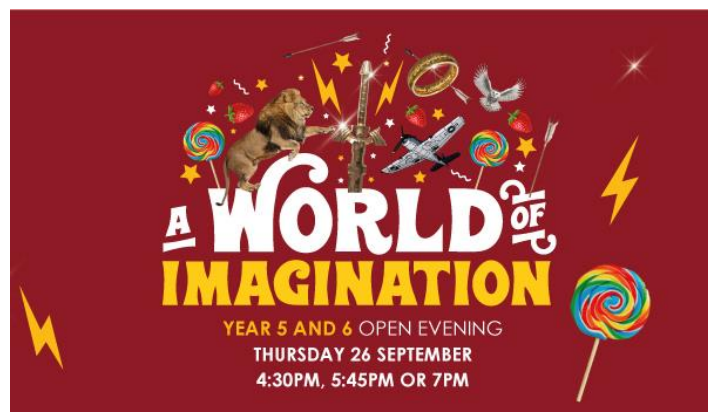


Sheffield Hallam University Lab Day

Yesterday, our Year 13 Chemists attended a Lab Day at Sheffield Hallam University where they synthesised Cyclohexene then ran analysis on their product. This was a great experience for our students. Thank you to @sheffhallamuni.

Murder Mystery – Save the Date

Our Year 13 Drama students present the Academy's annual Murder Mystery. Get ready to experience the glamour, the drama, and the suspense! Can you unravel the mystery behind the murder on the catwalk? Will the sins of the fashion elite be their undoing? Tickets are available now via this link [Your Box Office](#).



Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

On Thursday 26 September, we will be hosting our Y5 & 6 Open Evening. The theme for this year is 'A World of Imagination'. We will host three presentations, 4:30 pm, 5:45 pm and 7:00 pm followed by tours of the Academy. We are looking forward to welcoming members of the community to see what we have to offer as an Academy.

Duke of Edinburgh

This week, our D of E students have been out in the Peak District on their Silver Practice expedition. It was very chilly this morning, but our students showed their usual grit and resilience and looked forward to a beautiful walk. Well done to you all.