



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 3

20 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

With us now coming to the end of our third week, routines are quickly becoming embedded for our new Year 7 and 12 students. It is great to see when walking around the Academy and into classrooms the Year 7 and 12 students fully engaging in their learning. There is a calmness to the Academy mixed with an almost tangible enthusiasm to learn. We will of course work hard to maintain this fantastic start throughout the year.

Safeguarding Review

Each year we engage in a Trust Safeguarding Audit. This year's audit took place yesterday with the Trust's Director of Safeguarding heading up the process. The day comprised of meetings with our DSL, Mr Davies, our Vice Principal, Mr Hopkin, myself, a selection of staff and a group of students. The day was very successful with the Director of Safeguarding being incredibly impressed by our systems, processes, and culture.

NGRT Testing

Students in Years 7-10 have been completing their NGRT (New group Reading Tests) over the last couple of weeks with the final tests taking place next week. This data is used to determine reading skills against a national average for a student's age. From this data we identify those students who require additional support either in class or with specific reading interventions.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Academy.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

Year 5/6 Opening Evening
Thursday 26 September

Year 10 Photographs
Thursday 26 September

PCAB
Thursday 10 October

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, today we are raising money for Save the Children's emergency fund during lunchtime. We are asking for a donation, if you can, which can be made via ParentPay [ParentPay - Leading Cashless Payment System for Schools](#) Please see our website for more information. [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#)

Anne Frank Exhibition

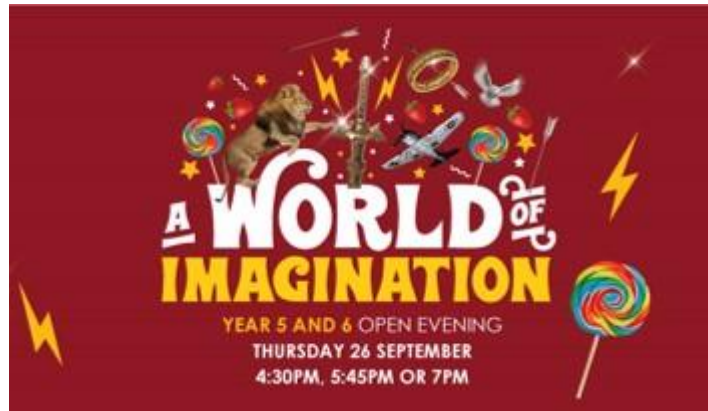
Wath Academy welcomed the Anne Frank Exhibition to the school this week. A group of Year 9 students at the Academy were selected to be trained to deliver the exhibition to learn about the life of Anne Frank to other students. This exhibition is part of the Anne Frank Trust which aims to use the life and work of Anne Frank as a platform for education about antisemitism and all forms of prejudice. Members of the public were invited on Wednesday after school to come and listen to our students present the information.

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.



Student Achievement

Harry Marshall has been selected to play Elite British Selects Ice Hockey Squad in the CCM world invite tournament in Chicago. Harry works incredibly hard training 3 nights a week and balancing his schoolwork. We are very proud of Harry who has also previously represented England in the PeeWee tournament in Quebec. Good luck Harry!

We would also like to wish Jenson Cooke good luck with his upcoming performances in Phantom of the Opera at the Rotherham Civic Hall from 24–28 September.

Finally, Theo Swann has been selected for the Swim England National Talent pathway development programme 2024-25 after a successful season that ended with him competing in the National Championships at Pond Forge. This is a fantastic achievement, and we look forward to hearing how he gets on.



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 \(PCAB\)](#)