



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 2

12 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new academic year. It has been great to see the return of our students.

The conduct, behaviour and effort of every year group has yet again gone to a new level. The Academy has a calm and purposeful atmosphere as it has had in previous years, but we have seen another positive step change.

Y7 and Y12 are now firmly finding their feet, with fewer students getting lost and asking for directions each day! Y10, 11 and 13 have returned focused and committed which we know will provide an excellent foundation for success in their examinations.

One thing to note this week is that traffic around Sandygate and Festival Road is extremely busy around drop off and pick up times. Please, when possible, consider dropping your child off further from the school at a point from which they can walk. This will reduce some pressure in the local area. We will also be speaking to students early next week about safely crossing roads, there have been some instances where students have cut between traffic which is obviously very dangerous. Could I ask that you also speak to your children about this to ensure their safety.

I look forward to updating you in the coming weeks about the exciting events we have planned for this term.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

Year 5/6 Opening Evening
Thursday 25 September

PCAB Meeting
Thursday 09 October

Golden Ticket Rewards
Tuesday 21 October

INSET DAYS
Thursday 24 & Friday 25
October

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

Wath Academy Term Dates

Weekly Update

Sponsored Walk – Rotherham Hospice

In July, students and staff took part in our annual sponsored walk, and we are proud to announce that we raised an amazing £5093!! Thank you everyone who donated to this special cause. ParentPay will be open until the end of September for any donations still to come in.

[ParentPay - Leading Cashless Payment System for Schools](#)

School Photographs

If your child has had their photograph taken in school this week – to view their photograph, visit the following link: <https://capturephotographyschools.getphoto.co.uk/login>. A reminder of the codes will be sent out via email. If you have any enquiries, please email info@capturephotographyschools.co.uk

Order before the 28 September for free delivery to school. Use the code: 60609692 for a 15% discount on

Anne Frank Exhibition

Wath Academy is welcoming the Anne Frank Exhibition to the school on Wednesday 17 September. Please see our website to register your attendance <https://www.wathacademy.com/latestnews>

Sports Nutrition

On Friday, we welcomed Sports Nutritionist Monica Hernandez from NutritionX to speak to our Sports Performance Scholars. Scholars learnt how to tailor their diet according to their training schedule in order to effectively fuel their performance and recovery. This is the first of many workshops on offer to students on our Sports Performance Pathway this academic year.



JOIN US FOR OUR RED CARPET

**YEAR 5 & 6
OPEN EVENING**

4:30 PM, 5:45 PM, OR 7 PM

WATH GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

THU
25TH
SEP



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Ofsted
Good
Provider

4 of 5 areas judged as
Outstanding by OFSTED



Enrichment

Enrichment within the school day is designed to engage 100% of students in an activity beyond the academic curriculum.

Our new Lego enrichment has been a real hit with our students this week. Not only has research found that building with Lego can decrease stress and anxiety, but it also promotes creativity, problem solving, teamwork and a sense of accomplishment. Thank you to everyone who has donated Lego and contributed to making this fantastic enrichment option possible.

Please also see our website for details of after school enrichment activities during Term 1.
[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 Tuesdays 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 \(PCAB\)](#)