



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 17

16 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to thank all students and parents/carers who attended the Year 9 Options Evening last night. We hope you found the evening informative and that it will help you to support your child in making their option choices over the coming weeks. Parents/Carers are encouraged to refer to the options booklet and subject videos on our website [Wath Academy - Year 9 Options](#)

Year 9 students will begin their subject taster sessions next week, giving them the opportunity to experience a range of courses and sample lessons. We look forward to seeing their engagement as they consider their next steps.

On Wednesday 4th February at 5pm, we are hosting an E-Safety Parents' Evening at Wath Academy. This is open to current Wath Academy parents/carers and those of Y5/Y6 primary students.

The presentation will be led by Detective Constable Adrian Love from the Digital Investigations & Intelligence, Specialist Crime Service for South Yorkshire Police, with additional support from With Me in Mind. Please see our website for further details and how to register your attendance.
<https://www.wathacademy.com/latestnews>

We would like to share students' success stories and achievements in the newsletter each week. Please email us at the following address :
achievement@wathacademy.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

Tuesday 20 January
Y13 Online Parent's Evening

W.C 2nd– W.C 23rd February
Y11 & Y13 Trials Exams 2

Thursday 5 February
PCAB

Tuesday 10 February
Y10 Online Parent's Evening

Thursday 12 February
Golden Ticket Reward Event

W.C 16 February
February Half Term

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Weekly Update

Torch Magazine

The latest edition available on the school website [Wath Academy - Torch Magazine](#), and students can contribute by attending the after-school club on Tuesdays at 2:50 pm in G20 or by emailing articles to torch@wathacademy.com.

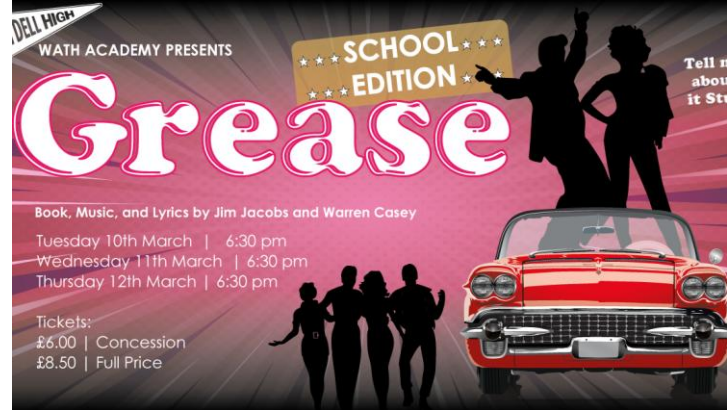
Angleterre – Maroc!

In the MFL department, we're thrilled to launch our new language and culture exchange with our partner school in Morocco! Our fantastic student volunteers have created a PowerPoint to introduce themselves and share life at our school. We can't wait to see what our partner school sends back in reply!

MOVEMENT EVENING

27th, 28th and 29th January

Tickets - £5.00 | MAIN HALL
6:30 PM



Performing Arts

There will be three performances of our annual Movement Evening from Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 January, with limited tickets still available via [Your Box Office](#) and in March, Wath Academy proudly presents the smash hit musical *GREASE!*—book early through Your Box Office to secure your preferred seats. Your Box Office

Y7-Y9 Netball

Our teams enjoyed a fantastic evening of netball under the floodlights against Rawmarsh Community School. Well done to all players and congratulations to our Players of the Match. The teams showed great determination, strong defending and excellent communication throughout the evening, reflecting a fantastic display of teamwork, resilience and school spirit.



The Mercians

We were delighted to welcome **The Mercians** to the Academy on Tuesday, where students enjoyed live performances inspired by the early-2000s British indie scene; the band—who have supported **Jess Glynne**, achieved over 2 million streams and a Number 1 Alt Chart hit—also shared powerful messages around mental health, kindness, and respect, creating a truly inspiring and memorable experience for our students.

Grade Booster Sessions

On Wednesday, we held the first of our Grade 9 Booster sessions at Maltby Grammar Hub. This week's sessions focussed on all three disciplines within GCSE Science and how to maximise marks on high demand questions. We're looking forward to seeing the impact of this in the next Y11 trials!