



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 22

27 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to welcome our students back into the Academy, following the February half term break. We hope everyone enjoyed a restful half term and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. We are looking forward to a positive and productive half term ahead.

This week, our Year 11 and Year 13 students completed the final week of their trial examinations. They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the trial period and have approached each exam with maturity, focus and resilience. Over half term, in preparation for their trials and looking further ahead to their summer exam series, many Year 11 and Year 13 students attended intervention sessions in school. Giving up holiday time demonstrates exceptional commitment to achieving their very best outcomes, and we thank both students and staff for their dedication.

During the break, students enjoyed some fantastic enrichment opportunities. A group travelled to Barcelona, where they visited key landmarks and museums, explored the city's rich history and architecture, and immersed themselves in the local culture. Another group of students visited Williams Racing to gain insight into the world of Formula 1 engineering, innovation and teamwork at the highest level.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

3 March
Year 12 Parent's Evening
SEND Coffee Morning

10–12 March
Grease Production

12 March
PCAB Meeting

17 March
Piano Recital

24 March
Y11 Parents Evening

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Weekly Update

World Book Day

As part of our whole school drive of developing a love for reading for all of our students, we are celebrating World Book Day on the 5 March 2026. A digital book token has been sent out all students this week via Classcharts. The tokens can be used to buy a £1 book or get £1 off a full price book. See list of participating retailers on the link <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/participating-retailers-events/>

Y12 Careers Networking

Please complete the form using the link below if you are able to support our Year 12 Careers Networking Event on Thursday 16 April. This is a valuable opportunity for students to gain insight into a range of career pathways and chance to take part in structured networking activities with our Year 12 students. We are very grateful for support from our school community. [Y12 Careers Networking, Thursday 16 April, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm](#)

Year 8 Netball

Our Year 8 girls delivered an outstanding performance on Wednesday at the Rotherham Netball Tournament. They played five games, securing five victories and scoring an impressive 72 goals overall. Players of the Match were Lily-Mae, Sophie, Myla, Charley and Francesca. Congratulations to every member of the team for their hard work, determination and fantastic achievement — you represented the school brilliantly!

Grease

There are still tickets remaining for our upcoming production Grease! Click on the link to book [Grease | Your Box Office](#)

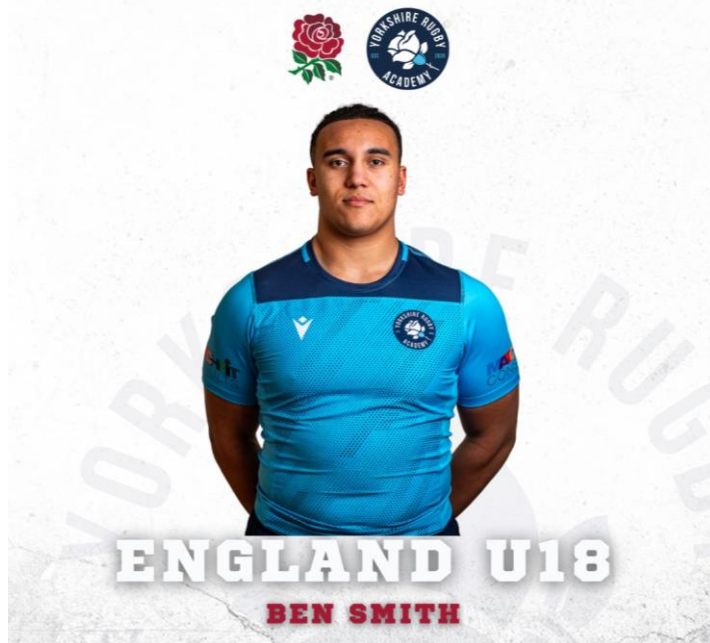


Student Achievement

We're delighted to announce that Ben Smith in Year 13 has been selected for his second England U18s development camp at Bisham Abbey. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Ben's dedication, hard work, and continued progress.

We're incredibly proud to see his commitment being recognised at national level and look forward to following his journey. Congratulations, Ben!

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



Queen Ethelburgas Fixtures

Yesterday was our annual block fixture against **Queen Ethelburga's Private School**, a tradition we have proudly continued for the past four years. This event is always a fantastic opportunity for our students to compete in top-class facilities and gain invaluable experience on and off the field.

The results from yesterday afternoon's fixture were impressive:

Year 7: Won 11–0

Year 8: Won 3–2

Year 9: Lost 1–3

Year 10: Won 4–1

1st Team Scholars: Won 4–1

2nd Team Scholars: Lost 1–4

A special mention to Ollie Sigsworth and Archie O'Donnell, who both scored a hat-trick! Congratulations to all our students for their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. Another successful fixture added to our annual tradition!



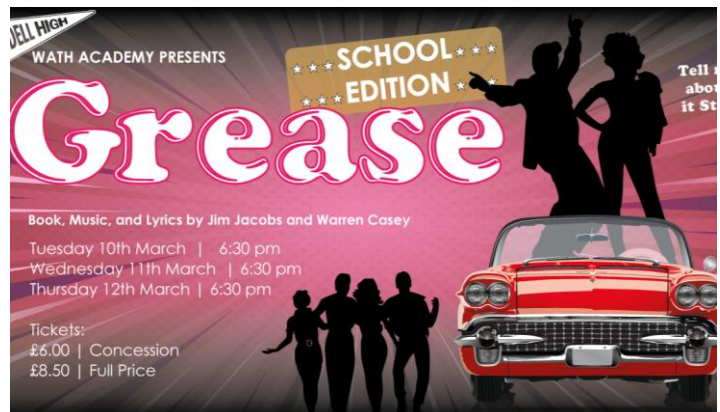
Rotherham Chamber of Commerce

Last week, students visited the Rotherham Chamber of Commerce where they met with local business leaders and had the opportunity to meet the Lord Mayor of Rotherham. The visit provided valuable insight into business, enterprise and civic leadership within our local community.

GCSE Final Countdown

As the GCSE exams are quickly approaching, we would like to invite you to the GCSE Final Countdown Event which will be held on Tuesday 14 April at 6:00 pm. Please see letter on our website for further details

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Tin Trail – House Competition

Following the success of last academic year's Tin Trail Competition, we are excited to announce that we will be running this competition again this year. We were incredibly proud of the generosity shown by our school community, and we are hopeful that this year will be even better. See letter for details

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Year 11 Prom

This year's Y11 Prom will take place at Wentworth Woodhouse on Friday 26 June.

A letter has been sent out to parents/carers via Classcharts regarding payment for the event. This can also be viewed on our website [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS](#)