



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 27

17 April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back this week, and we have been very encouraged by their positive attitude, strong engagement in lessons, and continued commitment to their learning.

For students in Years 11 and 13, the coming weeks mark the beginning of their formal examinations. Their dedication to attending revision sessions over the holiday has been commendable, and we wish them every success as they approach this important period.

Across the rest of the Academy, the term ahead promises to be a busy and exciting one, with a range of events including the Academy Awards, Sports Day, the Sponsored Walk, and Work Experience, amongst many others.

In this newsletter, you will also find photographs from the trips that took place over the Easter break. We are proud to share that students represented themselves, the Academy, and the wider community exceptionally well throughout, and were a real credit to you all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

Wk.com 20 April
Y8 & 9 Vaccinations

Friday 24 April
Y9 Careers Discovery Day

Thursday 14 May
PCAB

Wk.com 18 May
Y10 Work Experience

Tuesday 19 May
Golden Ticket Rewards

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Weekly Update

Malta Netball Tour

Our first ever Netball trip to Malta, provided an incredible experience for our Wath Academy Netball Scholars. The students secured a series of impressive wins across their fixtures. A standout moment came from our Sixth Form Scholars, who faced the Malta National Team, scoring 8 goals and achieving a centre turnover in the opening third, reflecting the high standard of play on display.

Students also enjoyed a packed day in Valletta, including sightseeing, bowling, a visit to the aquarium, and chocolate decorating, making for a lively and memorable experience combining sport, culture, and activities.



Malaga Football Tour

Our Football Scholars had an amazing trip to Malaga City FC, combining high-quality football development with a range of memorable experiences off the pitch. During the visit, students took part in professional training sessions and a Sports Science workshop, gaining valuable insight into elite performance, nutrition and recovery, alongside access to gym and physiotherapy facilities. The group also played competitive fixtures against strong Spanish opposition, which provided a real challenge and a valuable test of their abilities.

Off the pitch, the scholars enjoyed a stadium tour of Los Cármenes, kayaking in La Herradura, beach time, and a variety of team-building activities, all of which contributed to strengthening team cohesion. After a busy schedule, they also had time to rest and recover, making it a well-rounded trip full of football, learning, and team experiences.



Portugal Youth Rugby Festival

Our Rugby Scholars represented the Academy at the Portugal Youth Rugby Festival for the second year running, showing great resilience, teamwork, and determination throughout the trip. They finished 10th in a competitive tournament won by the Portuguese National Team. We are very proud of their efforts and look forward to returning next year.

Ski Trip

Students and staff travelled by coach to Sestriere, Italy for an amazing week in the snowy mountains. Although the schedule was intense, students demonstrated a strong growth mindset, and we are incredibly proud of their courage, determination, and progress. Alongside developing their skiing skills and techniques, everyone took part in a range of après-ski activities including winter games and a pizza night. It was a fantastic experience with memories to last a lifetime and many smiling faces throughout.