



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 28

24 April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and positive week at the Academy, with students taking part in a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

As part of our continued focus on democracy and student voice, we were delighted to welcome Rukhsana Ismail to the Academy this week. The Mayor of Rotherham spent time meeting students and delivered an inspiring assembly to Year 7, speaking about her role within the community and the importance of leadership and public service. It was fantastic to see how engaged our students were throughout the visit and hear the thoughtful questions they asked. This linked closely with our recent Mock Elections activities, which gave the students opportunity to experience the democratic process firsthand.

Finally, we are excited to launch our new Enrichment block next week, with a wide range of opportunities for both students and families, including our new Adult Cooking Lessons programme. We are always looking for ways to further strengthen our Enrichment offer and provide opportunities that bring our wider community together beyond the classroom.

Thank you, as always for your support.

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

Thursday 14 May
PCAB

Wk.com 18 May
Y10 Work Experience

Tuesday 19 May
Golden Ticket Rewards

Wk.com 1st & 8th June
Y12 Work Experience

Tuesday 23 June
Year 8 Parents Evening

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Weekly Update

The Riot Act Assembly

Yesterday, students in Year 7 took part in a Road Safety Theatre Presentation, which delivered important messages around personal safety and responsible decision making in an engaging and memorable way. Sessions like these are incredibly important and we were really pleased with the maturity our students showed throughout the performance and follow up discussions.

Mental Health Support

We were also pleased to welcome "Kooth" into the Academy to speak with Year 10 students about mental health and wellbeing support services available to young people. Ensuring student wellbeing is a key priority, and these sessions make sure students know how to access support when needed.



Better Learners Better Workers

Our Year 9 Better Learners Better Workers students took part in a visit to AEsSEAL, where they explored the workplace, enjoyed a guided tour and spoke to apprentices about their roles and career pathways. A great opportunity to see learning brought to life and to understand the wide range of opportunities available in engineering and manufacturing. Thank you to the AEsSEAL team for inspiring our students!

Duke of Edinburgh

Our students arrived yesterday for their D of E Silver Practice weekend. Camp was set up in record time, and their first walk took place this morning. We wish them the best of luck as they take on this exciting challenge!




Year 9 Careers Discovery Day

Today, our Year 9 students took part in a Careers Discovery Day, which provided students with valuable opportunities to explore future pathways and careers, helping them to think carefully about their aspirations for the future. It was great to see students engaging so positively with employers and asking thoughtful questions about career routes and opportunities available to them. A huge thank you for all our visitors for taking the time to share their experiences and advice.

Academy Awards 2026

We are pleased to offer local businesses the opportunity to support this year's Academy Awards by sponsoring a page in the event programme or a prestigious award. If you wish to support this event, please email academyawards@wathacademy.com