



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 32

22 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach half term, I would like to take a moment to recognise the incredible efforts of our Year 11 and Year 13 students during this exam season. They have continued to work exceptionally hard, showing real resilience, determination and maturity throughout. We are genuinely so proud of the commitment they are demonstrating and hope they all enjoy a well-earned rest over the break before returning refreshed and prepared for the final stretch of examinations.

This week has seen our Year 10 students taking part in work experience placements, and we have been delighted to hear so many positive success stories. These opportunities play an important role in broadening students' horizons, raising aspirations, and helping them develop a deeper understanding of the workplace. We would like to thank all employers and staff who have supported our students throughout the week.

We would also like to wish our Year 12 students the very best of luck as they begin their two-week placements on 1st June. This experience will provide valuable opportunities to explore future career pathways, build employability skills, and gain greater confidence as they prepare for decisions about their post-18 futures.

As always, thank you to parents, carers, staff and the wider community for your continued support of the Academy.

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

Wk.com 1 & 8 June
Y12 Work Experience

Wk.com 22 & 29 June
Y10 Trial Exams

Tuesday 23 June
Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 25 June
Academy Awards

Friday 26 June
Year 11 Prom

Friday 9 July
Sports Day

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

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Weekly Update

Academy Award Winners

This week we have sent letters out to students who have been nominated for an award at this year's Academy Awards. Please make sure you complete the MS Form to accept/decline your child's attendance at the event, which takes place on Thursday 25 June. Please also note, for performers, a full rehearsal will be held on Wednesday 3 June 3-5pm in the Top Gym.

Art and Design Exhibition

The Art and Design Department is extremely proud to present the end of year exhibition that takes place at the Academy on Monday 6 July. The artwork will be displayed from GCSE Art groups, A Level Fine Art as well as work from 3D Design, Graphics and Photography. The quality of work our students have produced is fantastic and we would like to take this opportunity to share it with their families and the wider community,

Inter Schools Athletics

This week, our Y7–Y9 students competed in the inter school athletics competition. A huge congratulations to our Y9 team, who were winners of their year group, while both Y7 and Y8 finished in an impressive second place. Overall, Wath finished runners-up to Wickersley. Although not quite the outcome we hoped for, it was a fantastic day filled with outstanding performances, determination and teamwork — we are super proud of you all!

Bronze Expedition

Last weekend, students completed their Bronze Expedition as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. They showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm, supporting each other along the way. A brilliant effort from everyone involved!



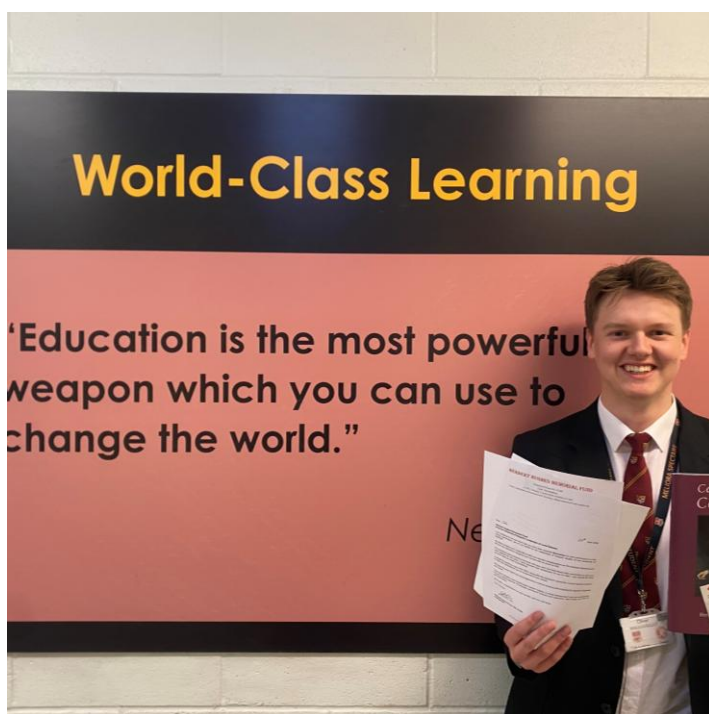
Student Achievement

Huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 13 A-Level Spanish student, Ollie, on securing an incredible 3rd prize in the prestigious Herbert Hughes Memorial essay competition!

Organised by the University of Sheffield, this highly competitive competition attracts top linguists from across the county, making Ollie's achievement an exceptional testament to his academic dedication, analytical depth, and advanced language skills.

We are immensely proud of Ollie for representing our school community at such a high level, and this brilliant accolade is a well-deserved recognition of his hard work as he approaches the end of his A-Level journey.

¡Enhorabuena, Ollie!



Golden Ticket Rewards

Our Golden Ticket Rewards programme continues to be a huge success! This half term, students used their achievement points to purchase Golden Tickets for activities including ski and snowboarding lessons at Xscape, paddleboarding on Manvers Lake, a trip to the driving range at Waterfront Golf, and a movie night. It has been fantastic to see students enjoying new experiences, building friendships, and making the most of their well-earned rewards!

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Prom is being held at Wentworth Woodhouse on Friday 26 June 2026. Please see our website for further details. [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS](https://www.wathacademy.com/whole-school-letters) Please note, the deadline for payment via ParentPay is now **Monday 01 June**.

Torch Magazine

The latest edition of our school magazine is out now! Well done to all students and staff who have contributed to this edition. <https://www.wathacademy.com/torch>