



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 38

10 July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another exceptional academic year, I have been reflecting on just how much our students have achieved over recent weeks. It has been another incredibly busy and rewarding period at Wath Academy, filled with opportunities, achievements and experiences that demonstrate the very best of our academy.

One of the highlights of the term was the official opening of our Confucius Classroom. We were honoured to receive this prestigious designation, making Wath Academy one of only two schools in Yorkshire to achieve Confucius Classroom status. The standout moment was watching several of our students confidently read and speak fluently in Mandarin in front of a large audience—an incredible achievement and a testament to their hard work. This recognition reflects our commitment to preparing students for an increasingly global world through opportunities to learn Mandarin and experience Chinese language and culture.

Our students have also represented the Academy superbly beyond the classroom. From our Better Learners, Better Workers students gaining valuable workplace experiences, to Year 7's visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and students enjoying Wimbledon-themed enrichment activities, these experiences continue to broaden horizons and bring learning to life.

Our Year 11 Prom at Wentworth Woodhouse provided a fitting celebration of five years of hard work, friendship and achievement, while Sports Day and Sponsored Walk once again showcased the enthusiasm, resilience and exemplary conduct of our students, who were a real credit to themselves and the Academy.

Although the end of term is fast approaching, there is certainly no slowing down. We are looking forward to an exciting Careers and Enterprise Week, with a wide range of employer encounters and activities designed to inspire our students and broaden their aspirations for the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year.
Yours faithfully

Mr Hopkin

Key Dates:

Monday 13 July
Summerfest Y9/10

Wednesday 15 July
Whole School Careers Day

Thursday 16 July
Last day of Term
House Awards Presentation

Friday 17 July
Inset Day

Click here for our term dates
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Weekly Update

Torch Magazine

We are delighted to share the final edition of *Torch* for this academic year. Produced by our talented students under the guidance of Mr Bishop, it captures just a snapshot of the many achievements, opportunities and memorable experiences that have made this another outstanding term at Wath Academy. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another excellent edition. Please click the link to read of latest edition [Wath Academy - Torch Magazine](#)

Sponsored Walk Sponsor Money

Sponsorship payments can be made via the MCAS app over the summer break, giving everyone plenty of time to collect sponsorship money from family and friends.

We kindly ask that all sponsorship payments are submitted by Friday 28 August.



Year 11 Prom

This year's Y11 Prom, held again at the historic Wentworth Woodhouse, saw theatrical entrances, amazing outfits and lots of positive memories to last a lifetime. Dressing to impress was an understatement!

Students made their way up the Grand Entrance staircase before enjoying food in the Marble Saloon. The highly anticipated Academy Awards were a highlight of the night; from the Prom King and Queen, the Best Dressed, Most Improved, Most Inspiring and the Biggest Joker of the year! It was amazing to see our students supporting each other. What a fantastic year group and what an amazing night to celebrate the end of a fantastic five years with our Y11 students.



Year 13 Summer Ball

Our Sixth Form students enjoyed a wonderful evening at Tipton Hall, sharing a meal and celebrating the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next. As they prepare for university, apprenticeships and other exciting pathways, we wish them every success for the future.

Results Days

A Level Results Day – 13 August

GCSE Results Day – 20 August

Please see our website for further information about collecting results.

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National Cheerleading Success

Congratulations to the 41 students from Years 7–13 who represented the Academy at the UKCA National Cheerleading Competition in Manchester. They achieved **6th place** in KS3 Pom Cheer, **2nd place** in KS5 Stunt Cheer and **1st place** in KS5 Urban Cheer, becoming **National Champions**. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and outstanding achievements.

Wimbledon Trip

Students spent two days this week on our annual Wimbledon trip. A full day on No.2 Court and a morning spent exploring London. The second day was spent at Chessington World of Adventures. What a great opportunity to make memories with friends.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

A huge well done to all of our students who are taking part in their assessed Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition. They have shown amazing resilience, determination and teamwork throughout this challenge, tackling every obstacle with a positive attitude and supporting one another along the way. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and wish them the very best as they complete this fantastic achievement.

Cricket Season

Mr Thompson would like to congratulate all students who represented the Academy during another fantastic cricket season. Their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work have been outstanding. We are especially proud to have three students representing Yorkshire CCC, and it has been fantastic to see so many players make their competitive debut and go on to join local cricket clubs. Well done to you all!