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Welcome to Wath Academy!

Our names are Lillie and Lucianne, and we are currently Head Students here at Wath Academy. Our roles as Head Students are to work collaboratively with pupils and staff to ensure support is available to all students, to implement our key drivers into everyday school life to enable all young people to lead successful and fulfilling lives, and to ensure that all students feel comfortable and welcome in our school community.

Wath Academy is an incredible place to continue your education as all students gain an array of positive school memories and develop exceptional character. Here at Wath Academy, we value individuality and diversity where the best is seen in every single student. All students are encouraged to develop the mindset that **Everyone is Valued** as it is essential that all pupils feel comfortable and safe in the academy.

Another key driver is **World Class Learning**, we receive high quality, informative lessons every day in which teachers place a great emphasis on giving individual feedback. Students are expected to demonstrate a **Growth Mindset** in their lessons to make sure they maximise their potential.

We have the **Highest Expectations** as we believe everyone can be successful if we remain resilient and determined to **Never Give Up** when we may find a task difficult. As a school, we have a **No Excuses** culture because we create solutions and make positive thinking a habit by believing everyone can succeed. By following our key drivers every single day, we are able to display **Integrity** by being trustworthy and honest, and by delivering on promises in order to walk the talk.

Working with a variety of different teachers and staff over the years, we both truly believe the quality of teaching and learning and our facilities are the best in the area. We have three sports halls, a tennis court, fitness suite, climbing wall as well as a 3G sports pitch. Additionally, our science labs are prepped for experiments to aid our learning and to give us an opportunity to explore the practical aspect of this subject. Our drama and dance studios are fully equipped with performance lighting to give students an insight into performing at a professional level. As students, we believe these facilities create an appetite for acquiring further knowledge and skills which we will take onto our further education in the future. As Sixth Form students, we are also privileged to have our own Sixth Form Study Area including a water fountain, a coffee machine and a private study area. In addition to this, we have easy access to any resources we may need in order to use our study periods purposefully. This includes access to laptops, textbooks, revision guides and stationary.

Every student and staff member is part of a House. Through annual sports days and weekly house competitions, we encourage friendly competition between all students to display our nature of determination and resilience to stay at the top of the leader board each week. It ensures all students have the opportunity to be a part of the team and to be a valuable asset to our house system through the many competitions available to take part in! Our sense of community as a school thrives each week as the staff and students work together to gain the most points. Our house system dates back to our humble beginnings and it did much in those early years to encourage students to compete. We have six houses, named after classical civilisations: Athens, Carthage, Rome, Sparta, Thebes, and Troy. The aim is to build teamwork, confidence, and community through competition. Wath Academy encourages every student to develop the character, grit, and determination to enable them to experience what it feels like to be part of a successful team as well as getting first-hand experiences of camaraderie and team spirit.

I (Lillie) have been a student at Wath Academy since Year 7 whereas I (Lucianne) joined the school from Netherwood in Year 12. Despite coming with two very different levels of experience of Wath Academy, we were both very nervous to start our Sixth Form journey. However, after the first day I (Lucianne) started to know my way around the school and started to make friends as everyone was so kind and welcoming. Similarly, I (Lillie) had already made new friends from other schools. The teachers provided us with support and the feeling of community from day one and ensured us that if we needed help,

there was always someone there to ask. When you start here at Wath Academy, you will also begin to make new friendships which will last a lifetime, these friendships may be with people in your classes or from an extra-curricular activity where you share a common interest with other students. As soon as we started in Y12 we both quickly realised that there was nothing to worry about and that everyone was in the same situation, so we began to feel less nervous and more excited about the future that was ahead of us at Wath Academy Sixth Form.

As students at Wath Academy, we believe that we can be one of the best academies in the country and therefore we would highly recommend you joining our community. Although you may feel anxious about your transition to secondary school we truly believe that you will thoroughly enjoy your time here at Wath Academy and make memories to last lifetime. We hope to see you at our open evening or on your Golden Ticket Tour.

Yours sincerely



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