



Wath Academy Newsletter

Issue 10

Principal's Update



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Dear Students / Parents / Carers,

Success Stories

This year we would like to celebrate the successes of our students. We have therefore created an email address:

achievement@wathacademy.com for parents/carers to send in information about their child's success.

A few months ago, we informed you that James was working hard in the cadets for a promotion to Lance Corporal. He only needed to complete his weapons training. I'm now pleased to inform you that James has now been promoted to Royal Marine Cadet Lance Corporal Sandham-Mulholland.



Piano Recital

This week we hosted the Wath Academy Piano recital. Multiple students played in front of an intimate crowd on a fantastic evening which showcased their amazing talents. We also welcomed back an ex-student, Charlie Ludlam who is now a professional pianist. Charlie was one of the students who raised money to refurbish our Steinway piano 16 years ago so it was great to see him back playing the same piano.

All proceeds from the Piano Recital went to the British Red Cross who we have been raising money for recently.



Ukraine Appeal

Just to update you we have have so far raised over **£2,900** in total which is amazing. Thank you so much! There is still time to donate using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wathacademy>

Year 5 Visits

This week we welcomed approximately 180 primary students to engage with Science Week at the academy. It was amazing to see so many primary school students having a great time at the academy with our Science Team. We are looking forward to hosting an Olympic event in half term 6.

Curriculum Feedback

We are continuously looking to develop and improve our educational offer. As we start to look at next year and beyond, we would like to get some feedback on how we can enhance and further develop the quality of our curriculum and further meet the needs of our students in today's world. Collating information from the questions below will enable us to start this process. Please use the link below to access the Microsoft form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nTrAVJZGJk6Qra3krBJfxymG37DfZQxMj7aDVhgLhThUOTU2UEM0TzNlSkTBNIIdBQkFDWjFFWEY1My4u>

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal



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Department Information

Performing Arts Department

DRAMA

The Y12 Drama Scholars/Enrichment are currently working on extracts from a Midsummer Night's Dream. We are exploring the use of Shakespeare's language and Stage combat.

This week the Drama department will be completing the GCSE Component 2 scripted exams. Students are working on extracts from professional published plays such as Two by Jim Cartwright and Mother figure by Alan Ayckborn. Students will be marked on their application of performing skills to realise artistic intentions, interpretation, and engagement to realise artistic intentions, contribution to the performance as a whole to realise artistic intentions. Historically our students have always performed very well in this component.

Additionally, the RSL students will also be completing their Live Performance exam this week. They have been given a theme set by the exam board and have devised a piece of theatre based around this theme using the techniques of a famous non-naturalistic theatre practitioner, Bertolt Brecht. Bertolt Brecht aimed to educate the audience on the meaning of performances rather than simply entertaining them with a piece of theatre. The students will demonstrate their performance skills and their ability to work collaboratively in a group whilst educating the audience on a current socio-political issue. We wish all students the best of luck for their performances.

MUSIC

This Wednesday we held the Piano Recital evening, the students were fantastic and a wonderful evening was had by all! Donations made on the evening will be going to the Red Cross to support the Ukraine crisis. The evening raised £138.00!



In other news our Y11 RSL students are working hard to complete their final exam having performed last week.

DANCE

There are so many exciting things happening in dance this year, a lot of these in relation to our recent partnership with CAST Academy. This year we have teamed up with a performing arts school who work with our KS5 Dance Scholars and students involved in Dance Enrichment. Most lessons are now held in their amazing dance studios fully equipped with mirrors, ballet bars, arial hoops and sprung mats to develop tricks and skills beyond our current curriculum.



With the amazing work from Cast Academy and the staff and students at Wath Academy, we have been able to create some exciting opportunities for our students, from some outstanding pieces performed at movement evening to the Rotherham Schools Dance Competition on the Thursday 31 March 2022!

This week CAST Academy has been a vital part of the audition process in the search for our new 'Elite Dance Squad'. The squad will play a great part in our new and exciting upcoming event, The Academy Awards 2022 and also get to work with CAST to create their performance. We had over 60 students audition for the squad and successful applicants will be revealed soon! This is just the start of something great and we are excited to welcome the future generation of dancers and see what amazing skills they develop over their years studying dance at Wath Academy.



Upcoming Parents' Evening

Year 7 – Tuesday 22 March 2022

Year 12 – Tuesday 26 April 2022

Year 9 – Tuesday 3 May 2022

Year 10 – Tuesday 21 June 2022



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Wath Academy House Competitions

Last week's WINNERS!

Friday 11 March 2022 – Spot The Ball Challenge

KS3/KS4 = Rome/Sparta/Thebes

Sixth Form = Sparta

Online Challenge = Athens



Upcoming Challenges include:

Friday 25 March – What time is it Mr Wolf Challenge

Box Challenges - Spring Picture Challenge

This term each Head of House will be giving you an in site in to what their House is all about.

This week we have spoken to Mrs Cunningham, Head of Athens.



Athens

ASPIRATION | COMPETITIVENESS | LOYALTY | RESPONSIBILITY | WISDOM

Building teamwork, confidence and community through competition.

Leading on from the success of the past two years Athens continues to be a strong contender for the participation trophy again this year, and what a year it has been so far. Athens has been top of the league since September.

One of Athens core values is competitiveness, and this has been evidenced by 80 % attendance at events and students being engaged in all activities. The main event has been the online quiz where Athens have been successful, often gaining the most points for the most correct answers. The students also take the time to enter the box task and we have gained some success with this.



I am so proud of the way Athens students strive for 100% engagement. It is not all about winning every event, it is about consistency, integrity, upholding the school key drivers and gaining life long memories through participation.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Athens House Captain, B. Atkins Y12 and our Vice Captain, N. Kleba Y9.



Our Vice-Captain, is always present at our Friday events, encouraging others to take part. N. Kleba is also our top attending student, taking part in more than 35 events! Well done.

We must not forget our wonderful Athens staff who repeatedly win the weekly staff quiz and who won the staff House day event back in December. Which helped contribute to over 12,000 points!!

During the festive period we ran a stall at the Christmas fair. This was staffed by our captains and tutor representatives, they did a wonderful job of helping to raise over £100 for our chosen charity, BARC (Barnsley Animal Rescue Centre) which was chosen by our students. One student, I. Hawke, along with his friends raised an extra £120 which was divided up between the house chosen charities.



I would also like to congratulate B. Robinson, the champion of the One Minute Challenge! Well done!



What a fantastic year so far – Keep getting involved Athens!



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Careers

Our Year 9 students will be visiting Get up to Speed at Magna next week.



Get up to Speed with STEM is a chance to see some of the UK's most exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) inventions, and meet the people who design, build and operate them. Speak to a host of businesses, inventors, apprentices and education providers on the future of these industries.

REMINDER – Year 9 students **MUST** hand their permission slip in to be able to attend this visit.

L Band – Wednesday Morning

T Band – Wednesday Afternoon.

Sixth Form

Sixth Form students attended a Social Science Careers Day at Maltby Academy. Students had the opportunity to engage in discussions with a variety of professionals from nurses to solicitors and clinical psychologists.

Y13 students will be sitting their trials over the next 3 weeks. We wish them the best of luck!

Y11 Updates

Prom

We are excited to announce the date and venue for this year's Year 11 Prom.



The Prom will begin at 7.00 pm and end at 11.00 pm. The total cost will be £25.00, which includes a buffet and disco. Students attending will be required to wear formal dress to create a proper sense of occasion.

For more information please go the Letters section on the academy website.

Y11 Easter Interventions

Please see below our Ester Interventions timetable. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Weatherall or Mr Lines.

Subject	Time
Monday 11 April 2022	
English Language	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Dance BTEC	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Dance GCSE	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
English Literature	12.30 am – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 12 April 2022	
PE GCSE	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Spanish	12.30 – 3.30 pm
Wednesday 13 April 2022	
Art	9.00 am – 3.30 pm
3D Design	9.00 am – 3.30 pm
Graphics	9.00 am – 3.30 pm
Business Studies	9.00 am – 3.30 pm
Thursday 14 April 2022	
IT Creative Media	12.30 pm – 3.30 pm
OCR FSMQ Maths	12.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Subject	Time
Tuesday 19 April 2022	
Maths (Foundation Tier)	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Sociology	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Maths (Higher Tier)	12.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Wednesday 20 April 2022	
Science (T Band)	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Business Vocational	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Science (L Band)	12.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Computer Science	12.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Thursday 21 April 2022	
Geography	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Psychology	12.30 pm – 3.30 pm
Friday 22 April 2022	
History	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
French	12.30 – 3.30 pm

PE Fixtures

Week commencing Monday 21 March 22

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Trampoline (all years, boys and girls) Fitness Suite (all years, boys and girls) Y7 Rugby Y8 Football <u>semi final</u> v Maltby Home Table Tennis (all years, boys and girls) Sixth Form Netball V Wickersley (H) Y7 and Y10 Rugby V Kings Pontefract (A)	Y10 Football Girls Football	Y7 Netball Tournament (Swinton) Netball Training (8-10) Y7 Football Climbing (all years, boys and girls) Football vs Brinsworth- Y7,9 +11 (H) Y8 + Y10 (A) Y8 Rugby
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Y9 Football	Badminton (all years, boys and girls) Y9 and Y10 Rugby	

Football Scholarship

Upcoming Fixtures

Wednesday 23 March

Girls – 1 2 1 – Semi Final (A)

Boys 3rd XI – Football Industry (H)



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Social Media Highlights

PE SUCCESS

We travelled to [@qe_college](#) with our football and netball teams last week! It was an amazing opportunity to play at such fantastic facilities and against high quality players. Our Y7 netballers and Sixth Form footballers managed to bag victories! We were so proud of all our students, their behaviour on and off the pitch was world class!



DEPARTMENT SHOUT OUTS

TUTOR

12JHO - Amelia N always contributes to in depth discussions. Lydia A recently delivered a fantastic speech. Well done both of you!

13SCA – Well Done for some brilliant speeches this week in Votes for Schools. Mrs Casey and Miss Hayes were very impressed by the quality of your speeches

DANCE

Y10 BTEC Dance – Chelsea P for demonstrating the key driver 'integrity'. Chelsea's independence as a whole is phenomenal. In dance we are really proud of her energy and effort each and every lesson.

Y10 GCSE Dance – Ruby B for demonstrating the key driver 'World Class Learning'. The first GCSE dance paper Ruby has ever sat and she achieved a grade 9. Well done Ruby, we are really proud of you.

Massive shout out to all the Y11 BTEC and GCSE Dancers for coming in over half term and working so hard on your work. You are fantastic, keep it up! The hard work will pay off.

Mathematics

Well done!

Miss Goulty says well done to **Anya W.** in 8L4 for showing World Class Learning every lesson. Anya puts 100% effort into each task and keeps her notes neat and immaculate.

English

Miss Majer says well done to...

11T6- You are fantastic! **Lauren C, Faith F and Ryan S** for 'never giving up'.

Charley M, Harvey H and Evie D for having a 'growth mindset' every day. Miss Majer is in awe of your effort.

7L2- **Lily B** confidently reading the Tempest. **Eadie S** for always displaying 'World class learning'.

English Language

Sab A and Aimee E for fantastic notes on the stages of language acquisition- *Miss Majer*.

Isabelle S and Alex R for fantastic Question 3 practise of exam skills- *Miss Sprack*.

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