



# Wath Academy

## NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 12

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



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](mailto:achievement@wathacademy.com) for parents/carers to send in information about their child's success.

Mollie Fisher in Sixth Form and Holly McMaster in Year 10 have recently achieved qualifying times to compete in the British Swimming Championships at Ponds Forge next week. This is a huge achievement and is a result of the tremendous amount of hard work the girls put in every week. We wish them both the best of luck.

#### Rotherham Schools Dance Competition

Last night we entered the Rotherham Schools Dance Competition. The Key Stage 3 team came 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Key Stage 4 team also came second and the Key Stage 5 team came 1<sup>st</sup>. These are all fantastic achievements given the level of competition they faced. Not only did they do us proud with their performance but their conduct at the event was impeccable. Well done to all the students involved!

#### Student Bravery

This week there was an unfortunate incident in which a woman fell and badly injured herself. This was witnessed by one of our Y9 students, Emily. Without hesitation Emily went to help the woman by applying pressure on the wound and calling for an ambulance. The woman began to lose consciousness but Emily stayed with her until the ambulance arrived a while later. This amazing act of compassion has left us all very proud of Emily. She acted with maturity beyond her years and certainly helped a member of the public in her time of need. We are really proud of Emily, she has therefore been presented with a letter of commendation from myself.

#### Parent Community Advisory Board (PCAB)

Last night we hosted our latest PCAB meeting. At each meeting leaders within the academy present to parents on a particular school strand. Following each presentation, leaders join parents at the table to discuss the content of the presentation and answer any questions. Last night's presentations included E-safety, Careers at Wath Academy and the Y9 Options Process. After each meeting we produce a booklet which covers all the questions asked and then our answers. We have also added an 'actions' section to show members of PCAB how their feedback is then put into action.

You can see more information, including the booklets via this link, [Wath Academy - Parent & Community Advisory Board](#)

#### Academy Awards

A reminder that Wath Academy is hosting our first ever Academy Awards on Wednesday July 6, 2022. We have secured the historic Sheffield City Hall as the venue for the event.

On the evening we will be rewarding a number of students with a range of awards as well as watching the Academy's best musicians, dancers and actors. We are also looking to secure a celebrity guest as well as a keynote speaker to add to the grandeur of the event.

We will be giving out over 2000 free tickets to students, parents/carers and the community for what promises to be an exceptional night.

There are opportunities for local businesses to sponsor a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. In addition to advertising the business, we would also provide each sponsor with two VIP tickets which include reserved seating, canapés and drinks on arrival.

All money raised through sponsorship will be put directly in to making the event even more special. If you would like to sponsor the event in any way, please get in touch with us at [academyawards@wathacademy.com](mailto:academyawards@wathacademy.com).

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome, **Principal**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### PARENTS' EVENING

**Year 12**  
Tuesday 26 April 2022

**Year 9**  
Tuesday 3 May 2022

**Year 10**  
Tuesday 21 June 2022

#### EASTER INTERVENTIONS

**Year 11**  
11 April – 22 April 2022

#### 2021/22 TERM DATES:

**EASTER**  
11 April - 25 April 2022

**SUMMER HALF TERM**  
30 May- 6 June 2022

**SUMMER HOLIDAY**  
21 July – 1 September  
2022

## DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – RSS

Across the RSS faculty, students in Y12 and Y13 attended a Social Sciences Careers Morning at Maltby Academy. This gave students the opportunity to meet with industry experts including Nurses, police officers, clinical psychologists and social workers. It was a fantastic experience, with students learning about the varying routes into the professions, as well as career progression opportunities.

## CRIMINOLOGY

Both Year 12 and Year 13 students have successfully completed an 8 hour controlled assessment in recent weeks. Students in both years are now consolidating their knowledge on 'theories of crime' and 'crime and punishment' in preparation for their exams during the summer term.

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Students in CORE Religious Studies have continued to increase their knowledge and understanding of different world views whilst being encouraged to respond to significant questions about meaning. This has included:

Y7- Students created shrines to represent themselves while also demonstrating fully engaged oracy skills through wonderful presentations to the class.

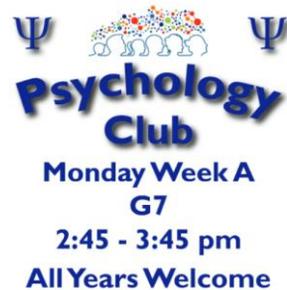
Y8 - Applied their knowledge and understanding on Christian Holy Week to create stain glass windows demonstrating great spirituality through the arts.

Y9- Outstanding evaluative work using specific evidence from opposing views on ghosts, spiritualism, Near Death Experiences and religious teachings to analyse to what extent death means end.

Y10 - Outstanding evaluative work using opposing supportive evidence to analyse the medical ethic of abortion, genetic engineering and euthanasia showing great insight into controversial issues.

## PSYCHOLOGY

Students of all year groups have been enjoying Psychology club this year. They particularly liked devising and conducting their own memory experiment using staff as the participants. Some of the other topics students have enjoyed are visual illusions, brain plasticity, eyewitness testimony, social influence and making brain hats. Next, we are going to look at defining 'abnormality' and learn about a range of different mental health problems. All students are welcome to join Psychology Club at any time. It is held on Mondays week A, 2:45-3:45pm in G7.



## SOCIOLOGY

**Y10** - Students in Y10 have recently completed their unit of work on the Family exploring exciting topics such as 'why has divorced increased' and 'why is marriage in decline'. Students have successfully consolidated their knowledge in a mini assessment which was most impressive!

**Y11** - Students have been working extremely hard preparing for their final exams and trials in recent weeks. The department would like to congratulate Y11 on their commitment and dedication to this final set of trials.

**Y12** - Students have recently completed their first trial which according to Miss Cooke 'was a pleasure to mark'! Students are now ready to explore the use of research methods in Sociology and may even be given the opportunity to be 'apprentice Sociologists' in future weeks!

**Y13** - Students have been working incredibly hard preparing for their final exams and trials in recent weeks. The Sociology department are so proud of the progress the students have made.



## HOUSE COMPETITION WIINERS

### 25 March 2022 – Hat Frisbee Challenge

KS3 = Athens and Troy

KS4 = Sparta

### Sixth Form – Dinbats Challenge

Thebes

### Online Famous Women Challenge =

Athens



## ROME UPDATE

It has been a mixed year for the Romans so far this year! After a promising year last year, in which Rome was able to take third in the overall standings, my first year as head of house has seen us struggle to live up to these standards, as we have been unable to remove ourselves from the bottom of the overall leader board. However, there have nevertheless been some brilliant moments for our house that have ensured that it has continued to be a fantastic year.

Without a doubt, our biggest success this year has been our continued topping of the table when it comes to the Work Cup, the prize given to the house with the most e-praise points at the end of the year. This is an amazing achievement, as it clearly highlights the dedication that our students have to working hard in and out of the classroom and making sure they do the little things right! I have been really proud of this achievement and hope that we carry this achievement over the line in July.

Key to our successes both in the work cup and the overall leader board, has been the amazing participation of students from across every year group in all of the different tasks. A special shout out needs to go to our Vice Captain, O. Moss, who has not only played a vital role in our leadership of the Work Cup, but has also shown incredible dedication to her role by coming to every house event and helping to coordinate our house's efforts. She has been an absolute credit to our house, showing all of the values that we try to demonstrate!

We have also seen some great efforts to raise money for our chosen charity, Rotherham and Barnsley Mind, with our Christmas fair hoop challenge raising an amazing £70. This will go to a truly fantastic cause and we hope that we will be able to build on this at future fundraising events!

Overall, it has been a great year for Rome so far and hopefully, with some more Friday victories in the future, the year will only get better!

## UPCOMING CHALLENGES

### 1 April 2022 – Friday Challenges

KS3 and KS4 – Easter Egg hunt

Sixth Form – Dingbats Challenge

**Box Challenges** – Design a card challenge



## SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

### MATHS DEPARTMENT

A group of our Y10 and Y12 students headed to the Maths Inspiration Roadshow in Leeds on Tuesday... The students were all fantastic!

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## FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The astro is at the finishing stages of resurfacing and we cannot wait to use it!!



### TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Our Y9 and 10 students were at St Bernard's School last week for the launch of GFG Foundation student programme in Rotherham

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## UPCOMING FIXTURES

PE Fixtures for week commencing Monday 4 April 2022.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Fitness Suite (all years, boys and girls) Y7 Rugby Y8 House Football Table Tennis (all years, boys and girls) KS1 Multisport Event - Sports hall	Y10 Football Girls Football	Y7 Football Training Climbing (all years, boys and girls) Y8 Rugby
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GOLDEN TICKET Y9 Football	Y9 and Y10 Rugby	



## SIXTH FORM

The Y13 Easter Intervention timetable is now complete and has been shared with students and parents. To support students in preparing for their final exams, teachers will be providing sessions across 8 days during the Easter break.

Y12 students will begin to look at career pathways and Higher Education after Easter. Each student will be sent a log in to the online platform Unifrog which contains a plethora of information to support students in exploring the opportunities available to them Post-18.

