



Wath Academy

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 13

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

08 April 2022



Dear Students / Parents / Carers,

As we approach the half term break it gives us another opportunity to reflect on some of the highlights of the past few weeks:

Ukraine Appeal

This half term started with the devastating news that Ukraine would suffer an ongoing invasion attempt by Russia. Thousands of Ukrainians would lose their homes, communities, friends and families. The deeply upsetting images and videos which have been shared have brought the brutal reality to life. Immediately our community wanted to do anything we could to help the situation. We therefore set up a Just Giving page which has raised more than £2,700, this added to cash donations and ticket money collected from the Piano Recital evening means in total the academy raised more than £3,000 for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. Once again our community has demonstrated our 'Everyone is Valued' key driver. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Success Stories

Each week I have written to parents to share the amazing achievements of our students. Below are all the achievements from the half term:

Firstly an update on Greg in Y9 who is a competitive Power Lifter, a few months ago we informed you that he has broken a number of records, he has now gone on to break more British records! Greg completed in the under 60kgs Classic Raw Division, below are his results:

- Squat was 182.5Kgs which was a new British record
- Bench press was 105Kgs, which is a new British record
- Deadlift was 195 Kgs, which is a new British record (this is 3.27 times his body weight).
- The overall total was 482.5Kgs which was a new British record.
- Greg took home 8 British records in total.
- The Squat and Deadlift were the greatest of all time across all federations and the total was as well by a staggering 56.2Kgs.

These are all incredible achievements and we are very proud of him.

Madison in Y9 won 4 medals at her first dance competition since the start of the pandemic. Madison also won gold in her freestyle age 13+ section. Please see the image below of her with her gold medal.

Isla in Y8 auditioned for a place at Yorkshire Elite Associates in Bradford, after a 3 hour audition she successfully gained a place and will attend every other Sunday. Here Isla will receive 1st class training in Ballet, Tap, Jazz & Commercial, alongside her regular dance classes.

We are incredibly proud to announce that Phoebe Gregg in Y11 has been selected for the Great Britain under 16 Ice Hockey team for the season. She was chosen following 5 selection camps which have taken place over the last year. Well done Phoebe, this is a great achievement.

Amelie Henthorn has recently achieved a Distinction in her Grade 4 Musical Theatre exam with an amazing 100%. The examiner commented that she has beautiful lyrical phrasing, excellent pitch and superb diction. This is an incredible achievement, well done Amelie!

A few months ago, we shared 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.

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



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Finally, 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 week we entered the Rotherham Schools Dance Competition. The Key Stage 3 team came 2nd, the Key Stage 4 team also came second and the Key Stage 5 team came 1st. 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!

Rotherham Finals Day

Over the weekend we had a number of teams who played in the Rotherham Football and Netball Finals day held at Wickersley Academy. To get to the finals day they competed in a number of cup games in order to qualify. The following teams went on to win their finals:

- Year 7 Netball
- Year 9 Netball
- Year 8 Boys Football
- Year 10 Boys Football
- First X1 Boys Football

The students conduct and performances were excellent, well done to all involved.

Student Bravery

Recently 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.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal



SIXTH FORM

This week was the final week of Y13 trial exams. Students enjoyed a post trial treat of Dunkin Donuts and warm drinks to congratulate them on their efforts. Also, a big well done to Y13 Drama and Dance students who have completed their practical exams over the last few weeks.

Our revision programme is very much underway with Easter revision sessions, trips to revision conferences and pre exam revision boosters all scheduled over the coming weeks.

After Easter Y12 will begin the next step in their Post-18 options education by exploring the platform Unifrog and considering their university choices.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION – PUBLIC / PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Following a successful sample of student work sent to the exam board, Y13 students on the QCF legacy specification are now completing final assignments on *Leadership & Teamwork* and *Citizenship & Diversity* with Mrs Cunningham and Miss Walker, respectively. The hard work that students put in over the lockdown periods through Y12 has certainly paid off, and with a final last push, predicted grades are strong.

Y12 students are the first through the new specification and the rebranded *Protective Services*. The group are working hard in their preparation for the first exam on Tuesday 17 May 2022 on *Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services*.

Y11 EASTER INTERVENTION

Please see to right our Y11 Intervention which will be taking place throughout the Easter holidays. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Weatherall or Mr Lines.

We cannot wait to see our Y11's taking advantage of these extra sessions!!



Y13 EASTER INTERVENTION

Please see below the timetable which Y13 students have been invited to. If you have any questions please email the Sixth Form team on sixthform@wathacademy.com.

We are looking forward to seeing our Y13 students throughout the coming 2 weeks!



Year 11	
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

	Year 13										
	Mon 11 April		Tues 12 April		Weds 13 April		Thurs 14 April	Tues 19 April	Wed 20 April	Thurs 21 April	Fri 22 April
AM 09:00 - 12:00	Maths	Business					RS	Geography	Criminology	Psychology	
PM 12:30 - 15:30	Economics		Spanish		Art	3D Design		Sociology	English Language	Media Studies	History



HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

1 April 2022 – 60 Disney Films Challenge

KS3 = Athens

KS4 = Thebes

Sixth Form – Anagram's Challenge

Thebes

Online Encanto Challenge = Sparta



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Sparta



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SPARTA UPDATE

I have been so impressed with my Sparta students so far this year. After finishing in 5th place last year we have fought ourselves to 2nd having overtaken Carthage in the last 2 weeks! All that stands in our way now is Athens, which I'm sure we can overtake before the end of year!

We have had some fantastic entries which have helped us along the way to our 2 pole position. In the Elements box task we took 1st and 2nd thanks to Kayleigh R and David O and in the Spring Picture box task we took 3rd and 4th thanks to Sophie R and Lucy-Ann M. We have also had success in the Online quiz with a record number of participants, especially in the Encanto quiz resulting in us taking 1st place, woo hoo!

Back in October we voted for the charity we would support as a House this year; we decided on Cancer Research, which I'm sure all will agree is a very important cause as Cancer touches so many of us in many different ways. There have been some fantastic efforts to raise money with students supporting us at the Christmas fayre with a tombola stall and name the teddy bear. We raised a massive £134! A huge shout out goes to Finn K, who following our Christmas stall, decided to do his own with a couple of friends on his street and raised an extra £40, awesome initiative!

A massive well done to everyone that has contributed to our success so far and a thank you to everyone who is going to help us take first away from Athens.



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ROTHERHAM FINAL'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - FOOTBALL

Wath Academy students enjoyed a great day Rotherham Finals Day. We had 8 teams which made the final with 5 becoming champions. What an achievement!

Y8 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Final score 5-4 to Wath on penalties!

What an incredible morning for the Year 8 football team. After a nervous start Wath improved but it was Wickersley who took the lead after Wath missed a penalty. The second half was tense with Wickersley missing a penalty but then scoring again to make it 2-0. With 10 minutes to go J. Woodward pulled one back with a great strike from 20 yards before M. Sojka equalised with two minutes to go with an amazing finish. The game went to penalties with Wath scoring all 5 to clinch the Y8 Rotherham Schools cup final.

Manager – Mr Oldfield



Y10 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Final score 3-1

Our Year 10's produced a superb come from behind performance to win 3-1. After conceding an early goal, E. Hodkin took control of the match with a stunning hat trick. He was ably supported by several players as the Year 10's completely shut out Rawmarsh and never let them back into the game. This win is a testament to the progress made by this team over the last 12 months through hard work, teamwork and dedication. **Manager – Mr Wood**

Y11 FOOTBALL PLATE CHAMPIONS

Final score 1 - 0

Our Year 11's got the ball rolling winning the Year 11 Plate Competition with a hard fought 1-0 win vs Maltby. K. Yazigan scored the winner in the first half. What followed was a great back to the wall performance to defend heroically for the rest of the match and catch Maltby out on the break, with Wath coming close to doubling their lead on several occasions in the 2nd half. However J. Cooke's side hung on and are worthy Champions.

Manager – Mr Thompson



WATH SCHOLARS 2nd XI FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Final score 7-0

Really strong performance from the lads in the final on Saturday, from the minute the warm up started you could see they wanted to win and they showed it by being clinical and full of energy on the pitch. A dominant display in the first half leading 6-0 at half time, with 4 goals from O. Evans, meant the lads could control the 2nd half and come out as winners in emphatic fashion. Brilliant performance from all the lads, we are very proud of what they have achieved. **Manager – Mr Haberghan**



ROTHERHAM FINAL'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – FOOTBALL & NETBALL

WATH SCHOLARS 1st XI FOOTBALL RUNNERS UP - Final score 0-1

A very close encounter between the two Maltby Learning Trust Scholarship sides. The game was decided by a corner, where our players were unable to deal with the second ball, and conceded at the 20 minute mark. The 1st XI were then able to create a few half chances through the rest of the 1st half and 2nd half but were unable to find a way to score. The two programmes represented the MLT fantastically, and the quality of football on show was outstanding. It was a shame about the result, but the players showed a bravery and quality in their play, alongside a phenomenal effort. **Manager – Mr Flowers**



Y7 NETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Year 7 Netball Team have been unbeaten this season and went into the tournament with their heads held high. We had a great first game against Wales, some excellent shooting from A. Hamshaw and S. Bailey meant that we secured a place in the final against Rawmarsh. The team knew this would be a tough game, after the third quarter the score was 11-8 in our favour. Outstanding defending from C. Chibwana, and all round amazing team performance lead us to victory! A fantastic end to their first season at Wath! - **Manager – Mrs Platt**

Y8 NETBALL SEMI – FINALISTS

The Y8 Netball team came up against tough competition in the semi-finals as they played Wickersley. They showed great perseverance and had fantastic spells of netball with their interception and passing skills. Unfortunately, the team did not progress to the final. However, they did extremely well to progress from the tournament stage to make the final four teams on Finals Day. Onwards and upwards to Y9 Netball. **Manager – Miss Houghton**



Y9 NETBALL CHAMPIONS

The team played AMAZING on Saturday. The Y9's had Wickersley to overcome in the semi final which they went on to win 22-1, with the help of some outstanding shooting by E. Hodkin. We then had Maltby to face in the final, H. Griffiths was not to be outshined by E. Hodkin as she did an outrageous shot from off court that went in! All 10 players were outstanding! Throughout both games the team only let in 2 goals. They showed excellent teamwork, passing, shooting and defending! A real team effort and deserving Champions! **Manager – Miss Sanderson**

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY

Wath Academy is on a journey of continuous self improvement and we recognise that parental feedback will be invaluable as we move forward on our journey to becoming a beacon of excellence. Therefore, if you are able to complete the survey and provide some feedback, it will be very much appreciated. Throughout this week you should have received an email and text message with the questionnaire link on, if you have not received this please email enquiries@wathacademy.com. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Schofield.

SOCIAL MEDIA

FUNDRAISING NEWS!! At Christmas our Music department decided to donate any monies raised from the Christmas Concert to @BluebellWoodCH. As well as this, staff in the academy raised money through staff contributions. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



UPCOMING PE FIXTURES

PE Fixtures for week commencing Monday 25 April 2022.

E –SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TIKTOK is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TIKTOK skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 6 billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Most videos appearing on a child's feed use light-hearted and appropriate humour. There are, however, reports for featuring drug and alcohol use, themes of self-harm, or young users 'crying' a several minutes to 'cry' the 'too-moderate' activity – and since TIKTOK Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

EXPLICIT SONGS
TIKTOK primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music, especially of suggestive lyrics. Given the popularity of these videos, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

TIKTOK FAME
The app has created its own celebrity circuit. Over 10 million and 10 million a day, for example, were participating to fame by appearing on TIKTOK – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TIKTOK famous' by creating content they hope to be the next viral sensation. However, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more extreme lengths to get noticed.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY
Connecting with others is simple on the TIKTOK app. It is, however, crucial to be highly aware of, as well as the privacy nature of the app, as well as the nature of its addictive or 'hook' users – TIKTOK has reported problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
Like all social media, TIKTOK is designed to be addictive, leading to highly addictive as well as the 'hook' nature of the app. The nature of its addictive or 'hook' users – TIKTOK has reported problems with predators contacting young people.

IN-APP SPENDING
There is an in-app option to purchase 'TIKTOK coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that use likes. Prices range from 99p to £29.99. Be aware that TIKTOK is also connected with YouTube, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT
Ask your child to think about what they see on the app, and what they see on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they should give up personal details and avoid videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TIKTOK could help them to become more socially aware.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS
The default settings for all new user accounts is 'private', meaning in that way in the worst case scenario, only those who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'strict' (which lets users apply tags from other people's videos into their own) and 'strict' (which lets you build on another user's content) features are few only available to over 18s. They might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will surely their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING
With the correct privacy settings applied, it is a good idea to report and block any inappropriate content and get them to come to you about any inappropriate content they see. It is also a good idea to report any inappropriate content and get them to come to you about any inappropriate content they see. It is also a good idea to report any inappropriate content and get them to come to you about any inappropriate content they see.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING
Family Pairing lets parents and carers link their own TIKTOK account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's content settings, including limiting screen time, moving their ability to watch live messages (and with what) and limiting their ability to follow other users. TIKTOK's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE
In the app's 'digital wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content, specific content creators or hashtags, for example, limiting, revealing, and more. This can be done through the app's 'digital wellbeing' section, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME
As with other social media apps, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management' you can limit the daily permitted time on the app, but remember that this preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TIKTOK without violating the whole day.

Meet Our Expert
Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about helping digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media space and is the founder of Kids Online, a resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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Wath Academy PE Extra Curricular

APRIL 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
B 25 April	Rounders Training Y7-9 Y7 cricket practice	Fitness Suite – all years	Athletics Training Y7-10 boys and girls	Y8-10 Cricket Training	Rounders Training 7,8 and 10	

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