



Wath Academy

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 23

Dear Students / Parents / Carers,

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.

Academy Awards

This week we held our first ever Academy Awards. It was great to see our students get the opportunity to perform and receive awards on the Sheffield City Hall stage; we are incredibly proud of all of them. I'd like to thank parents/carers and audience members for making the event so special, the evening had a great celebratory atmosphere.

Events such as this serve to provide memories that last a lifetime, I know from speaking to some parents and students this is certainly something they will look back on fondly. We are already beginning to plan next year's event and look forward to making it even bigger and better.

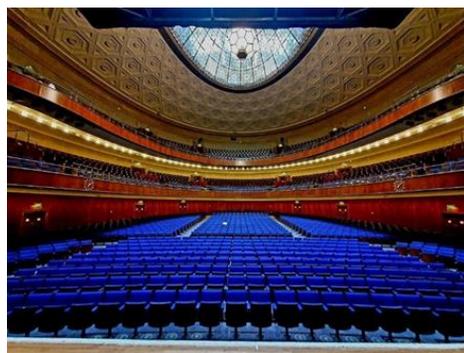
Please see below some images from the evening.

KEY DATETS:

2021/22 TERM DATES

SUMMER HOLIDAY
21 July – 1 September 2022

2022/23 TERM DATES
Our term dates and INSET days for the next academic year can be found on the academy website by clicking the following link [Wath Academy - TERM DATES 2022 - 23](#)



Thank you for your continued support with the event.



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I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the sponsors of the event:

- Dyce Energy
- Corrosion Resistant Materials
- PA Entertainment
- Actus Insurance
- Waterfront Golf
- Constant Security
- Mosaic Compliance Solutions
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If you would be interested or know somebody who would be interested in sponsoring next years Academy Awards please contact us via email: academyawards@wathacademy.com.

Y11 Prom

Last Friday we celebrated our Y11 Prom at the prestigious Wentworth Woodhouse. It was a superb evening with all students looking fantastic. It was another opportunity for our students to experience a great event in a beautiful venue. Please see some photos of the event below:



Year 13 Ball

Last night Year 13 celebrated their time at Wath Academy at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. It was a lovely evening and it was great to see them off before they enter University or the working world. We look forward to seeing them all on results day in August.





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Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place in school time on Friday 8 July 2022. The walk will cover approximately 6 miles, passing Hooper Stand, using public footpaths. The route will be fully marshalled by school staff and the Police, who will supervise at busy roads. The school expects all students to take part in the walk (within reason, taking into account all relevant information) and we hope as many as possible are able to be sponsored for their efforts.

Last year, the sponsored walk managed to raise almost £10,000 for Bluebell Wood. We were extremely proud of their efforts and hope our students can show similar enthusiasm. This year we are raising funds for a local project. Stevie Taylor, a Year 7 student in our academy, was diagnosed with CLN3 Batten Disease in 2018. This is an extremely rare neurodegenerative condition that causes profound disability and devastating life changing effects. This is fast progressing and can cause a progressive loss of skills such as sight and the ability to walk, talk and swallow.

Stevie's family made the difficult decision to sell their family home and purchased a bungalow in an attempt to make Stevie's life easier and more comfortable. This will need to be totally renovated to meet Stevie's needs. We are keen to assist Stevie's family with raising funds for level access flooring, an accessible kitchen, a sensory room and other adaptations to make the home a safe one for Stevie. We are also wanting to give a donation to the Batten Disease Family Association to help other families living with the same condition.

All students will be given a sponsor form in which they can gain sponsorship for completing the walk and any donation to these causes will be appreciated. Our preferred method for collecting sponsorship money is via ParentPay online but students can also bring collected money into reception, if needed, in the days after the event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal

SIXTH FORM

Y12 work experience

Our Y12 students are currently integrating into a variety of workplaces as part of their work experience placements. Early feedback from students and employers is overwhelmingly positive. We wish students well for the rest of their placements and look forward to hearing all about their new experiences.

Y12 University visit

All Y12 students will be taking part in a university visit as part of our Careers day on Friday 15th July. Students will spend the day exploring one of three universities of their choice to help support their Post-18 decisions.





HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

Friday 1 July 2022
KS3 Under/Over Tennis Challenge
Winner - Sparta

KS4 Under/Over Tennis Challenge
Winners – Troy

Sixth Form – House Staff Facts Challenge
Winner - Thebes

Total House League Results



Box Challenge

Design a New Emoji



Building teamwork, confidence and community through competition

It's emoji day this week! Design your own emoji.
What did you want to communicate that doesn't exist already
You could

- Draw
- Paint
- Collage
- Computer design
- Or use your own ideas!

Make sure you show your emoji and say what it represents



Post entries in reception.
Remember name and tutor group.
Deadline: Friday 15th July



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Enabling young people to experience the skills required for the world of work is a great way to set them up for a successful career. With World Youth Skills Day approaching, are students aware of skills development and lifelong learning the Army can offer?

The cost of university can seem daunting, but the Army has many ways to help students fund their education to gain the skills needed for the future. Find out more here: <https://schools.tecl.co.uk/educationcompany4lz/lz.aspx?p1=MXYDU4OTUzMjl1UzcyNzE6MDYxODQ2MUM5RDNCOEYyQ0VDNUYwMzdGRjgxNURENEQ%3d-&CC=&w=23219>

Unifrog is a digital careers platform that provides independent and impartial information to students at Wath Academy. Unifrog holds the world's biggest database of post 16 and post 18 opportunities and all pathways are covered from traineeships and apprenticeships to university and gap years. Students have their own account and use Unifrog in their Life Skills lessons, supporting their careers education journey.





Wath Academy Uni Away Day – 15.07.22

On Friday 15 July all Y12 and Y10 students will be taking part in our first Uni Away Day, visiting a variety of universities including Leeds, De Montfort, Lincoln and University Centre Rotherham. Students have a jam-packed itinerary planned with tours, taster sessions and the chance to meet student ambassadors.

Y11 Careers Guidance is still available for Y11 students.

Please contact a member of the careers team in the Library for more information.

A representative from JobCentre Plus has been into the academy offering additional support to students who are looking for apprenticeship opportunities. Students should contact the careers team if they would like an appointment.



What an incredible night of celebrating our students at Wath Academy and their achievements! Throughout the evening our performers put on an amazing show and our guest toughly enjoyed it.

We cannot thank our sponsors enough for their generosity and coming along to celebrate the event with us!

Keep an eye out on our social media pages for our professional photographs !



E –SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK – OMEGLE

Omegle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It first launched in 2009 and its slogan is "Talk to strangers!" There is an option for adult (18+) content and a section for people aged 13+ with parental permission. Anyone can use the site. Users simply go to Omegle.com and then choose 'Text' or 'Video' chat and the page states how many users are currently online. Depending on the time of day this can be hundreds of thousands. Omegle markets itself as a great way to meet new friends however has been known to feature pornography and inappropriate content within chats, so its important parents are aware of the risks associated with the site.

In the guide, you'll find tips on several potential risks such as pornographic content, cyberbullying and the chats being unmoderated.

AGE RESTRICTION 18+
What parents need to know about OMEGLE

NO AGE VERIFICATION MEASURES
 Omegle does not verify the age of its users. This means that anyone can use the site, including children. Parents should be aware of the risks associated with the site and should discuss these with their children.

RISK OF CYBERBULLYING
 Omegle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It is not moderated, which means that users can be exposed to cyberbullying, harassment, and inappropriate content.

UNMODERATED CHAT
 Omegle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It is not moderated, which means that users can be exposed to cyberbullying, harassment, and inappropriate content.

PRIVACY RISK VIA FACEBOOK
 Omegle has a feature that allows users to connect with friends from Facebook. This can be a privacy risk as it allows Omegle to access your Facebook profile and contacts.

RISK OF EXPLOITATION
 Omegle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It is not moderated, which means that users can be exposed to cyberbullying, harassment, and inappropriate content.

ADULT THEMED CONTENT 18+
 Omegle has a section for adult-themed content. This content is not moderated and can be very explicit.

Discuss Risks with Your Child
 It's important to talk to your child about the risks of Omegle. Discuss the risks of cyberbullying, harassment, and inappropriate content. Encourage your child to report any concerns to you.

Protect Personal Information
 Omegle does not provide advice about how to protect your personal information. Parents should discuss with their children the risks of sharing personal information online.

Report Concerns
 Omegle has a reporting system for users to report inappropriate behavior. Parents should encourage their children to use this system if they see anything concerning.

Discourage Video Chat
 Omegle has a video chat feature. Parents should discourage their children from using this feature as it increases the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

Try Omegle Yourself
 Parents should try Omegle themselves to see what it's like. This will help them understand the risks and provide better support to their children.

Use Parental Controls
 Parents should use parental controls to restrict their children's access to Omegle. This can help prevent them from accessing the site without permission.

Meet our expert
 Jonathan Taylor is an online safety expert and former Chief Executive of the National Online Safety Centre. He has extensive experience in the online safety sector and has worked extensively with schools, parents, and the public to raise awareness of the risks of the internet and to provide support to those who are in danger.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PERFORMING ARTS
SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

An Evening of Drama, Music & Dance

Thursday 14th July 2022 at 6:30 pm

Wath Academy

Tickets: £2 from Reception

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Multi-Sports Camp 2022

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 Tig-Games | Dodgeball | Many More

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