



Wath Academy

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

2 December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Success Stories

This week we have an update on Greg in Y10 who competed in the Northwest Weightlifting Championships in Warrington against all different weight categories.

With all of the lifts combined he got a total of 540kg/1190lbs which was nearly 8.25 x bodyweight.

Squat = 190Kg
Bench Press = 117.5Kg
Deadlift = 232.5Kg

Well done Greg, your commitment to your passion is fantastic and we look forward to hearing more of your successes.

If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email us via the following address: achievement@wathacademy.com.

Year 13 Trials

This week Year 13 have started their trials. Their effort has been fantastic, and we are confident if this continues into next week they will be on track to receive some excellent results.

Christmas Concert

We will be hosting our Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday 13 December at the academy. Tickets are available from Mrs Hole, £4 for adults and £2 for children.

Toilets

We are aware of some comments on social media regarding staff duty points in toilet areas around the academy. I can confirm that staff members do check the toilets regularly to ensure the toilets remain a safe space for all students to use. Each toilet has cubicles away from the doorway ensuring students have privacy when using the toilet. Some comments on social media have been particularly unhelpful and we would encourage parents or members of the community who have a concern to contact us directly to clarify the situation before making comments based on rumours.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Ransome
Principal



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 9

KEY DATES:

Tuesday 13 December
Christmas Concert
6.30pm

Friday 16 December
Christmas Lunch
Celebration

2022/23 TERM DATES

Our term dates and INSET days for this academic year can be found on the academy website by clicking the following link
[Wath Academy - Term Dates](#)





HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

KS3 & KS4 Friday Champions – Twisted Hopscotch Winner -Athens

Box Task Winners –Remembrance Story / poem Winner -Athens

Sixth Form Champions – Telly Addicts Challenge - Winner - Troy

Overall League Table of Everything



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1 st Troy 46645	2 nd Athens 40390	3 rd Carthage 30085
4 th Thebes 28130	5 th Sparta 27845	6 th Rome 26565

KS3 and KS4 Friday Champions

TWISTED HOPSCOTCH!



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Coming Up This Week

"Get involved"



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KS3 and KS4 Friday Challenge



Ring Toss
Tennis Courts
Lunchtime
12:50pm prompt start!

Online Challenge



Computer Science Quiz
Complete the quiz on Satchel: One by Friday!

Sixth Form Challenge



Code Cracking Challenge
Post entries in the Box in your study area by Friday Lunch.

Box Challenge



Anti-Bullying Poster Challenge
See the next slide for more information!

Online Challenge Champions

WORLD CUP QUIZ



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100% Correct entries from Troy!

Thomas M	Lauren M
Antoni C	Jake G
Luis W	Courtney H
Juliet O	Alex H
Lucas H	Lea S
Libby H	Emma P
Alex G	Noah S
Emily G	Matilda W

HOUSE BOX TASK



Create an **Anti-Bullying Poster!**

It could be hand-drawn, painted, or printed.

Post your entries in the boxes in reception with your **name and tutor group** by **2nd December**.



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on staying safe during Black Friday, which we believe trusted adults will find useful. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](https://nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Tips for Safe Shopping Online on BLACK FRIDAY

One of the many notable side-effects of the pandemic has been the surge in online shopping, as people stay home for longer periods. Those sales figures are set to experience a particularly pronounced spike on Black Friday, as eager shoppers take to the internet in search of a bargain (or ten). Delight at securing those must-have items can quickly be overshadowed, however, by falling foul of the retail risks that can await unwary buyers.

Here's National Online Safety's top ten tips for protecting yourself and your family while hunting for the deals this Black Friday weekend ...

1. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS



It's safest to stick with well-known, reputable retailers. If a site doesn't look professional, or has weird pop-up ads, it's best to steer clear – no matter how tempting their prices. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is!



2. WATCH OUT FOR PHISHING ATTACKS



Email inboxes are flooded on Black Friday by retailers telling everyone about their deals. Hackers often try to use the traffic as camouflage; look out for emails with poor grammar, suspicious email addresses and pixelated images – these are all common signs you've been targeted.



3. MAKE SURE THE SITE'S SECURE



When you're buying online, look for a padlock icon near the address bar – or check if the URL includes "https" or "shttp". The extra 's' or the padlock mean you can rest easy: you're sending your card details and personal info via a secure channel.



4. PLAN YOUR SHOPPING



Before you go online, make a list of what you're looking for – and stick to it. With enticing deals everywhere you look, it's so easy to get immersed in bargain hunting and end up with a massive overspend by the time you log off!



5. LOOK OUT FOR LOOT BOX SALES



Video gaming companies also offer Black Friday deals, with as much as 50% off loot boxes in some titles. Children can also buy reduced-price games through their consoles. So if your child can access the online store or make in-game purchases on their device, it'd be wise to talk to them in advance.



6. READ THE REVIEWS



We've all bought something which sounded amazing online, only for it to be far less impressive when it actually arrived. Take time to read other buyers' views on an item – and think twice about anything that only has a small number of comments about it.



7. CREATE SECURE PASSWORDS



On Black Friday, there's a higher likelihood of you setting up accounts on sites you've never bought from before. Choose a different password for each: the longer, the better. It's best practice to use a mix of upper- and lower-case letters, symbols and numbers.



8. CHECK THE SMALL PRINT



Make sure you check out details like a seller's returns policy. It's so easy to shop impulsively on Black Friday and then be stuck with things you don't want because of a very small window for returning goods.



9. IGNORE INFLUENCER PRESSURE



Influencers can be great for finding out where the best deals are. But don't forget that sometimes they're being paid by retailers, and they can often cause people to feel under pressure to buy something – anything – just because it's Black Friday.



10. CHECK IT'S A REAL "DEAL"



Some Black Friday "bargains" you'll find were actually on sale at the same price (or cheaper) in the previous six months. Look at other retailers or price comparison sites to see if an item really does have money off.

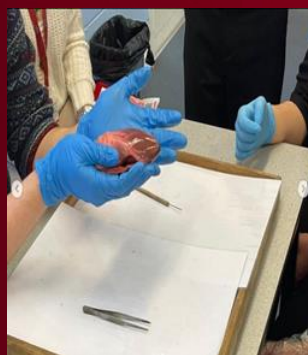




Wath Academy Sixth Form

Y12 Biologists

This week Year 12 met three medical students from the University of Sheffield. The medical students presented a session on the anatomy of the human heart and brain, including a live dissection of a heart. Then Year 12's had the opportunity to learn more about the demands of university and medicine in general. It was incredibly useful to hear from a range of different backgrounds from an interest in pharmaceuticals to paediatric care.



Football Scholars

Thank you to the National Football Youth League U23 for hosting the All Star North vs. South game this week. A fantastic opportunity to play at St Georges Park. Congratulations to E.Butler, F Connolly-Jackson and S.Simmons on their contributions to the North's win!!



Delivering exceptional learning experiences that enable all young people to thrive in a competitive world and lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Careers Fair Special

On Friday 25 November we held our whole school careers fair. All students from Y7-Y13 were invited to attend throughout the day. We welcomed over 30 visitors, including Yorkshire Wildlife Park, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Sheffield Hallam University, Rotherham United Community Sports Trust, Next, Wentworth Woodhouse, AMRC, QPD Forces Preparation College, RAF and White Rose Beauty.

The exhibitors were complimentary, with one saying "Well mannered students and a pleasure to be invited, look forward to the next event".

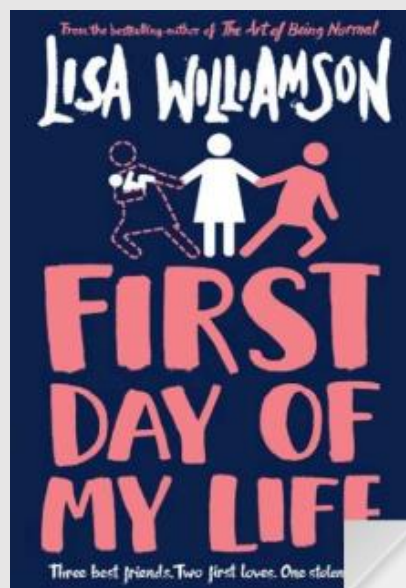
Students could choose who they wanted to speak to, to find out more about their future options. One student commented "I really enjoyed the careers fair and I got lots of good information from people".



eBook of the Week

First Day of My Life by Lisa Williamson

There are three sides to every story . . . It's GCSE results day. Frankie's best friend, Jojo, is missing. A baby has been stolen. And more than one person has been lying. Frankie's determined to find out the truth and her ex-boyfriend Ram is the only person who can help her. But they're both in for a shock . . . EVERYTHING is about to change.



The ePlatform by Wheelers app is available for all students free of charge. Please see the following link for more information [Wath Academy - school library](#)

This week...

“Tackle a Football Book!”

If you're enjoying the World Cup action, you could try one of our football themed books. Fiction, facts and biographies all available now!

