



# Wath Academy

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

27 January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Success Stories

I've previously shared with you the successes that Mackenzie has had in cyclocross. I'm pleased to say he is still competing, and, on the 14 January, he secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the national cyclocross championships with his team coming first overall. To compete at such a high level is something Mackenzie should be incredibly proud of, I know his family and the academy are!



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

### Visit from Rotherham's Police Commander

It was great to welcome Chief Supt Laura Kosciwicz, Rotherham's District Commander at the academy this week. Laura is an ex-student who left in 1998 so it was great for her to have a look around her old school. We toured the academy and spoke about initiatives which may support our students. We are looking forward to a close working relationship with Laura and her team.



## NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 15

### KEY DATES:

**Movement Evening Performances:**  
31 Jan, 01 & 02 Feb

**Y10 Parents Evening:** 07 Feb

### 2022/23 TERM DATES

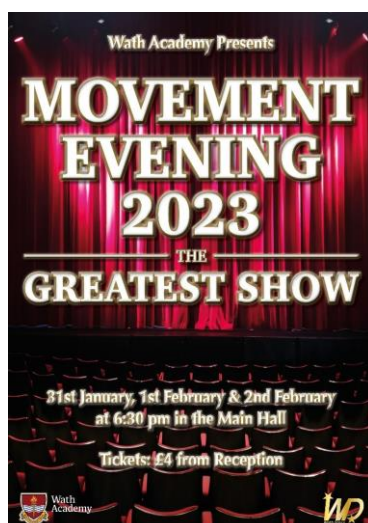
Our term dates and INSET days for this academic year can be found on the academy website by clicking the following link  
[Wath Academy - Term Dates](#)



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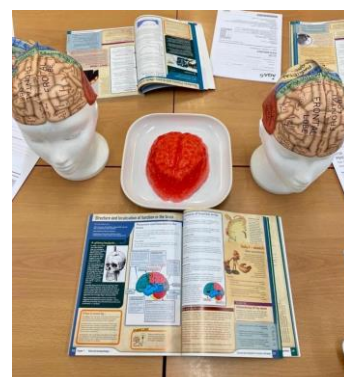
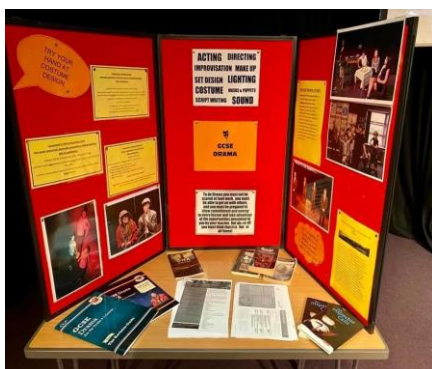
### Movement Evening

Movement Evening takes place on 31 January, 01 February and 02 February. Tickets are available for £4 from Reception before school until moving time and after school until 4.00 pm.



### Year 9 Options Process

This week we welcomed over 500 visitors to our options evening. Parents received a presentation from myself and Mrs Eyre regarding our curriculum intent as well as the options process followed by an opportunity to visit all of our option subject areas. It was great to see so many parents in the academy engaging in great conversations with teachers and leaders







## Careers at Wath Academy

We are dedicated to providing the best possible support and guidance for our students to ensure they go on to live successful and fulfilling lives. With this in mind we have invested extensive resources and time into developing our offer. The careers team have put together a 'padlet' of information regarding careers which can be viewed via the link below. The padlet details upcoming events, our careers programme, the Gatsby benchmark, work experience opportunities, our careers curriculum and much more.

<https://padlet.com/nlaite/ax72poo781xuiwn2>

## Academy Awards

Following the hugely successful Academy Awards event hosted last year at the Sheffield City Hall, we have again secured the historic venue for this year's event which will be held on Wednesday 19 July 2023.

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. Last year Mark Labbett (best known as 'The Beast' from ITV's The Chase) presented awards. We will be looking to secure a celebrity once again to make the event special for our students.

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

We would like to provide local businesses with an opportunity to be involved in the event by sponsoring a page in the programme or even a prestigious award. In addition to advertising the business, we would also provide two VIP tickets which include reserved seating 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).

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome  
Principal





## HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

KS3 & KS4 Friday Champions – Steam  
Train Challenge Winners – Thebes  
Box Task Winners – Sci-Fi Challenge  
Winners – Sparta  
Sixth Form Champions – Movie One-  
Liners! Winners - Troy

## Overall League Table of Everything



Building teamwork,  
confidence and  
community through  
competition



Woo Hoo! Go Rome!  
This is the first of many  
more wins for us!



## Coming Up This Week "Get involved"



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### Friday Challenge



**Football Goal Challenge**  
Tennis Courts  
Lunchtime  
12:50pm prompt start!

### Online Challenge



**Burns Night Quiz**  
Complete the quiz on  
Satchel: One  
by Friday!

### Sixth Form Friday Challenge



**Bitmoji SLT**  
Post entries in the Box  
in your study area by  
Friday Lunch.

### Box Challenge



**Chinese New Year  
Creation**  
See the next slide for  
more information!



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through competition*

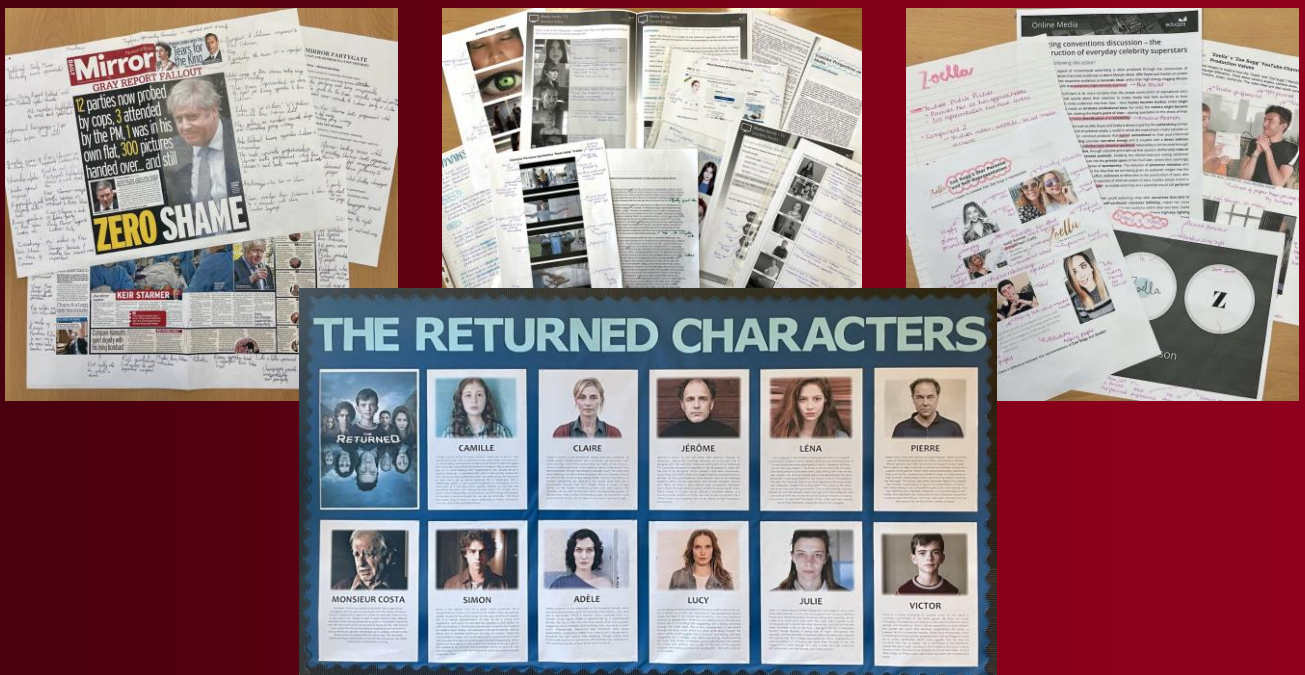


# Department Focus

## Media Studies

The Department of Media Studies is having a very successful year so far. Our Year 12 cohort – the largest for several years – has adapted to the demands of A Level very well and students are already producing some excellent analysis.

The Year 12 students are the first to be tackling the updated media products set by the exam board. The new products are deliberately more diverse to better reflect the modern world. Thus, students have been exploring the representation of disability in Channel 4's trailer for the Paralympics, as well as the changing representation of women in historical and contemporary advertising. They have now moved on to newspapers, deconstructing how The Daily Mirror and The Times reported on the Boris Johnson 'partygate' scandal. Videogames are next.



Having completed their practical non-exam assessment productions to a professional standard, Year 13 are focusing on consolidating and enhancing their knowledge as the end of the course approaches. They have been refining higher level skills, such as evaluating academic theories, and are making great progress. Our subscription to the Essential Media Theory website has been particularly useful for students to revise and test themselves.

Many of our past students are forging very successful careers in the media or elsewhere. As highlighted in last week's newsletter, one of our alumni is now a reporter for ITV News Calendar. We recently heard from another former student who is now a brand marketing manager for a videogames developer. We are very proud of these students (and many others), who demonstrate what a versatile and useful subject Media Studies is.

For regular updates on Media Studies at Wath, follow the @wathmediastudies Instagram account.



# Apprenticeship Roadshow

On Wednesday 25 January, we hosted our first ever Apprenticeship Roadshow. We welcomed a representative from The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge programme, along with the RNN group who introduced our students to some apprentices who are currently working in a range of roles and sectors. A group of Year 9 students and a group of Y11 students spent time hearing first-hand about apprenticeships

including how to find them, what to expect from the application process and expectations in the workplace. Students also discovered more about apprenticeship levels and the qualifications on offer. An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid, more information can be found in the following link [Become an apprentice \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)



## Y11 Careers Guidance

Careers guidance is available for Y11 students to support with their post-16 options. Please speak to a member of the careers team in the library or the careers hub for more information.

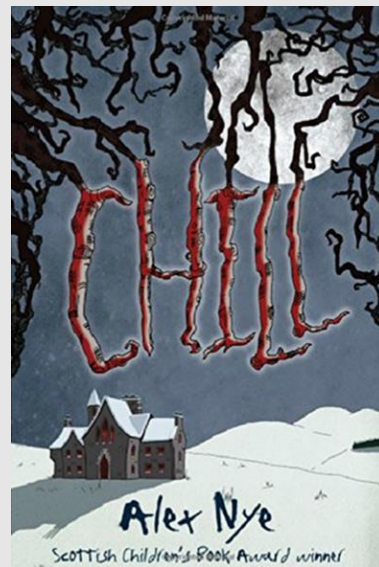


## eBook of the Week

### **Chill**

**by Alex Nye**

Samuel is trapped by huge snow drifts in an old, remote house. And that's not the only thing causing a cold shiver to creep down his spine. He feels like the ghostly figure in the locked library has a message ... but who is it for? Fiona lives in the big house, but will that help the two of them to break the curse on her family? As the ice sets in, they uncover a centuries-old tale of betrayal and revenge. Set on bleak Sheriffmuir near Stirling, this is a spooky tale of the past returning to haunt the present.



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...**

**“Take a Walk in  
Their Shoes...  
Read a  
Biography”**

