



## NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 16



### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

#### KEY DATES:

**Y10 Parent's Evening**  
Tuesday 7 Feb

**Y11 Trial Exams**  
wks com 6,20,27 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](#).

03 February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

#### Success Stories

This week I'm delighted to share with you that Ruthie Jones-South had a very successful weekend at her dance competition where she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Modern Dance, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ballet and 4<sup>th</sup> in Tap. It was also great to see Ruthie take part in Movement Evening this week. Well done Ruthie, keep up the great work.



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).

#### PCAB

Last week we hosted this half terms Parent & Community Advisory Board (PCAB). The group meet every half term and discuss academy life, systems and future developments. In this meeting we presented and took feedback on careers education, transition and academy marketing. As always, the meeting was highly productive and we managed to gain some excellent feedback. You can find out more information about the group and the meetings using the link below which will take you to the website page dedicated to PCAB. Within this section are the documents which are produced from the meetings:

<https://www.wathacademy.com/pcab>



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### Movement Evening

This week we have held Movement Evening over 3 nights. Each show was incredible. The students were an absolute credit to their families, themselves and the academy. We are so proud of their talent and most importantly it was amazing to see them enjoying themselves so much.





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## **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 ITVs 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**



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### HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

KS3 & KS4 Friday Champions – Goal Challenge Winners – Rome  
 Box Task Winners – Sci Fi Challenge Winners – Thebes  
 Sixth Form Champions – Staff BitMojji! Winners - Troy

### Overall League Table of Everything



### Online Challenge Champions

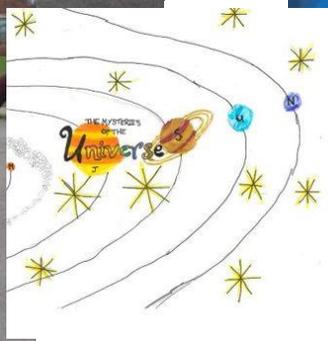


### BURNS NIGHT QUIZ



#### 100% Correct entries from Troy!

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|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Madison L    | Leo B     | Lucas H  |
| Chelvey C    | Louis D   | Quinn J  |
| Thomas M     | Eve S     | Ruby L   |
| Hobell M     | Karlle D  | Isla M-U |
| Loren M      | Holly W   | Owen B   |
| Thomas S     | Alicia L  | Isla F   |
| Courtney H   | Luis W    | Emily B  |
| Taylor-May B | Emily G   | Noah S   |
| Sam B        | Kye K     | Jamie G  |
| Alex H       | Zabi M    | Emma P   |
| Maria W      | Seren B   | Alaha K  |
| Max R        | Harriet G | Amelia H |



### Coming Up This Week

#### "Get involved"



#### Friday Challenge

**Hoola Hoop Chain Challenge**  
 Tennis Courts  
 Lunchtime  
 12:50pm prompt start!



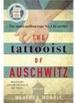
#### Online Challenge



**LGBTQIA+ Pioneers Quiz**  
 Complete the quiz on Satchel. One by Friday!

#### Sixth Form Friday Challenge

**Head of House Book Match**  
 Post entries in the Box in your study area by Friday Lunch.



#### Box Challenge



**LGBTQIA+ Awareness**  
 See the next slide for more information!

### LGBTQIA+ Awareness Box Task

Design a creation to help raise awareness of LGBTQIA+. This could be:

- An awareness or advice poster.
- A story.
- A fact file on a famous or historic LGBTQIA+ figure.
- Or anything else you can think of.

Post entries in your house box in reception with your name and tutor on.

Deadline: 10/02/23

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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 one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## 12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

### WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

#### 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

#### 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

#### 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

#### 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

#### 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

#### 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

#### 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

#### 12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

#### 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

#### 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

#### 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at [www.haveibeenpwned.com](http://www.haveibeenpwned.com) (yes, that spelling is correct). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

#### 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.

