

08 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new half term. It has been great to welcome back our students following the break.

As we have done in previous years, we would like to share students' success stories and achievements in this newsletter each week.

Edward Szymczyk, Charlie Clarke, Cole McClean and Sam Battersby have completed a 100km walk across the length of the Peak district (part of the Pennine Way) during half term to raise money for Cancer Research. They wild camped on Kinder Scout, stayed in a Youth Hostel and camp site, trudged through peat bogs, climbed 10,000ft elevation and survived to tell the tale!

They initially set a target to raise £150 but have absolutely smashed that with the current total being raised at nearly £2500. If you would like to donate, please do so using the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/walking-the-length-of-the-peak-district-against-cancer>

Well done boys, we are very proud of you!

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome  
**Principal**



**Key Dates:**

**Monday 11 November**  
Armistice Day

**W.C 18 November –  
W.C 25 November**  
Year 11 Trial Exams

**Tuesday 26 November**  
Year 7 Online Parents  
Evening

**Tuesday 03 December**  
Year 8/9 IEP Reviews

**Friday 06 December**  
Careers Fair

**Tuesday 10 December**  
Year 9 Online Parents  
Evening

Click here for our term dates  
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

**Student Success**

Year 13 student Mya has been selected as a finalist for her HE+ project investigating antibiotic resistance. Mya scored an impressive 23 out of a possible 24 marks and has been invited to attend a celebration of her work at the University of Cambridge next month.

**Year 5 Geography Transition**

This week, students engaged in a series of activities evaluating the success of earthquake proof buildings. They had a true growth mindset and worked as a team designing and constructing their own with spaghetti and marshmallows! The Geography department were really impressed, well done Year 5!

**Year 12 Careers Networking**

As part of their careers programme, Year 12 students will take part in a careers networking event on Tuesday 03 December. A letter has been placed on our website with more information. [Wath Academy - Sixth Form Letters](#)



## Sixth Form Open Evening

Last night we welcomed over 550 visitors to our Sixth Form open evening. Miss Slasor and I presented to parents/carers before they had the opportunity to walk around the school visiting subject areas they were interested in. There was a great buzz on the night with additional presentations from our sporting scholarship teams. As always, an extra special thank you goes out to our fantastic students who gave up their time to support tonight's event.

If you would like more information about our Sixth Form, please email us directly via [sixthform@wathacademy.com](mailto:sixthform@wathacademy.com). If you are interested in applying, please use this link: [Wath Academy Sixth Form - Register an Interest September 2025](#)



## Royal British Legion Assemblies

This week, as they did last year, each year group has received an assembly on the importance of remembering those who have sacrificed their life for our freedom. The Royal British Legion have been very generous with their time and have supported assemblies each day. Ex student, Thomas Backhouse has been the Standard Bearer once again and we appreciate him returning to the Academy to help us pay tribute to the fallen soldiers.

## Reading Mentor Programme

Over 50 Sixth Form students completed their reading mentor training yesterday. Next week they will be paired up with Y7 students to support them with reading, helping with their fluency, comprehension of text and developing a love of reading.