



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – Week 11

22 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week with the snow posing additional challenges to the Academy. Despite the weather, our school day continued as normal. Often with snow it can be quite disruptive to the routines and behaviour of students, however they have been excellent all week and they have continued to access lessons as normal.

### Year 11 Trial Exams

This week Y11 have begun their trial exams. We recognise that this is a stressful time for them with it being their first taste of an exam series in Year 11, but their effort and resilience has been excellent. We encourage students to treat this trial series like their real exams as it will give them a better understanding of how it will feel to go through the summer exam series. Additionally, ensuring they give 100% to each exam allows teaching staff to form a true understanding of exactly what students do and don't understand which then informs their teaching for the rest of the year.

### Parent & Community Advisory Board (PCAB)

Here at Wath Academy, we continually reflect on our practice and always look to improve. PCAB meet every half term to discuss pertinent agenda items determined by members of the group. Please see our website for more information and dates of meetings for this academic year. [Wath Academy - PARENT AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD \(PCAB\)](#)

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome  
**Principd**

### Key Dates:

**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

**Tuesday 03 December**  
Y12 Careers Networking  
Event

**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](#)

### **Exam Certificate Collection Day**

We welcome last year's Year 11 and Year 13 to collect exam certificates on Thursday 05 December. Please see a letter on our website for further information.

[Wath Academy - Whole School Letters](#)

### **Consent Form – Important Information**

It is essential that parents/carers complete the attached consent form (by clicking on the link below) so your child can take part in educational visits and other off-site and after-school activities. If you have more than one child in school, please complete a form for each child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/TbKHWG7VMa>

If any details change during the academic year such as medical conditions or individual needs, agreement to medical treatment or any changes to emergency contact numbers please email [enquiries@wathacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@wathacademy.com) so your child's record can be updated.

## SHU Success

Tobias Janvier, Jake Bolessa and Ethan Hodkin have been participating in a project at Sheffield Hallam University. Last Wednesday evening, they attended the award ceremony at SHU and won the Best Project Award, out of a significant number of groups for their work around Domestic Violence. Jake was awarded for his outstanding contribution! Well done, we are incredibly proud of you all.

## Golf Success...

Former student Ben Schmidt has qualified for the DP World Tour. We wish him the very best of luck!



### International Rugby Trials

Great news for our Rugby Scholarship programme this week – Finley and Harry are both involved in Scotland Rugby Union trials at the weekend! Good luck boys – we are very proud!

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

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).

### 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](#)



## Safeguarding Awareness Week

Safeguarding awareness week is a nationally recognised annual campaign, where we come together to explore what it means to feel safe. This year the topics are Vaping, Emotional well-being, Social Media and Mental Health. Our students have had assemblies through the week and the topics have been covered in tutor groups. Please see our website <https://www.wathacademy.com/news-and-events/calendar> for more information.

If you have any worries about a child or young person who attends Wath Academy, please do not hesitate to contact the school via our safeguarding email address [safeguarding@wathacademy.com](mailto:safeguarding@wathacademy.com)

## Children in Need – Rowshow!

Well done to all students and staff who took part in the Rowshow on Monday for Children in Need. There is still time to support this amazing cause by making a donation via ParentPay. <https://www.parentpay.com/> Thank you to all those who have donated so far!