



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 13

06 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas plans

As we quickly approach Christmas, we are busy planning our Christmas Day which will be held on Friday 20th December. There will be activities, games, competitions, special visitors and of course Christmas Dinner.

On the day, students will be able to wear a Christmas Jumper in place of their blazer. We are aware that, for some families, this is an unwanted financial strain at this time of year so we would like to build a bank of preloved Christmas jumpers that students can borrow.

Please bring any Christmas jumper donations to Reception so these can be distributed to students. The donations last year were greatly received and made a great day more enjoyable for a number of students.

Student Achievement

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

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

Tuesday 10 December
Year 9 Online Parents
Evening

Tuesday 10 December
Scholarship Information
Evening

Thursday 12 December
PCAB

Tuesday 17 December
Annual Christmas Concert

Thursday 19 December
Golden Ticket Rewards

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.
[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Consent Form – Important Information

It is essential that parents/carers complete the attached consent form (by clicking on the link) 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 so your child's record can be updated.

Safeguarding – THC Vaping Information

A message has gone out to Parents/Carers today via ClassCharts with information regarding assemblies and sessions around Vaping. Please see our website for further information. [Wath Academy -](#)

[WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#)

Christmas Hampers

It is a tradition of our school every year to prepare Christmas Hampers to be delivered into our community. Over 80 hampers are given out each year. It is a wonderful gesture, and the hampers always gratefully received and appreciated. Tutors are now collecting donations.

Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity

On Monday, we were proud to witness the switch on of Wath Academy's first ever sponsored Snowflake in support of Sheffield Children's Hospital. Thank you to our incredible community for raising over £5,500 for such an amazing cause! [TCHC: Raising Money for the Children's Hospital](#)



Christmas Tree

In the last newsletter I informed you we had taken delivery of our Christmas tree. The tree is now up! It is certainly the biggest tree we have ever had and we love it.

Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas concert takes place on Tuesday 17 December. The tickets for this event are now sold out. Thank you to everyone for your support. If you have a query regarding this event, please email enquiries@wathacademy.com

Shiloh Charity – House Competition

As the festive season approaches, we are excited to announce our first Clothes Donation Competition at Wath Academy. This runs until Friday 13 December. Please see our website for more information. [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#)

Careers Networking Event

On Tuesday, we hosted our first ever Sixth Form Careers Networking event sponsored by Henry Boot. Students heard from keynote speakers Matt Messias and Matthew Bentley before engaging in careers-based conversations with over 50 employers. Students left with a knowledge of a range of industries and with an increased confidence to interact with employers. Some even left with offers of work experience and degree apprenticeships.

Sixth Form Scholarship

Scholarship Information Evening to be held on Tuesday 10 December. Please register your interest <https://forms.office.com/e/k4bc4rrsHz>

Open Sessions will take place on Friday 03 January 2025.

Please register your interest via the following links

Boys <https://forms.office.com/e/4pa5QKpK0N>

Girls <https://forms.office.com/e/Tjw9nAFwvQ>

MOVEMENT EVENING

28.29 & 30 JANUARY | 6:30PM

Tickets £5.00 | MAIN HALL



Save the Date

In January, we host our annual Movement Evening. You can book tickets now by clicking on the following link [Your Box Office](#). If you have a query regarding this event, please email enquiries@wathacademy.com or contact the Performing Arts department.

Reading Mentors

Our Year 12 reading mentors meet with their Year 7 buddy once a week to develop a love of reading. All mentors have completed a reading training programme to allow them to support students to the best of their ability and have been excellent role models for our younger students so far.



Careers Connect Club

This week, the Careers Connect Club took part in a session with Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Jordan, a former student at Wath, talked about his role and the pathways and opportunities available. Students enjoyed exploring the ambulance, watching an equipment demonstration and getting hands on by practising CPR.

Year 5 MFL Day

On Thursday, we were joined by 150 Year 5 students for a MFL day at the Academy. Students learned body parts in French, created the perfect paella in Spanish and created beautiful drawings in Mandarin. Thank you to the Confucius Institute for supporting us to provide experiences that will last a lifetime and for our future students. <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/confucius>