



Wath Academy

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 15

19 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the festive season and the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic highlights of the school year so far. It has been a busy, vibrant, and successful term, with so many achievements and memorable events for students, staff, and our wider community.

Christmas Day

Tomorrow, sees our Christmas Day arrive! We are excited for students to enjoy the day and get in to the festive spirit as we prepare to break for the Christmas holiday. The aim of the day is to create positive school memories which last a lifetime. It is an opportunity for all students to spend time with friends and staff and engage in festivities including eating lunch together, having dinner table conversations and games, pulling crackers, telling jokes and singing Christmas songs.

Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their blazer, with preloved jumpers available to borrow thanks to your generous donations. Please see a letter on our website [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#) with details for tomorrow and uniform/jumper guidance.

It has been a truly remarkable term, and none of this would be possible without the continued support from you, our parents and carers. On behalf of all the staff at Wath Academy, I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. Enjoy the festive break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in January for another exciting term.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

Thursday 19 December
Golden Ticket Rewards

Friday 20 December
Christmas Day Celebrations
Final Day of Term

Monday 06 January
Return to the Academy

Tuesday 21 January
Year 13 Online Parents
Evening

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Enrichment Success

This year has been filled with opportunities for students to explore new skills and interests during our enrichment sessions:

- Gardening Club students harvested tomatoes, green beans, and chillis.
- Girls' football and rugby saw excellent participation and enthusiasm.
- The Careers Connect Club enjoyed sessions with Yorkshire Ambulance Service and explored career pathways.
- Our Sixth Form Careers Networking Event provided valuable opportunities, with students engaging with over 50 employers.
- Creative projects included impressive textile work, such as Madison's homemade bear from recycled clothes.



The Annual Christmas Concert

Last night saw us host our Annual Christmas Concert. There were over 75 students performing and around 200 parents/carers and families supported them. We are extremely proud of our students. What a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities. Thank you to [Adam Galliford Photography](#) for the amazing photos. Please see our website to view the gallery. [Wath Academy - PHOTO GALLERY](#)

Christmas Hampers

It is a tradition of our school every year to prepare Christmas Hampers to be delivered into our community. Yesterday, student and staff representatives had a lovely morning spreading Christmas cheer as they delivered over 80 Christmas hampers. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.



Christmas Visit to Sandygate Care Home

Yesterday, students visited a local care home to play music and have a sing a long. The residents had a lovely afternoon enjoying the Christmas festivities. Thank you to Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Hole for organising the visit.

Christmas Golden Ticket Rewards

On Monday, students who had purchased a golden ticket to do pizza wreath making created masterpieces in the kitchen! Well done everyone. Today, sees our Golden Ticket Rewards take place, for students who chose to go ice skating at Ice Sheffield, to play golf at Waterfront or make baubles and enjoy a book with a hot chocolate. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Student Achievement

Our students continue to amaze us with their talent, resilience, and hard work:

- Harry Marshall represented the Elite British Selects Ice Hockey team in Chicago.
- Theo Swann joined the Swim England National Talent Pathway.
- James Lee signed a professional scholarship with Huddersfield Giants Rugby League Club.
- Austin Riley (Y9) was selected as goalkeeper for the South Yorkshire U14 football team.
- Benjamin Smith and Samuel Smith (Y12) have signed contracts with Yorkshire RFU Academy.
- Robben Bramhall (Y13) made his debut for Yorkshire RFU U'18s
- Finlay Davies and Harry Homan (Y12) made international Rugby trials for Scotland
- Rosie Christy (Y7) won her first boxing match with a unanimous decision.



- Evan Key (Y9) achieved a Distinction in his Grade 7 Drums exam.
 - Maya Sudiarta (Y10) starred as Pocahontas in a Disney-themed ice show to an audience of 6,000.
 - Y13 students won the Best Project Award at SHU for their work on domestic violence.
 - Four students completed a 100km walk across the Peak District, raising nearly £2,500 for Cancer Research.
 - Rowan Poulton (Y7) completed a 9 month tour playing the lead role in the Full Monty.
 - Alice Hopkinson represented Yorkshire RFU Girls U'18s.
- Well done to each and every one of you!

If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email achievement@wathacademy.com



Academic Highlights

We have continued to strengthen our learning culture and academic provision:

- Y11 students demonstrated determination during their trial exams.
- Sixth Form students excelled in their Cabaret performance.
- Our Safeguarding Review and Quad Visit praised the academy's systems and culture.
- New hall equipment has enhanced assemblies and events.

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.



Agatha
 This is Minerva
 I've my little bookcase
 her house and her name
 Then get out of town to your shop
 I Will Get You
 I will get you like you get me
 That is a promise

Whole School Events

Our community came together to create unforgettable memories:

- Tour of Britain: Over 2,000 students lined Sandygate to cheer on the cyclists.
- Year 5 & 6 Open Evening: Over 1,600 visitors showcased our students' talents and enthusiasm.
- Murder Mystery Event: Organized and written by Y13 students, a highlight of creativity and teamwork.
- Armistice Day: A moving assembly with the Last Post and a two-minute silence.
- Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal: We raised over £5,500 for this worthy cause.
- Christmas Tree: Our 20ft Christmas tree now brightens the academy reception.



Examinations Information

For all students who are sitting exams after the Christmas break, a letter has been sent out via ClassCharts. It is also available to view on our website [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#)

Sixth Form Scholarship

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>