



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 17

17 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now two weeks into the new term, and it has been a fantastic start. Students, despite the recent weather challenges have settled back into school extremely well. Year 11 have returned from their Christmas break refreshed and with a renewed determination. Their engagement in lessons, commitment to additional revision/homework and conduct around the Academy is really starting to gain momentum in the lead up to their exams. Year 9 are now focusing on their options for Y10 with Life Skills lessons, career support meetings and the Options Evening all taking place this week.

Sports Scholarship Information Evening

Our second information evening of the academic year takes place on Monday 27 January. Y11 students interested in our sports scholarships can attend to gain more information about our world class programmes. Click the link to register your attendance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/dHRN8SmGdY>

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 21 January
Year 13 Parents Evening

**Monday 03 – Friday 14
February**
Year 11 Trial Exams 2

Tuesday 04 February
Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 06 February
PCAB

Tuesday 11 February
Golden Ticket Rewards Event

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Sparx Reading

A letter has been sent out today via Classcharts with information regarding our partnership with Sparx Learning. From next week students will be introduced to a new platform, Sparx Reader which provides them with a wide range of age-appropriate eBooks to help promote, careful, focused reading. [Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader](#)

Movement Evening

There will be three performances of our annual Movement Evening on Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 January. Limited tickets are still available by clicking on the following link [Your Box Office](#)

We Will Rock You

We are delighted to stage our production for 2025 - We Will Rock You. With a script by Ben Elton and a score by Queen, you will hear classic songs from this most flamboyant of rock groups - Under Pressure, Another One Bites The Dust, We Are The Champions and maybe even a touch of Bohemian Rhapsody. This is sure to be a sell-out so get your tickets early. [Your Box Office](#)



Year 9 Options Evening

Last night we hosted the Year 9 Options Evening. The event provided parents/carers with an opportunity to hear about how the process works from Mr Smith followed by a chance to speak to teachers and students about individual subjects of interest. It was a great event with a fantastic turnout.

Alongside the Year 9 Options Evening, taster lessons and support offered in Life Skills lessons, the following information will support students to make informed decisions. For parents/carers, the Options Booklet is your first port of call, with all the individual subject information and videos available on our website. [Wath Academy - Year 9 Options](#)



Student Achievement

Congratulations to Maisie in Year 9 who has been selected to be a national Anne Frank Ambassador. Maisie was an ambassador in school in September, delivering sessions to our students as well as the general public. She then applied to be a national ambassador and was successful. The purpose of the programme is to help students develop key public speaking and leadership skills whilst allowing them to have a voice in challenging prejudice and discrimination. Well done Maisie!

On December 21, Adam Laws in Year 12 took part in a rowing challenge to raise money for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. Adam was part of a team who rowed over 300,000km. Adam himself contributed with an impressive 30,000km. His efforts helped raise nearly £500 which is a fantastic effort, and I am sure it contributes to making a huge difference. Well done Adam, we are very proud of you!