



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 20

07 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been filled with visitors, trips and trial exams! We started by welcoming 10 trainee teachers who have spent 4 days with us looking at our Sixth Form provision. They are currently placed in schools with no post-16 provision so in order to broaden their training, they spent a few days with us. It was great to host them and having spoken to them they have thoroughly enjoyed their time with us. Additionally, we have had visitors in to look at our maths provision as well as our morning routines.

We held our first Academy Awards planning meeting this week. We are looking forward to putting on an even bigger and better show. Mr Stanley will be communicating details of the upcoming auditions. Last year we had over 90 acts audition, so we expect it to be competitive once again.

Over the last few days, we have also been informed by the local authority that 567 students have applied to join us in September. This is testament to the hard work that the community, staff and students have put into the Academy. In 2020 we had less than 300 applications so for the numbers to be approaching 600 for the third year on the bounce is a real achievement. We will find out who will be joining us in September on March 1st.

Yesterday the Academy underwent its annual medical review. The review was very successful once again with many areas of excellent practice being highlighted.

Finally, this week has seen the start of the Y11 trials. Their effort and commitment have been on another level with students coming out of their exams feeling confident. We are looking forward to seeing how they have done in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

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

**Monday 10 – Friday 28
February**
Year 13 Trial Exams

Tuesday 11 February
Golden Ticket Rewards
Event

**Friday 14 – Monday 17
February**
Paris DT Trip

Friday 14 February
Break for February half term

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Student Achievement

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

On Saturday 1st February, the South Yorkshire Cross Country Championships at Winterhill school took place. 17 athletes from the Academy were selected to represent the Rotherham team. It was a particularly challenging course with a mixture of hills and mud! All athletes did the school and their region proud! A special mention to Maddison P and Millie T in Year 8 who competed at the bottom of their age group and finished in the top 15! A great experience to all athletes involved, well done! Results can be found: [South Yorkshire Schools XC – Winterhill 1st Feb 2025 – South Yorkshire Schools' Athletic Association](#)

If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email us via the following address: achievement@wathacademy.com.



Safeguarding Awareness Week

Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week is the UK's national week to raise awareness of sexual abuse and violence. Please visit our website where you will find information sheets and useful links to give you a better understanding around these issues.

<https://www.wathacademy.com/news/?pid=3&nid=4&storyid=106>

#WakeUpWednesday

#WakeUpWednesday is an online tool from The National College, aimed at providing parents, children and educators with awareness of issues around online safety, mental health & wellbeing, and climate change and sustainability. You can access these guides by visiting our website [Wath Academy - #WakeUpWednesday](#)



EuroDisney – Maths Visit

Forty students in Year 10 visited Euro Disney this week to take part in a Maths LIVE! Conference. The conference aimed to bring maths to life for students and fire their future careers ambitions by showing them the many different paths a career in mathematics could take them. We enjoyed talks from a budget specialist, the renowned author and journalist Alex Bellos who teased us with complex mathematical puzzles and Dr Matt Pritchard, science magician, who explained the mathematical concepts behind perception and also did amazing tricks.

We also had time to enjoy the rides, entertainment and food at Euro Disney. Staff reported they were incredibly proud of the attitude and behaviour of all the students, and they definitely gained an array of positive memories. We hope to run this trip again for next year's Year 10.

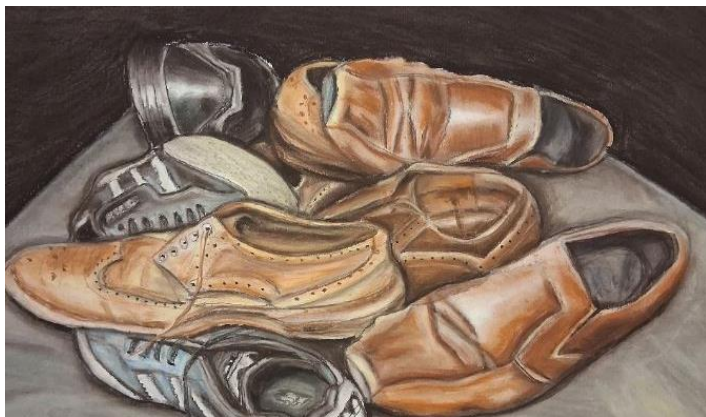
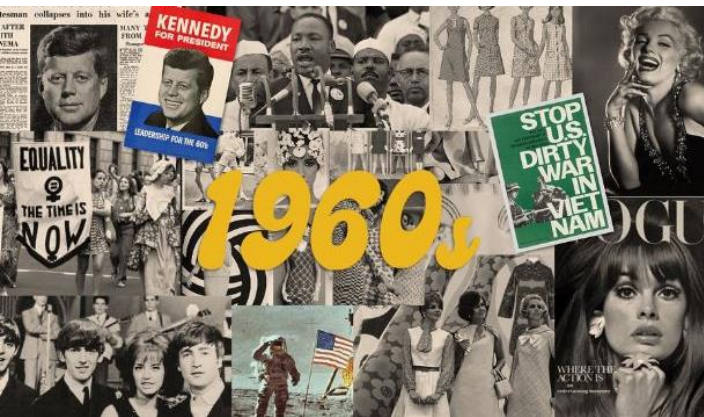
Subjects in the Spotlight

This week in Media Studies, Year 13 have been looking at the 1960s context around the set edition of Vogue and made some amazing collages. In Art, a beautiful large scale chalk piece by Gracie in Year 12 and our very talented Year 7 students created some fabulous Klimt inspired work.

We Will Rock You

Students have been working really hard in rehearsals, and it promises to be show that we can be really proud of. There are still tickets available but don't leave it too late!

<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/wath-academy/1207-we-will-rock-you>

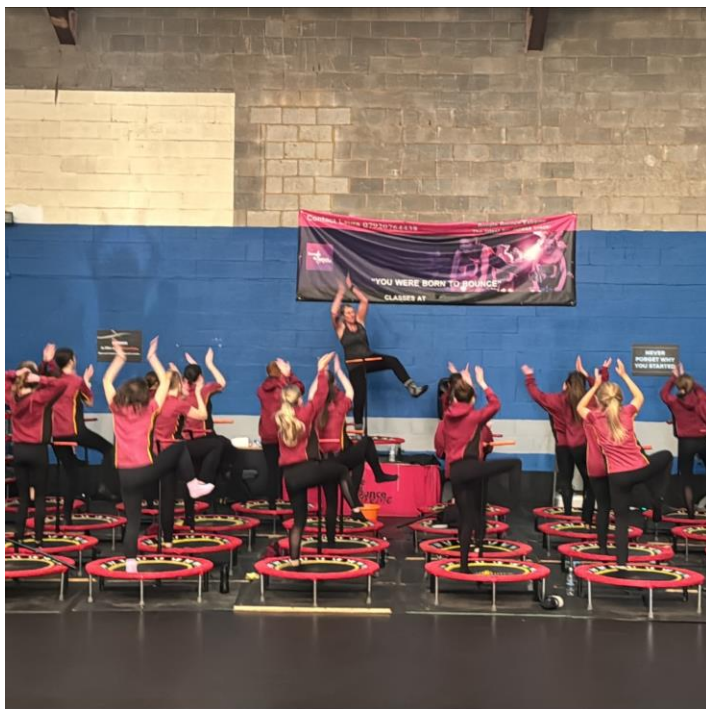


Enrichment

Wednesday was the first week in Block 3 of our enrichment programme and the launch of the grade booster sessions for Year 11.

One of our girl's fitness groups had the opportunity to attend LWP Fitness in Wath for Boogie Bounce sessions. The students have been absolutely fantastic, they worked solidly for an hour, working muscles they don't know they had!

Some of our students have also attended evening classes with Laura, the instructor, because they have enjoyed the sessions so much. Well done everyone!



Scholars Open Sessions

We're excited to host our second 'Open Session' of the year in a couple of weeks for boys and girls. Please use the following links to register your interest.

Boys Rugby <https://forms.office.com/e/dCd9eBeg13>

Girls Rugby <https://forms.office.com/e/eri9MNmqYz>

Boys Football <https://forms.office.com/e/vDBKcWk6Tq>

Girls Football <https://forms.office.com/e/nKR7BJQDh6>

Tesco "Stronger Starts" Initiative

Exciting news! Our Food department is in the running to receive funding from Tesco's "Stronger Starts" initiative. We have applied for this funding to run free community cooking sessions at our school. Our goal is to show that healthy eating doesn't have to be difficult or expensive. We are competing against two other good causes, and therefore we need your help to win. You can support us by casting a vote. After shopping at Tesco Extra in Wath, simply drop a blue token into our voting booth. Remember, every little helps!