



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 21

14 February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This week marks the end of the third half term of this academic year. As always, it has been very busy with lots to celebrate.

Earlier in the half term, Year 9 had their Options Evening. Students have now selected their options, and we are working through the curriculum model to maximise the number of first-choice selections. It has been great to hear of the brilliant, informed discussions Year 9s are having with staff but also between themselves. We will be working hard to ensure the process is as smooth as possible.

We have finished the half term this week with multiple visits from our PCAB. I have thoroughly enjoyed showing parents around the Academy during the school day. We have had the opportunity to go into classrooms to watch lessons, talk through our careers offer, see the behaviour policy in action as well as discuss and see other systems such as toilets, student movements and our morning entry routines. Having the opportunity to see these in action is important and powerful. We are aware that often comments are made outside of school or on social media that do not match the reality of the situation. For PCAB to see school systems in person and gain a greater understanding is important to us. Thank you to our PCAB for your continued support and commitment to the Academy.

Finally, this week Year 10 have engaged in "Achieve Week". They have followed a different timetable which has allowed them to spend extended amounts of time in their option subjects. This provides them with the opportunity to make significant progress with coursework or study topics in greater depth. The feedback we have had from students has been excellent with many asking if we can repeat the week later in the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support once again. I hope you have a great half term, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 24 February.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

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

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

Friday 14 February
Break for February half term

Tuesday 04 March
Year 12 Online Parents
Evening

Tuesday 04 March
Year 7 IEP Review Day

Wednesday 05 March
Year 10/11 IEP Review Day

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.

A huge well done this week to our three scholars who have been selected for the National Football Youth League's All-Star squad! We are very proud of you Emmie, Jemima and Sienna!

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



ALL-STARS

WOMEN'S U21 ALL-STAR SQUAD 2024/25

BILLY BURGESS - CHARLTON ATHLETIC CACT
BROOKE EMMERSON - CHESTERFIELD FC
CELESTE GORDON - MACCLESFIELD FC INTERNATIONAL
CHALICE MIDDLETON - BARNSELY FC
DIOR KNORR - CHELSEA FC BLENHEIM
EDYNI OSKER - PETERBOROUGH UNITED
ELLA-MAI DALE - PETERBOROUGH UNITED
EMMIE RINGS - WATH ACADEMY
EVA MYBLEYKO - DURHAM WOMEN FC SFA
JASMINE OTTEWELL - LINCOLN CITY WOMEN
JEMIMA JARVIS - WATH ACADEMY
KELSEY SPINK-ROBINSON - SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FC CP
KULDEET SANGHA - DURHAM WOMEN FC SFA
LEXIE BORDESSA - STEVEN GERRARD ACADEMY
LIEBIE TRAINOR - SUNDERLAND AFC FOL
LILLY WELLESLEY-DAVIES - PRECISION FOOTBALL ACADEMY
LYDIA GREENWOOD - SUNDERLAND AFC FOL
MILLIE DOCKING - CAMBRIDGE UTD
MOLLY SHERRIN - TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR NCC
MYA PARKER - CAMBRIDGE UTD
POPPY SURRIDGE - AFC DUNSTABLE FC
SIENNA HITCHINGS - WATH ACADEMY
YAZ GOLLEY - PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Safer Internet Day 2025 Tuesday 11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk



Safer Internet Day

This Tuesday we promoted Safer Internet Day! Join us and @UK_SIC [#SaferInternetDay](https://www.saferinternetday.org.uk) to create a better internet - [saferinternetday.org.uk](https://www.saferinternetday.org.uk) You can download the Safer Internet Day Social Media Toolkit from our website <https://www.wathacademy.com/saferinternetday25>

Tin Trail House Competition

Following the incredible success of our Clothes Donation Competition, we are thrilled to announce our next House Charity challenge: The Tin Trail Competition! After half-term, we will be collecting tinned and dried food donations to support the food banks in Wath Montgomery Hall and Rotherham Shiloh Charity. We encourage students to drop them into the crates next to the House boxes in reception. The House with the most donations will be crowned the winner!



Football Fixtures vs. Queen Ethelburgas

This fixture is always a highlight of the year for both players and coaches, the facilities at Queen Ethelburgas College are truly world-class. Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and our Sixth Form scholars all played well with some brilliant individual performances. Special mentions to Harrison McSloy for his hat trick, Will Picton for his 30-yard shot over the keeper into the back of the net, Will Shaw, Keaton Walker and Connor Duffy for showing great strength and character. All players represented the academy impeccably. Well done boys!

Golden Ticket Rewards

This week, students redeemed their Golden Tickets and had the choice of Laser Quest at Valley Centertainment, Aquabounce at Wath Leisure Centre, Movie Night or Retro Gaming. A great afternoon was had by all students. We can't wait to share what we have planned for the Easter rewards!

Events

A highlight of this half term was the three excellent performances of Movement Evening. Seeing students doing something they love is the driving force behind putting on events such as these. To see 35 acts per night including performances from our local primary schools was great and we are already looking to our next production We Will Rock You in March. Tickets still available via the following link.

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

Website – Photo Gallery

Please see our website for photos of our most recent events, including Movement Evening.

[Wath Academy - PHOTO GALLERY](#) Thank you to [Adam Galliford Photography](#)



Anti-knife Crime

Five of our Year 13 students have signed up for the Sheffield Half Marathon to raise money for Always An Alternative.

Always An Alternative is a South Yorkshire based charity based around diverting young people away from the wrong pathways in life through workshops, educational mentoring and spreading awareness.

You can support the boys by using the following link to donate

[Fundraiser by Billy MacDonald : Anti-knife crime](#)

The Principal has been asked to share important information from South Yorkshire Police this week. Please find this on our website

[Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](#)



Scholars Open Sessions

We're excited to host our second 'Open Session' of the year over half term 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!