



**Wath Academy**

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – Week 23

07 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been a busy one with some exciting events and meetings taking place at the Academy.

Firstly, we held the Academy Awards auditions which saw over 90 acts audition for a part in the show. The auditions took all day, and it was amazing to see so many students doing something they love and are passionate about. We will be meeting over the coming weeks to finalise the acts, with students finding out if they have been successful in securing a place just before Easter.

This week we also sent out our Welcome Packs to students who will be joining us in Y7 in the next academic year. We have had around 570 applications, again demonstrating the progression of the Academy. We are looking forward to those students joining us for the next part of their educational journey. We also recognise that there will have been a lot of disappointed people who did not manage to get a place; we wish them the very best of luck in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome  
**Principal**

### Key Dates:

**Tuesday 11-13 March**  
We Will Rock You

**Tuesday 18 March**  
Piano Recital

**Thursday 20 March**  
Year 10 Interview Day

**Wk.com Mon 24 March**  
Year 12 Trial Exams

**Tuesday 25 March**  
Year 11 Online Parents  
Evening

**Tuesday 25 March**  
Golden Ticket Event

**Thursday 27 March**  
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Click here for our term dates  
and INSET days.

**[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)**

### Student Achievement

A group of Wath students from various local swimming clubs recently participated in the Yorkshire County swim gala. Many Top 10 finishes were achieved, along with personal bests and qualification times for the Northeast Regional competition in May.

Esme Beevers, who set the under-15 club record in the 1500m Freestyle, Theo Swann, Luke Blackburn, Sam Wakefield and Olivia Thorpe competed for Rotherham metro with Lexi Goddard competing for Doncaster Dartes Y9 and Lola Harwoth-Blomfield for Stocksbridge Metro.

Well done to all students, the commitment and hard work put in to compete at this level is excellent. We are very proud of them.

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

## Let Girls Play Festival 2025

On Tuesday, our scholarship teams worked in collaboration with Rotherham School Games Team to deliver the annual #LetGirlsPlay day, which involved two sessions, morning and afternoon for girls in Year 3.

19 primary schools attended, with over 260 girls participating in a carousel of football themed activities. For the first time this year, Rotherham United Community Trust supported the event by bringing kick dart and penalty shoot-out inflatables for the girls to test their skills and not forgetting Miller the Bear!

The activities were delivered by our very own female scholars from football, rugby and netball scholarship programmes. Our scholars were fantastic, showing great leadership skills and created a positive experience for all the girls. An amazing event inspiring girls to participate in physical activities. Well done everyone!



## Yorkshire Rugby Academy Partnership

We are pleased to announce an exciting new initiative with Yorkshire Rugby Academy to provide a clear and structured pathway for talented young players to develop and progress towards professional rugby.

Officially launching in September 2025, it will see us participate in the National Academy, Colleges and Education (ACE) league and serve as a key hub within Yorkshire Rugby Academy's talent pathway, supporting boys 11-18 in their rugby development.

We are very proud that our educational offer, alongside our current Rugby Scholarship has been identified and selected to play a pivotal role in the future of Yorkshire Rugby.



## Sports Scholarship Information Evening

If you're interested in finding out more details regarding our Sports Scholarship Programmes, head to our next event on Monday 24 March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Click here to register <https://forms.office.com/e/k8wJxcJ4U7>

## We Will Rock You

Limited tickets remaining for next week's performances.....<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/wath.../1207-we-will-rock-you>

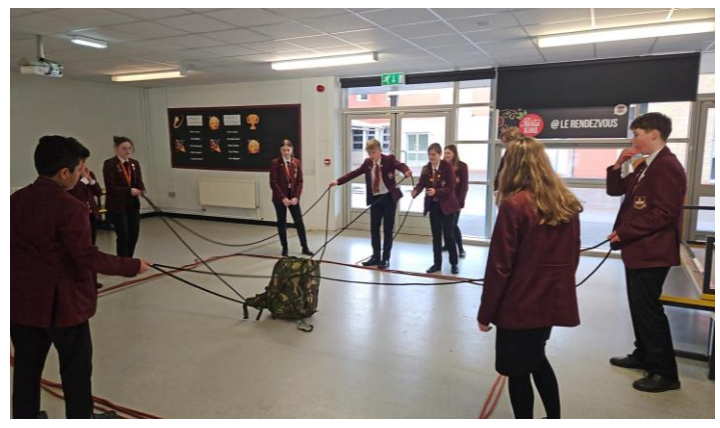
Wath Academy is delighted to stage our production for 2025 - We Will Rock You. With a script by Ben Elton and a score by Queen, you will hear classic songs from this most flamboyant of rock groups - Under Pressure, Another One Bites The Dust, We are the Champions and maybe even a touch of Bohemian Rhapsody. Discover a future where real music has been replaced by machine generated 'Ga Ga' pop and follow the journey of our Bohemians as they venture to rediscover the meaning of ROCK!



## World Book Day 2025

This week we celebrated WBD to continue to raise the profile and promote the importance of reading. We feel passionately about removing the barriers to reading for all our students and help them to develop a love of reading. Throughout the week, we have had reading themed assemblies, House competitions, quizzes and box tasks, reading tasks throughout all lessons in all subject areas and all Y7-11 students have received a World Book Day token where they can exchange this in a local book shop or supermarket for a free book. During Sugarcraft enrichment this week, students made some fabulous World Book Day themed creations.

We have launched our annual Readathon. The Readathon begins on 10 March and runs until the 17 March. A copy of the letter sent home to students can be found on our website [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTER](https://www.wathacademy.co.uk)



## Enrichment

On Wednesday, our Careers Connect Club students took part in an Elite Skills workshop with the British Army. They discovered more about the wide range of roles and opportunities available with the Army, then got hands on with some teambuilding and problem-solving activities.

## Reading Rewards

We will be rewarding students over the coming weeks for their significant efforts with Sparx Reader and money raised for the Readathon; these will feature in our half termly year group rewards assemblies. Students will receive a range of prizes including certificates, bookmarks, pin badges, and £5 book tokens. We are incredibly proud of students in Y7-10 who over a period of three weeks have read a cumulative 1768 hours and read 1075 books!