



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 25

21 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This week Governors met with Academy and Trust Leaders as part of our cycle of meetings throughout the year. Governors were presented to on our Personal Development offer inclusive of our tutor programme, assemblies, enrichment, trips, careers, and much more. We also shared exciting plans to develop this area further, including the potential for a year group residential and work experience opportunities abroad for Year 12. We hugely value personal development and remain insistent that grades alone are not enough for students to thrive in a competitive world.

This week also saw us conduct a practice lockdown scenario as part of our annual cycle of evacuation and lockdown drills. The drill was very successful, and students were a credit to the Academy with how they responded. Mr Wesson led an assembly to talk through the need for lockdowns and what to do, this was followed by the alarm sounding and students going into a lockdown situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

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
PCAB

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Easter Multi Sports Camp

The camp runs for one day only on Monday 07 April. Please see our website for details [Wath Academy - Easter holiday camp](#)

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>

Year 11 Online Parents Evening

The second Year 11 Online Parents evening of this academic year takes place on Tuesday 25 March. The booking system is now open. Please use the following link <https://www.wathacademy.com/parentsevening> and the unique parent code which was emailed to parents/carers last week. Any enquiries, please email enquiries@wathacademy.com

Sheffield Hallam University Lab

Our Year 13 scientists travelled to Sheffield Hallam University this week to visit the laboratories to carry out PCR, gel electrophoresis and immunoblot.

Reading Buddies

This week we celebrate our Sixth Form students who give their time each week to support our Year 7 students to develop a love of reading. All mentors have completed a reading training programme and have been excellent role models for our younger students so far this academic year.

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Student Achievement

Our Year 7 football team won 2-1 against Rawmarsh in the Plate Final held at Wickersley last Saturday. A fantastic team performance – thank you to Mr Halgaradi for leading the team. Well done boys!

James Robertson in Year 12 completed the Fleet Half Marathon last weekend in the amazing time of 1:33:46! He previously completed the Silverstone Half but was hampered by a knee injury – he smashed his PB therefore by more than 25 minutes! He came 625/3000 runners. This is a great achievement James, well done.

If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email us via the following address :

achievement@wathacademy.com



Helen Sharman

Year 12 and 13 students were invited to Maltby Academy to hear Helen Sharman speak about her experience in space, her career in industry, and provide information about university courses and careers in STEM. Students asked her some challenging and thoughtful questions. Helen was truly inspirational.

Readathon

A polite reminder that all monies from the sponsored Readathon need to be handed in by Friday 28 March, either in cash via reception or via ParentPay.





Iceland

Our A-Level students arrived safely in Iceland yesterday and after a very early start, students had the opportunity to see real life examples of lava flows and hot springs which are key parts of their A-Level curriculum, had a real taste of the unpredictable Icelandic weather today with snow, rain, and glorious sunshine within the last hour!

Year 10/12 Mock Interview Day

We welcomed visitors from local organisations to give them the opportunity to experience what an interview could be like. Students received amazing feedback, with volunteers commenting "All students were an absolute delight to interview and speak with" and "Students all really engaged in the event, were really polite and showed a real focus" Well done Year 10 and 12!



Drama Department Activities

It has been a very busy time for our students in the Drama department with lots happening over last seven days. Less than one week after the amazing production of "We Will Rock You", our talented Year 11 GCSE Drama students were performing their final scripted exam pieces to the visiting moderator. Mr Montgomery has commented on how incredibly proud he was of both their hard work in rehearsals and how well they all performed and conducted themselves on the day of the exam.

If that wasn't enough, on Wednesday, our Drama students from Years 10-13 went to watch a production of Dracula at the Winding Wheel Theatre in Chesterfield. Students are already discussing how they will be able to apply what they saw in the performance to their own work.