



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – Week 30

09 May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This week, we have well and truly begun the Y11 and Y13 exam series. Students have been completing exams in several subjects, with more to come next week. Their effort and dedication has been excellent, and they have begun to gather great momentum which will take them through the next few weeks. This weekend, Y11 students are invited in for History, Geography, Computer Science and English intervention. We know these sessions make a significant difference to their overall outcomes, but they also support students' wellbeing. We have had feedback every year about how these sessions allow for students to spend time with their family when they are home and can relax rather than cramming in last minute revision, safe in the knowledge that they have fully prepared for the upcoming exam.

In last week's newsletter I shared that we had hosted visitors from a Trust in Liverpool. Following the visit the CEO contacted me and shared the following:

"I really enjoyed seeing the high expectations, total commitment to every child and no excuses culture lived by all. That culture was evident with everyone we spoke to, whether they were classroom teachers, internal inclusion or teaching and learning leaders. Staff presence was high, there was a real sense of personal ownership and strong values present everywhere, especially in the branding, imagery and messages - The attention to detail and sweating the small stuff was powerful, connecting tradition and again embracing the schools' mission - "to thrive and be successful".

I share this because we have worked extremely hard on ensuring our culture is really clear, we have high expectations that are underpinned by care and compassion. For this to be picked up by visitors and commented on means a lot to us at the Academy. We recognise that there are always areas for us to improve but we are proud of how far we have come and excited about what the future holds. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome  
**Principal**

### Key Dates:

**W.C 28 April – 20 June**  
Y11 & Y13 Summer Exams

**W.C 19 May**  
Year 10 Work Experience

**W.C.02 June**  
Year 12 Work Experience

**Thursday 22 May**  
Golden Ticket Rewards Event

**Tuesday 24 June**  
Year 8 Online Parents Evening

**Friday 27 June**  
Year 11 Prom

**Monday 07 July**  
Academy Awards

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.  
**[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)**

### Enrichment in the Spotlight – Girls Rugby

Our summer term enrichment programme is well underway with new additions including Girl's Rugby. Wath RUFC "Wildcats" coach Rachael has volunteered to work with the girls to further improve the skills they are already developing in extra curricular activities within the community.

### Sponsorship Opportunity

We would like to provide local businesses with an opportunity to sponsor our Academy Awards which is being held at Sheffield City Hall on Monday 07 July. If you would like to become a new sponsor for 2025 or renew your sponsorship from last year, please get in touch with us at [academyawards@wathacademy.com](mailto:academyawards@wathacademy.com)



## Dearne Valley College Taster Day

Students in Year 10 took part in a taster day last week at Dearne Valley College. They toured facilities, experiencing a college environment and had chance to get hands-on, trying out subjects of their choice.

## Sheffield Hallam Visit

Today our Year 9 and 10 students who speak English as an additional language visited Sheffield Hallam University, where they took part in a series of workshops and explored the campus through a guided tour. They also worked in groups to design and present their own ideas for a student society club that they would create if they were to study at the university.



## Chemistry Olympiad

Congratulations to Luke Taylor and Mya McVeigh-Judd for achieving a Silver Award for the Chemistry Olympiad!

The UK Chemistry Olympiad is designed to challenge and develop thinking and problem-solving skills and test students' existing knowledge of chemistry in real-world situations. Well done to you both – a great achievement!

[UK Chemistry Olympiad](#) | [RSC Education](#)

Well done to Kieron Hardware in Year 10 for his efforts in raising £120 for Cancer Research!

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).



## Life Skills

Year 9 – As part of our "Living in the Wider World" strand of the spiral curriculum, Y9 are looking at employability skills this half term. Students have previously looked at what is meant by different job sectors, as well as what information is required for a job application for and potential interview questions. Now students are starting to explore different career paths and the skills they might need in this career. Have a look at the National Career Service website to access a free skills assessment and information on a wide range of careers [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources](#) | [National Careers Service](#)

## Year 11 Hoodies

If you would like to purchase a leavers hoodie, please follow the link below or scan the QR code on the handout provided on the final countdown evening. The final order date is 24 May.

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/wath-academy-2025-leavers>