



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 32

23 May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 and 13 have continued to work incredibly hard during their exam season. We are genuinely so proud of their efforts and the resilience they are demonstrating. We hope they all manage to get a good rest over half term and come back ready to finish the job off.

This week Y10 have been out on work experience, and we are delighted to hear of so many success stories. We firmly believe that this week is a vital part of our offer here at the Academy and it can help shape student aspirations whilst also demonstrating the realities of the working world.

Last night we also hosted our fifth PCAB meeting of the year. In the meeting we discussed our approach to British Values, the Y11 intervention programme and reading. As always, the session was productive with great feedback gathered with a view to further improving our offer at the Academy.

In Life Skills this half term, Year 8 have been looking at relationships and identity. As a society terminology around gender is ever changing and it's important for everyone to keep up to date with this, as well as the impact that gender identify can have on someone's life. A large part of the lessons have focused on how gender identify impacts mental health. See Young Minds website for further information. [Gender Identity & Mental Health | Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](#)

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

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

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](#)

Girls Rotherham Schools Cup

The first-ever Girls' Rotherham Schools Cup Finals delivered a landmark evening of football on Tuesday 20 May with Wath Academy and Wales High School lifting the silverware after two thrilling encounters.

The finals were hosted at Wath Academy and delivered in partnership with Maltby Learning Trust, marking the first ever girls-only Rotherham Cup Finals Day—a historic step forward for school sport in the borough.

Please see our website for more details [Wath Academy - Girls Rotherham schools cup](#)

And the article in the week's Rotherham Advertiser

<https://www.rotherhamadvertiser.co.uk/sport/football/gallery-first-ever-girls-rotherham-schools-football-finals-set-the-standard-5143990>



Duke Of Edinburgh – Y9 Practice Expedition

Last Saturday, students completed a walk of around 7 miles with staff who support them to improve their navigation skills. On the Sunday, they walk in small groups, carrying trackers and registering at scheduled check points. On both days, students carry all their food and equipment (including tents and cookers), and their bags weigh up to 13kg. Students camped overnight near Penistone. We were blessed with lovely weather; fingers crossed for the assessed expeditions in June!

We were very proud of the grit and resilience all students showed and would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who volunteer on the weekends to support, we could not run the scheme without them giving their time.



Inter School Athletics

Our athletes competed in the Inter School Athletics competition at Dorothy Hyman Stadium on Wednesday. It was another fantastic day with students representing the Academy with outstanding effort, attitude and behaviour.

The results were as follows – Y7 WINNERS, Y8 – Second, Y9 – Second by only 2 points.

Overall – WINNERS!!

Colour Run

Well done to all our Year 9 girls who took part in the Colour Run in aid of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. Over 28 schools took part on the day at Rawmarsh Community School. Thank you to all who donated – the running total of monies raised is currently at £10,500!

Golden Ticket Rewards

On Thursday, we rewarded students for their achievements points this half term. They chose from a trip to Xscape, Castleford, to have a ski lesson or play laser tag and crazy golf, enjoy pizza making or retro gaming/E-sports! A fun afternoon making amazing memories with friends! What a fabulous way to end this half term.

Capital of Culture Baton Relay

A group of students participated in the Rotherham Children's Capital of Culture Baton Relay. Schools around Rotherham passed a baton, running each leg between the schools. We completed the leg from WAtO Cortonwood Infant School and were welcomed by the full school greeting them to the finish line! Well done to our students and staff for completing the run!



Student Achievement

Esme Beevers in Year 8 has qualified for the Swim England National Summer meet at Ponds Forge, swimming the 200- and 400-meter freestyle and also qualified for the British Summer Championships in the 800 and 1500 freestyle. The British Summer Nationals brings together the fastest swimmers from across the country to compete at one of the highest levels in age-group swimming. Qualification is based on national rankings and is considered a major milestone for any young swimmer. This is an incredible achievement, well done Esme!

Our Y8 basketball team competed in the Junior NBA National Competition. We made it to the semi finals to face Ashville (Harrogate) private school. The team played very well against a difficult opponent, and we lost overall but a massive accomplishment in coming so far in the competition! Well done Wath!



Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Prom is being held at Wentworth Woodhouse on Friday 27 June 2025. Please see our website for further details. [Wath Academy - Y11 PROM 2025](#)

Please note, the deadline for payment via ParentPay is **Monday 02 June**.

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>

Year 10 Work Experience

If your child has completed their work experience this week and you would like to share any photos of them during their placement, please email them to careers@wathacademy.com