

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 38

11 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As we fast approach the end of the academic year, we are thoroughly enjoying a number of events.

This week saw the Academy Awards take place at Sheffield City Hall for the fourth consecutive year. The event was an incredible showcase of student talent and a celebration of their achievements. This is one of my favourite events as I am fortunate to see the hard work that the performing students put into their acts, the preparation on the day, the nerves, the joy as they perform and then the elation when they have finished. Thank you to all those who attended the event to support our students.

This week has also included several trips and today we will go on our annual Sponsored Walk which we are very much looking forward to. Next week sees us host our Sports Day and then the Careers Day on the Wednesday.

Finally, on Wednesday through to Friday we welcome our new Y7 students. We are excited to have them with us and begin preparations for September.

As always, thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ransome
Principal

Key Dates:

Friday 11 July
Sponsored Walk

Tuesday 15 July
Sports Day

Wednesday 16 July
Whole School Careers Day

Friday 18 July
House Awards Presentation
Last day of term

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

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Year 11 Leavers

Last Wednesday saw the Year 11 students attend their final assembly. Students and staff celebrated the five unforgettable years of friendships, hard work and special events! Well done Year 11, you will be hugely missed by everyone at the Academy! Good luck for everything the future holds! See you all on results day!

Results Days

A Level Results Day – 14 August

GCSE Results Day – 21 August

Please see our website for further information about collecting results.

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Life Skills

Year 8 have been focusing on drugs and alcohol. This includes the laws around drugs and alcohol and also includes legal and illegal drugs. As a society we know the impact that this can have on both physical and mental health. Have a look at the guidance for parents and carers on how to address this topic with your



Year 11 Prom

This year's Y11 Prom, held again at the historic Wentworth Woodhouse, saw theatrical entrances, amazing outfits and lots of positive memories to last a lifetime. Dressing to impress was an understatement!

Students made their way up the Grand Entrance staircase before enjoying food in the Marble Saloon. The highly anticipated Academy Awards were a highlight of the night; from the Prom King and Queen, the Best Dressed, Most Improved, Most Inspiring and the Biggest Joker of the year! It was amazing to see our students supporting each other. What a fantastic year group and what an amazing night to celebrate the end of a fantastic five years with our Y11 students.



Duke of Edinburgh

This year continues to be a fantastic year for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Over 100 students are currently completing their Bronze award and have each completed two expedition weekends, one was a practice and the second was assessed. Students have to be totally self sufficient for the weekend, including carrying their cooking equipment, tent, bedding and all the food they need. Over the 2 days they walk around 17 miles, which is a real challenge, our students have shown true grit and resilience and seemed to have also really enjoyed themselves

Next week we are taking our Silver award students on their practice expedition. On the expedition they walk for 3 days, a total of around 40 miles, again a massive challenge. We are really pleased that the Duke of Edinburgh scheme is growing every year and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who volunteer and support the expedition weekends.



Academy Awards

On Monday, over 2000 guests joined us for an evening celebration with 12 outstanding performances and over 500 awards. It is events like this that reminds us of how truly special our students and our school community really are, as we come together to celebrate the talent, attainment, progress and wider curricular efforts of our students, whilst creating positive school memories to last a lifetime.

Our student artists were live drawing throughout the day, such outstanding talent to be able to draw with impeccable detail in front of the Sheffield City Hall! Passers-by stopped to admire their skills. A powerful rendition of the rock classic *Sweet Child of Mine* performed by the school band showcased the strength of collaboration and musical talent.



The advanced music ensemble, *Ostinato*, added vocals to their repertoire with a moving performance of *Now We Are Free* from *Gladiator*, accompanied by a video montage celebrating academy achievements. Another standout was Jonny F, whose emotional version of *Empty Chairs and Empty Tables* from *Les Misérables* captivated the audience. Charlotte, a gifted pianist and vocalist, performed her own piece titled *Somebody*, followed by Brice N's heartfelt tribute to a friend lost to knife crime, closing the first half with depth and emotion.

The second half featured a mix of uplifting and emotional performances. Abigail and James impressed with Beethoven's *Spring Sonata*, and a well-timed comedy sketch had the audience laughing out loud. Lily-Mae B and Jack Z delivered a moving rendition of *All I Ask*, enhanced by choreography from Serine, Bethany, and Nadia. Chloe and Sophie captivated with expressive choreography to *My Way*, and the evening concluded with a powerful group performance of *This Is Me* from *The Greatest Showman*.

A-Level Geography at Cranedale

A-Level Geography students spent last weekend at Cranedale. They used a range of specialist equipment, engaging in classroom sessions to look at gathering and interpreting their data and had some much-needed downtime socialising with their peers. Well done everyone!

Y13 Summer Ball

Last Friday, we celebrated the end of a fantastic two years with a sit-down meal alongside our Year 13 students. An amazing night as a final farewell before they are off to begin their next chapter of life!



Student Success

Joe Watts in Year 9 has recently entered a national open water swimming competition and achieved 3rd place in Yorkshire and 5th in the Northeast region!

Not a bad achievement for his first time doing an open water competition; Joe is normally a competition pool swimmer. Well done Joe, we are very proud of you!

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

Multi Sports Holiday Camp

For further information about our Multi Sports Summer camps, please see our website [Wath Academy - Latest News](#)



Year 11 Induction

Recently, we held two induction days for Y11 students who are thinking of joining our Sixth Form in September. Students were fully engaged in sessions and enthusiastic about the next step in their educational journey. Some brilliant sessions were held by the Scholars team for boys and girls. It was fantastic to see so many new faces and we can't wait to welcome you to the Academy in September!

National Holocaust

Y10 and Y12 students were lucky enough to be joined by the educators at the National Holocaust Museum. Students attended a workshop focusing on events surrounding World War Two and were joined by Dr Martin Stern, a Holocaust Survivor. A truly unique experience!



Enrichment in the Spotlight

In Mandarin enrichment, students created Chinese calligraphy drawings of pandas. Giant pandas are incredibly important to China, serving as a national treasure, a symbol of peace and friendship. As a thank you to our students who visit our local primary schools on a Wednesday afternoon as part of their enrichment, pupils from Wath Central Primary gave them thank you cards. Lovely to see what a difference our students make to the children who will soon join us at the Academy.

Wimbledon Trip

Students spent last weekend in Wimbledon, a full day on No.2 Court and a morning spent exploring London, including viewing the Changing of the Guard. What a great opportunity to make memories with friends.



Better Learners Better Workers Graduation

On Wednesday, we celebrated the graduation of our Year 9 Better Learners Better Workers Ambassadors. The ceremony was held at Cutler's Hall in Sheffield; students were congratulated by the Master Cutler and were presented with their graduation certificates. Well done, we are very proud of your hard work.

World of Work Day

On Tuesday, a group of Year 10 students took part in a "World of Work Day" with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue. They found out more about the variety of roles on offer with the fire service, speaking to staff in different areas and getting hands on with activities and tasks.