



Wath Academy

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 15

18 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the festive season and the end of term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many highlights of the school year so far. It has been a busy, vibrant, and successful term, filled with achievements and memorable events for our students, staff, and wider community.

Tomorrow marks our Christmas Day celebration, and we are looking forward to students embracing the festive spirit as we prepare for the Christmas holiday. The aim of the day is to create positive school memories that last a lifetime. It provides a wonderful opportunity for students to spend time with friends and staff while taking part in festive activities.

Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer. Pre-loved jumpers are available to borrow; thanks to the generous donations we have received.

Please refer to the letter on our website ([Wath Academy – Whole School Letter](#)) for further details about tomorrow's arrangements and uniform guidance.
[Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS](#)

It has truly been a remarkable term, and none of this would be possible without the continued support of our parents and carers. On behalf of all the staff at Wath Academy, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy the festive break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

Friday 19 December
Christmas Day Celebrations
Final Day of Term

Monday 05 January
Return to the Academy

Tuesday 20 January
Year 13 Online Parents
Evening

Click here for our term dates
and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Celebrating our Enrichment Offer

This year, the enrichment offer at Wath Academy has continued to go from strength to strength. Students are provided with a fantastic range of opportunities to learn new skills, explore interests, and build confidence. Below are just some examples of the many activities experienced by Wath students this calendar year.

Duke of Edinburgh – taking part in outdoor challenges, building independence, teamwork and resilience – skills that will last a lifetime!

Mandarin Enrichment – opening a door to a new language and culture.

Robotics – students have built, designed and programmed robots, a great way to prepare for careers in technology and engineering.

Whole School Production

The school production brings together talented students from across all year groups. From acting and music to stage design, everyone working as a team to create an amazing performance.

Why it matters:

These activities help students grow in confidence, learn new skills, and discover passions beyond the classroom. We're proud of the commitment and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved and look forward to growing our enrichment offer further in 2026.



Student Achievement

Hayley Shepherd in Year 10 marked a fantastic milestone this weekend, playing her first rugby game for Yorkshire against a strong Durham side.

Well done, Hayley, on an outstanding achievement — and congratulations on being accepted into the Yorkshire Rugby Academy, proudly representing the Academy and her fellow Wildcat teammates at Wath RUFC. We hope Hayley's success will be an inspiration for more and more girls to get involved and enjoy their rugby in the years to come.

If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email achievement@wathacademy.com



Christmas Hampers

It is an annual tradition of our school to prepare Christmas Hampers to be delivered into our community. Yesterday, student and staff representatives had a lovely morning spreading Christmas cheer as they delivered over 80 Christmas hampers. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

The Annual Christmas Concert

Tuesday night saw us host our Annual Christmas Concert. There were over 75 students performing and around 200 parents/carers supported them. What a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities. Thank you again to [Adam Galliford Photography](#)

Save the Date

In January, we host our annual Movement Evening. You can book tickets now by clicking on the following link [Your Box Office](#). If you have a query regarding this event, please email enquiries@wathacademy.com or contact the Performing Arts department.