



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 18

23 January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

This week, our Year 9 students began their subject taster sessions to support them in making informed choices ahead of the upcoming Options process. These sessions are designed to give students the opportunity to experience a range of subjects and gain a better understanding of what each course involves. Engagement has been fantastic, and it has been great to see students exploring their interests as they start to consider their next steps.

Developing a love of reading continues to be a key aspect of our curriculum intent at Wath Academy, and we are always keen to develop new strategies to support students' reading. We would like to thank all parents/carers who have generously donated books that are no longer needed at home. These books will soon be available for students to enjoy in year group social areas. Further donations can be made by bringing books to reception. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Year 11 Geography students have been to Manvers over the last few days to investigate industrial change. Despite the weather, students have been a credit to the Academy, enjoying being out in the field taking photographs, doing site observations and environmental quality surveys. Well done Year 11.

Our Sixth Form scholarship team will be holding open sessions on Wednesday 11 February 2026. Please see our website for further details [Wath Academy - Latest News](#)

Thank you as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

W.C 2 – W.C 23 February
Y11 & Y13 Trials Exams 2

Thursday 5 February
PCAB

Tuesday 10 February
Y10 Online Parent's Evening

Thursday 12 February
Golden Ticket Reward Event

W.C 16 February
February Half Term

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

Weekly Update

E-Safety Parent's Evening

On Wednesday 4 February at 5pm, we are hosting an E-Safety Parents' Evening. The presentation will be led by Detective Constable Adrian Love from the Digital Investigations & Intelligence, Specialist Crime Service for South Yorkshire Police, with additional support from With Me in Mind. Please see our website for further details and how to register your attendance. <https://www.wathacademy.com/latestnews>

Time to Talk Day

Next week we will be holding assemblies leading up to *Time to Talk Day* which is held nationally on the 5 February 2026. *Time to Talk Day* is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. It's a day for all of us to come together to talk, listen and change lives. Why is talking important? Talking openly and honestly can be the first step towards better mental health for everyone. It can reduce the stigma around mental health and help people feel comfortable enough to seek help when they need it.

Golden Ticket Rewards

Our Golden Ticket rewards programme gives students a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their hard work, spend quality time with friends and create memories to last a lifetime. Watch out for the February rewards on Classcharts from next Monday, where students can purchase a Golden Ticket for 50 achievement points!

Rotherham Sports Hall Athletics

A number of our Year 7 boys and girls were involved in the Rotherham Sports Hall Athletics this week. It was a great event with some fantastic performances. Stand out performances were from Brody B, Frankie J and Bobby T! Well done everyone! The boys have now qualified and are through to the next round. Good luck!



Student Achievement

Billy Dixon in Year 13 recently competed at the 3rd Global Ninja Challenge at District 14 in Caen, France. He was placed first in the adult division against competitors from France, Italy, Romania and Taiwan!

Just amazing, after also achieving the fastest time on the 20-meter Rope Climb at the end of the contest! Well done, Billy!

Congratulations to our Year 9 Language Ambassadors!

We are so proud of all students who applied to be Language Ambassadors, and a special well done to our successful candidates. We can't wait to see you represent languages across the Academy! Applications will open to all year groups later this year—keep your eyes peeled!



Academy Awards Auditions

We are looking to hold the auditions after February half term, and we would love you to be a part of it!!

If you wish to audition, please complete the MS Form by Friday 13 February.

[Academy Awards Auditions 2026 – Fill in form](#) Please see Mr Stanley in Performing Arts for more information..

UK Funded Adventures Away from Home Residential

We are delighted to be able to offer, for the first time, all students in Year 7 the opportunity to take part in a three-day multi-activity residential to PGL Dearne Valley. Please see ClassCharts for further information.

Performing Arts

There will be three performances of our annual Movement Evening taking place next week, starting from Tuesday. A limited number of tickets are still available and can be purchased via [Your Box Office](#). Looking ahead to March, Wath Academy is proud to present the smash-hit musical Grease. Early booking is recommended to secure your preferred seats, with tickets available through [Your Box Office](#).