



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 20

06 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 and Year 13 Trial Exams

This week, students in Years 11 and 13 have taken their first week of trial examinations in their stride. We are incredibly proud of their resilience and dedication. The outcomes of these trials will help inform teaching and targeted support in the lead-up to the final examinations. We wish them the very best of luck for their second week of trials next week.

World Read Aloud Day

We were proud to celebrate World Read Aloud Day at the academy this week, where students and teachers came together to share stories, bringing books to life with expressive reading and imagination. Students also read aloud in their MFL lessons, celebrating languages and diversity. The celebration reminded us that reading aloud builds confidence and inspires a lifelong love of learning.

Cricket Scholarship

We are excited to announce the launch of a new Cricket Scholarship as part of our Sports Performance Pathway. This opportunity is designed to support talented and committed cricketers through a combination of high-level coaching, performance development, and academic study. An open session for current Year 11 students will take place during half term on Friday 20th February, 10:00 am–12:30 pm, offering prospective scholars the chance to experience the pathway ahead of the programme's September 2026 start.

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

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

This week, we held an E-Safety Parents' Evening at the Academy. The presentation was led by Detective Constable Adrian Love from the Specialist Crime Service for South Yorkshire Police, with support from With Me in Mind. The session provided valuable guidance for parents on keeping children safe online. An information pack has been added to our website for your information. [Wath Academy - WHOLE SCHOOL LETTERS](#)

Scholars Open Sessions

Please see information regarding the Scholarship Open Sessions that are being held on 11 February 2026 at the Academy. For more information about our sports scholarship offer, please see our website [Wath Academy - Latest News](#)

Whole Year Group Residential

A multi-activity residential at PGL Dearne Valley is open to all current Year 7 students! Don't miss out—deposits are due today to secure your place. For more information, see ClassCharts [PGL Dearne Valley](#)



Join us for our prestigious awards event

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 25 June 2026

Arrive 6:30pm (7:00pm start)

WATH ACADEMY AWARDS

Sheffield City Hall

Hepworth Gallery

On Friday, our GCSE and A-level art students visited The Hepworth Gallery in Wakefield, where they took part in an artist-led workshop. They made their own hardback sketchbooks, with a variety of coloured and textured papers inside then headed into the gallery spaces to draw from the range of paintings, drawings and sculptures. The students enjoyed finding inspiration and new ideas for their projects as well as experiencing a visit to an award-winning gallery!

Maths Disneyland Trip

This week, Year 10 students recently enjoyed an unforgettable short break in Disneyland Paris, where they combined learning with adventure! They attended the Maths Live Conference exploring exciting mathematical concepts, participated in engaging workshops, and had the chance to experience the magic of the park. We hope you all made memories to last a lifetime!



RYDELL HIGH
WATH ACADEMY PRESENTS

SCHOOL EDITION

Grease

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

Tuesday 10th March | 6:30 pm
Wednesday 11th March | 6:30 pm
Thursday 12th March | 6:30 pm

Tickets:
£6.00 | Concession
£8.50 | Full Price



Limited Tickets Available

Wath Academy proudly presents the smash hit musical GREASE. Experience the friendships, romances and adventures of the teenagers from Rydell High School as they face the challenges of growing up in the 1950s. We are pleased to have secured all the great songs written specifically for the film including 'You're the One That I Want', 'Sandy', 'Hopelessly Devoted to You' as well as the classic originals such as 'Summer Nights' and 'Greased Lightnin''. Book early to secure your choice of seats. <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/wath-academy/1290-grease>

Year 9 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday, our Y9 netball team represented the Academy brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork on court. They dominated Pool 2 with wins against St. Bernadette's, Wales and Saint Pius. Opposition's player's awards were Ellie R, Millie T and Isla P, coaches awards to Ellie R, Isla P and Ava R. Well done girls!