



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 21

13 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy half term across the Academy. Students in all year groups have continued to engage fully in their learning, enrichment activities, sporting fixtures and visits.

As we reach the end of the second week of trial examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding effort and resilience shown by everyone involved. The atmosphere around the Academy has been purposeful and focused, and it has been encouraging to see so many of our young people demonstrating such commitment to their studies. There is one final week to go after half term, and we encourage students to use the break wisely – taking time to rest and recharge, while also completing any final revision so they can return feeling confident and ready to perform at their best.

Our Year 10 students have also enjoyed a highly engaging week, stepping away from their usual timetable to focus on their option subjects. With dedicated time for each discipline, students have been able to immerse themselves in extended projects, develop practical skills and bring their ideas to life. This focused approach has also provided valuable time to address any outstanding work, ensuring they move into the next half term feeling well prepared. The Academy has been filled with creativity, determination and a strong sense of pride, and we are extremely pleased with the maturity, motivation and hard work shown by our Year 10 students throughout the week.

Celebrating Success

We are keen to celebrate students' achievements and success stories in our weekly newsletter. If you would like to share an achievement, please email us at achievement@wathacademy.com

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hopkin
Head of Academy

Key Dates:

W.C 16 February
February Half Term

W.C 23 February
Y11 & Y13 Trials Exams 2

3 March
Year 12 Parent's Evening
SEND Coffee Morning

10–12 March
Grease Production

10 March
PCAB Meeting

17 March
Piano Recital

[Click here for our term dates and INSET days.](#)

Wath Academy Term Dates

Weekly Update

National Apprenticeship Week

This week marks the 19th National Apprenticeship Week, taking place from 9-15 February. We have been hosting our own activities throughout the week, including assemblies, information on Satchel: One and in student's Life Skills lessons.

We welcomed the Army into the Academy for an Elite Skills workshop. Students explored the huge variety of opportunities available with the Army, then took part in a series of hands-on teambuilding activities, demonstrating excellent communication and problem-solving skills.

Students in Year 9 had an inspiring day at the Clean Energy Jobs Fair, where they met Chris McDonald, Minister for Industry at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and connected with top clean-energy employers such as Octopus Energy, GeoPura, Rolls Royce and RWE, Well done to everyone involved!



Year 7 Football

Well done to our Year 7 boys who beat Rawmarsh Community School 11-0 this week in the quarter finals of the Rotherham Cup! Goals from B.Buck, O.Lewis-Smith, M.Hartley x4, B.Talbot x1, J.Chandler x1 and A.Matthewman sealed the win!

Golden Ticket Rewards

This half term, our Golden Ticket Rewards programme has been a big hit! An afternoon at Rotherham Superbowl, a session at Aqua bounce at Wath Leisure Centre, pizza making or Esports/Retro Gaming at the Academy - it was brilliant to see so many student having fun together, making the most of their well-earned rewards!



WELL 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

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

Torch Magazine

The latest edition of the *Torch* is out now! This edition highlights another busy and successful half term at the Academy. From the inspiring Maths Live! trip to Disneyland Paris, to the fantastic work of our MFL. Please take the opportunity to read this edition and join us in celebrating the many achievements and special moments from across the Academy.

Chinese New Year Art Competition

We're launching the Chinese New Year Art Competition! Enter the competition run by the Confucius Institute at Sheffield University to celebrate the arrival of the year of the horse. The deadline for artwork is Wednesday 25 February. Good luck everyone, we can't wait to see your creations! See Classcharts for details.