



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

## NEWSLETTER – Week 25

20 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been another fantastic one, with a wide range of opportunities and experiences of our students to engage and excel in!

### Grease

We are incredibly proud of our recent school production of Grease, which was truly one of our best productions to date. With over 100 students involved, alongside a live band made up of our students, the talent, energy and commitment on show was outstanding. It was fantastic to see so many students involved both on stage and behind the scenes. Some amazing photos from the production are available to view on our website.

[Wath Academy - Events 2025/6](#)

### Piano Recital

On Tuesday of this week, we were delighted to host our piano recital, which provided a wonderfully intimate setting for our students to perform. The standard of performance was exceptional, with each student showcasing not only their technical skill but also real confidence and musicality. It was a fantastic opportunity for all involved to perform in front of an audience and celebrate their progress, and we are incredibly proud of every student who took part.

### Y10 Mock Interviews

On Thursday of this week, our Year 10 students took part in mock interviews, gaining valuable experience in preparation for the world of work. Students were put through their paces and approached the process with confidence and professionalism, representing the academy extremely well. A huge thank you to all the volunteers from local businesses who supported the event by giving up their time to interview our students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Hopkin**

Head of Academy

### Key Dates:

**24 March**

Y11 Parents Evening

**27 March**

Break for Easter holiday

**13 April**

Return to the Academy

**14 April**

GCSE Final Countdown Evening

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

[Wath Academy Term Dates](#)

## Weekly Update

### South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Developing Resilience

Well done to all our students who have completed the Developing Resilience Course and received their certificates! Over six days, students took part in a mix of classroom sessions and hands-on activities, learning how to face challenges with confidence and teamwork. The course, run with South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, is all about helping young people become more resilient, make positive choices and build stronger, safer communities.

### Year 11 Reminders

Year 11 Online Parent's Evening takes place next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please use the following link <https://www.wathacademy.com/parentsevening> to book appointments. A parent code has been sent via email. If you have any issues, please email [enquiries@wathacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@wathacademy.com) or call our reception.

## Athletics Achievements

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 teams for their outstanding performances at the South Yorkshire Sports Hall Athletics Finals! Special congratulations to the Year 8 Boys for 1st place and the Year 7 Boys for 3<sup>rd</sup>, showing incredible skill, determination, and team spirit.

## Chinese New Year

Congratulations to our talented students who entered the Confucius Institute Chinese New Year art competition! Celebrating the Year of the Horse, Elyse W. was the overall winner, with Robyn M. and Olivia S. as runners-up. Their amazing artwork is now on display in Sheff University's Diamond Building.



## Student Achievement

A proud day for Benjamin Smith and his family on Saturday, with an [England Rugby](#) U18 international debut vs [France Rugby](#) U18. Finished with a try scored in true 'Yorkshire Grit' style! A memorable day for all involved in his rugby development over the years! Well done, Benjamin!

WA golfers have enjoyed a strong week of competition, with Harrison Hall (Y13) winning the Open Golf Championships Final with a superb 71 (-1), alongside impressive performances from Will Bracha (Y13) and Freddie Knowles (Y12). At the South Yorkshire Schools Competition, Isaac Hawke (Y11) led the team with a top finish, while Ethan Clark (Y13) and Harrison Hall (Y13) secured 2nd and 4th places, highlighting the depth of talent across the school.

We would like to share students' success stories and achievements in this newsletter each week. If you would like to share your success stories with us, please email us via the following address: [achievement@wathacademy.com](mailto:achievement@wathacademy.com)



## Xscape – Ski Preparation

Our Year 7–10 students hit the slopes this week at Xscape Indoor Ski Centre! From first timers finding their balance to more experienced skiers sharpening their technique, it was fantastic to see so much determination, resilience, and fun on display. This trip was the perfect warm-up as excitement builds for our upcoming ski adventure in Sestriere, Italy, and we're now just 8 days away! Students have made an incredible start preparing their skills, and we can't wait to see them take on the real mountains very soon. Watch this space for more updates as our ski journey continues!

## Comic Relief 2026

Today, students had the chance to take part in a range of fun and creative challenges inspired by the Taskmaster TV series. Each of our six houses ran their own unique challenge throughout day, led by the house captains. It's been a day full of laughter, teamwork, and friendly competition - all for a fantastic cause! Donations can be made via Parentpay until 27 March.