

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 7

16 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another fantastic couple of weeks at the Academy, with plenty to celebrate and some excellent opportunities for our students, both inside and outside the classroom.

One of the highlights has undoubtedly been our Year 8 residential, which was a phenomenal experience for everyone involved. We could not have been prouder of our students, whose behaviour and attitude throughout the trip were exemplary. It was a pleasure to see so many young people embracing new challenges, developing their confidence and resilience, and enjoying such a wide range of experiences alongside their friends. Experiences such as these play an important role in developing character, strengthening friendships and creating lasting memories. A huge thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make the residential a success.

Looking ahead, we would like to draw your attention to two important upcoming events.

Our Year 11 Revision Evening on Tuesday 20 October will provide students and parents with practical advice and guidance on how to prepare effectively for their GCSE examinations. We will also be providing every Year 11 student with essential revision resources, completely free of charge, to support their independent study. This is an important stage in their educational journey, and we are determined to ensure that every student has the knowledge, resources and support they need to achieve their very best.

We are also very much looking forward to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 4 November, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and families to explore our Sixth Form provision, meet our staff and students, and discover the wide range of courses, enrichment opportunities and support available. We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form and the opportunities it provides, and we would encourage anyone considering their next steps to come along and see what makes it such a special place to study.
Please register your interest via the link Wath Academy Sixth Form Open Evening - Wednesday 4th November 2026 6-8pm – Fill in form

As we approach the October half term, thank you, as always, for your continued support of the Academy. We hope all our students and families enjoy a well deserved break.

Mr A Hopkin
Principal

Key Dates:

Year 11 Revision Evening
Tuesday 20 October

Golden Ticket Rewards
Tuesday 20 October

Inset Day
Friday 23 October

Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 4 November

Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11 November

Sixth Form Cabaret
Tuesday 24 November

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.

Wath Academy Term Dates

Y8 Careers Fair

Last week, we welcomed a range of local employers to our Year 8 Careers Fair, providing students with a valuable opportunity to explore different career pathways and gain a greater understanding of the opportunities available to them beyond school. It was particularly pleasing to see students engaging so positively with employers, asking thoughtful questions and beginning to consider their own future aspirations.

Murder Mystery

Another highlight of this week was our annual Murder Mystery production, which was nothing short of outstanding. Our Sixth Form students, alongside guest appearances from our Performing Arts Staff, delivered a superb performance. The confidence, creativity and talent on display were exceptional, and everyone involved should be extremely proud of what they achieved.





Y8 Residential

Our first-ever Year 8 residential was a fantastic success! Students enjoyed exciting outdoor adventures with PGL, building confidence, resilience and teamwork while creating lasting memories.
We're delighted to announce that next year's trip is booked for our current Year 7 students! Details are available via the MCAS app, with deposits due by **Friday 30th October**.

Y7 Restart a Heart

Today, our Year 7 students have also taken part in the Restart a Heart programme, learning the potentially lifesaving skill of CPR through practical activities. Giving young people the knowledge and confidence to respond in an emergency is incredibly important, and we are delighted that every Year 7 student has had the opportunity to develop these essential skills.









Rotherham Hospice Visit

Yesterday, some of our senior students had the chance to visit Rotherham Hospice, give our donation from our annual sponsored walk and find out more about the work they do within the local community and the impact fundraising has on the work they are able to do. Thank you again to all parents/carers and families for your donations and thank you to those at the hospice who supported our students today on their visit today, the work you do is truly inspiring and we look forward to working closely with you again in the future.

British Museum Live Broadcast

Our Year 7 Historians participated in a special live broadcast from the British Museum this week, marking the 960th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. Students had the exciting opportunity to see the Bayeux Tapestry, currently on loan from France, and take part in a live Q&A session. Well done to everyone involved for their curiosity, engagement and excellent participation in this unique historical experience!