

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 8

23 October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half-term, we would like to thank our students, families and staff for their continued support over the past eight weeks.

It has been a very positive start to the academic year, and we have been particularly pleased with the attitude and commitment shown by our students. We have continued to focus on maintaining high standards, developing positive learning habits and ensuring students make the most of the opportunities available to them.

One particular highlight has been our attendance, which is at it's highest level for this point in the academic year for five years. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our students and families. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority. We hope to build on this excellent start after half-term.

This week has been another busy one, with our Year 11 Revision Evening, Golden Ticket Rewards and a fantastic educational visit to Salamanca form some of our students. These opportunities are an important part of academy life, helping students develop confidence, build friendships and create lasting memories.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our **Sixth Form Open Evening** takes place on **Wednesday 4 November, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. We encourage Year 11 students and their families to join us, explore our facilities, meet staff and students, and discover the excellent opportunities available at Wath Academy Sixth Form.

Please register your interest via the link:
Wath Academy Sixth Form Open Evening - Wednesday 4th November 2026 6-8pm

We're excited to be hosting a Christmas Market on **Friday 4 December** in our school hall. We would love to hear from local business, independent traders and talented makers who would like to be involved. Please visit our Facebook page for details on how to register your interest. We look forward to making it a fantastic festive event for our school community!

Mr A Hopkin
Principal

Key Dates:

Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 4 November

Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11 November

Sixth Form Cabaret
Tuesday 24 November

Year 13 Online Parents Evening
Tuesday 1 December

PCAB
Thursday 3 December

Wath Academy Christmas Market
Friday 4 December

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.

Wath Academy Term Dates

Remembrance Assemblies

This week, students across all year groups took part in assemblies reflecting on the importance of remembrance and honouring those who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Royal British Legion for generously giving their time to support our assemblies throughout the week, helping students understand the significance of remembrance and the importance of paying tribute to those who have served and fallen.

Wake Up Wednesday

#Wake Up Wednesday is an online tool from The National College.
The aim of these resources is to provide parents, children and educators with the knowledge and skills to heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing, and climate change and sustainability. You can access these guides by clicking on this link https://nationalcollege.com/library?sortBy=newest...





Salamanca 2026

Our Spanish students have had an unforgettable adventure in Spain, creating memories to last a lifetime! Beginning their trip in Madrid, students enjoyed delicious tapas at the Bernabéu Mercado and toured the iconic Real Madrid stadium before travelling to Salamanca for an exciting week of language learning, cultural experiences and fun. At Colegio Delibes, students took part in immersive Spanish lessons, sampled traditional snacks and put their language skills into practice by speaking with local people.

Beyond the classroom, students explored Salamanca's beautiful historic centre and cathedral, enjoyed tapas in the stunning Plaza Mayor and danced the night away learning Salsa, Bachata and Merengue! The trip was packed with laughter, new experiences and opportunities to strengthen friendships, with students embracing Spanish culture at every opportunity. A huge **muchísimas gracias** to our wonderful host families for their warm welcome and for making the experience so special. We're returning home with improved language skills and memories to treasure forever!









Enrichment

Our Enrichment programme continues to offer exciting opportunities for students to develop new skills and explore their interests beyond the classroom. Sixth Form students are working towards a Level 1 British Sign Language qualification, while Animal Care students enjoyed meeting a variety of small mammals, reptiles and invertebrates during a visit from Leanimals Mobile Zoo. Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been showcasing their creativity through African-inspired 3D masks, Halloween silhouette artwork and CAD-designed skylines and keyrings, brought to life using a 3D printer. These fantastic activities build confidence, encourage creativity and help students discover new talents!

Golden Ticket Rewards

A huge well done to all our students who reached 50 achievement points and earned their Golden Ticket reward! Students celebrated in style with a trip to Superbowl, spooky baking, pumpkin carving and a Halloween movie afternoon. It's fantastic to see hard work and positive attitudes being recognised and rewarded. Well done, everyone – keep collecting those points, and we can't wait to reveal what exciting rewards are in store for Christmas!