

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 9

6 November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break. It has been a fantastic first week back, with plenty to celebrate across the Academy.

Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday's Sixth Form Open Evening was a tremendous success, with over 800 people in attendance. It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students and families and showcase the opportunities available in our Sixth Form. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we are incredibly proud of our staff and student ambassadors who made the evening such a success. Applications for September 2027 are now open, please see our website for further details.

Year 11 and Year 13 Intervention
A huge well done to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students who attended intervention sessions during the October half-term break. Their commitment to their studies is fantastic to see, and we hope their hard work pays off in the months ahead. Thank you also to the staff who supported these sessions.

Remembrance and Armistice Day
Next Wednesday, we will hold our annual Armistice Day commemoration, one of the most special occasions in our academy calendar. We have placed 39 poppies on our railings in memory of the 39 Old Wathonians who lost their lives during the Second World War. We look forward to coming together as a school community to pay our respects.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr A Hopkin
Principal

Key Dates:

Armistice 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

Y9 Online Parents Evening
Tuesday 8 December

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.

Wath Academy Term Dates

Christmas Toy Appeal

We are excited to launch our Christmas Toy Appeal House Competition!
We are challenging all our houses to come together, to show their generosity and help make Christmas magical for children who may otherwise go without. Every toy donated, big or small, can make a huge difference this Christmas. Please see our website for further details. **https://www.wathacademy.com/page/.**

Beyond the CV – A visit to Google's London Offices

Students had an early start as they travelled to London today to attend the exciting Beyond the CV Event. They heard from representatives of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, gaining valuable insights into how their DofE experiences can help them stand out to future employers. They also had the opportunity to learn how to showcase the skills they have developed through their award and strengthen their CVs. A fantastic opportunity to discover how DofE can open doors and help build brighter futures!





Sporting Success

It has been another fantastic week of sporting success at Wath Academy! Our Year 7/8 Girls' Football team progressed to the next round of the English Schools' Cup with an excellent 7–4 victory over St Bede's, while the Year 9/10 girls secured a brilliant 3–2 win against Woodkirk. Our Year 9 rugby team also celebrated a fantastic victory against Kings Pontefract after a superb team performance. Archie M and Reuben H impressed at centre, while Tom W and Harry T worked brilliantly together, linking passes to create opportunities and set up tries. Well done to everyone involved for their hard work and teamwork!

Congratulations also to Year 10 students Hudson B and Will A, who have been selected for the Yorkshire Rugby Academy PDG Foundation Under 15s following successful trials with Doncaster Knights and York RUFC – an outstanding achievement!









Enrichment in the Spotlight

Our Wednesday afternoon enrichment programme continues to offer fantastic opportunities for students to develop new skills, build confidence and stay active. Our girls' fitness group has been working hard, learning to use gym equipment safely, set personal goals and challenge themselves. Along the way, they are developing confidence, improving wellbeing and building healthy habits while supporting one another. A big thank you to Wath Health and Fitness Hub for inspiring and motivating our students!

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...**