

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

NEWSLETTER – Week 11

20 November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Trials

Year 11 students have now completed their first round of trial examinations, and we would like to congratulate them on the outstanding effort, resilience and maturity they have demonstrated over the past two weeks.

By approaching these assessments with the same commitment and seriousness as their final GCSE examinations, students have gained valuable experience of the demands and expectations of the summer examination season. The trials have also provided staff with a clearer understanding of students' strengths and areas for development, enabling us to tailor teaching and support effectively in the months ahead.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment shown by our Year 11 students. As a small token of appreciation for their hard work, they will be treated to hot chocolate and cookies during Period 5 today.

Edurio Parent and Carer Survey

We would like to invite you to share your views by completing our Parent and Carer Survey.

Your feedback is extremely valuable to us and plays an important role in shaping the future of our Academy. We want to understand what we are doing well, identify areas where we can improve and explore how we can continue working together to provide the best possible experience and opportunities for our students.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey using the link below:
Complete the Parent and Carer Survey

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr A Hopkin
Principal

Key Dates:

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

Christmas Concert
Monday 14 December

Click here for our term dates and INSET days.

Wath Academy Term Dates

Christmas Market at Wath Academy

A reminder that Wath Academy will be hosting its Christmas Market on **Friday 4 December 2026, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm.** We are looking forward to welcoming families, friends and members of the local community for an afternoon of festive fun, with a variety of stalls offering Christmas gifts, games, activities, baked goods and refreshments. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a wonderful festive event.

To help make the market a success, we would be extremely grateful for donations of the following items:
•**Pre-loved toys** – particularly LEGO, Playmobil and similar toys, in good, clean condition and with all essential pieces.
•**Brand-new board games** – unopened and suitable for children and families.
•**Books** – in good condition and suitable for children or adults.
•**Tombola prizes** – unopened gifts, toiletries, chocolates, bottles or other suitable items.
Donations can be brought into the Academy by **Wednesday 2 December**, allowing us time to organise and prepare everything ahead of the event.

All contributions, however big or small, would be greatly appreciated and will help us raise funds to provide additional

Christmas Concert- Monday 14 December 2026

The Wath Academy Music Department warmly invites you to join us for an evening of festive music, wonderful performances and Christmas cheer!
Our talented students have been working hard in preparation for the concert, and we look forward to showcasing their musical talents as we celebrate the festive season together. Tickets can be purchased using the link :Annual Christmas Concert – Book Tickets

Christmas Toy Appeal

This week, some of our students had the opportunity to visit the volunteers at Rotherham Toy Appeal, where they spent the morning helping to select gifts for children and families in need. During their visit, students also met representatives from some of the organisations that rely on the Toy Appeal to support local families. Our students described the experience as incredibly rewarding and eye-opening, helping them to understand firsthand how their contributions can bring joy to others at Christmas.





Student Achievement

We are incredibly proud to share the story of one of our Year 7 students, Georgina.

Having experienced hospital treatment herself, Georgina has been determined to give something back, bring smiles and offer hope to other children facing their own challenges.

Every other year, Georgina takes on fundraising challenges, and this year she has completed her biggest mission yet! - 150 miles in 150 days, completing her challenge on the 150th birthday of Sheffield Children's Hospital! Georgina has now raised over £1,400 for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity – something she should be incredibly proud of!

You can follow Georgina's fundraising journey and find out more about her incredible story by following the links
Georgina Williams is fundraising for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity
Georgina's story – Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity



Year 12 Careers Networking

After our second successful year, we are pleased to announce the third Networking Event for Year 12 students here at Wath Academy Sixth Form. There will be over 25 locally and nationally based companies in attendance to support our students. It is expected that all Year 12 students attend and grasp this opportunity in order to support their future ambitions. For further details please see the letter on our website. **Wath Academy - Sixth Form Letters**

Wath Scholars – Open Sessions

Are you a talented young athlete looking to take your sport to the next level? We're inviting prospective students to take part in an open session on Monday 21 December at Wath Academy. This is a great chance to see what life as a scholar is like and how we support students to excel in both sport and academics. Please see link for session times and to register your interest.
Sports Performance Pathway | Open Training Sessions