



Wath Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Sixth Form Team at Wath Academy are fully invested in ensuring that each student within our Sixth Form reaches their full potential to enable them to lead successful and fulfilling lives. This year, due to the interruption in education our students have experienced, this support is more important than ever.

We want our students to leave our Sixth Form with a suite of excellent qualifications and the skills necessary to access their next steps whether that be within higher education, training, or employment. There are a number of strategies that we are putting into place to help students achieve this.

Trial Exams

Sixth Form students will be sitting Trial exams in the weeks commencing Monday 14 June 2021 and Monday 21 June 2021. Please find attached a copy of the trial timetable detailing the dates and times of each trial.

Sitting regular assessments in exam conditions will help to prepare students for the 2022 examination series. It is for this reason that we have planned to hold these trials at the end of Y12 as well as three further rounds of trials throughout the course of Y13.

Regular and rigorous assessment is vital to identify gaps in learning so that students can be supported in achieving their full potential. Following the Trial exams, students will receive high quality feedback that they will be able to utilise in order to make progress in their respective courses. For a small number of students, it may become apparent that continuing on their current courses is not within their best interests. Such instances will be dealt with on a case by case basis with student need and career aspirations at the heart of any discussion.

Work Experience

Due to the disruption that higher education providers and employers have experienced over the course of the pandemic, it is likely that our Sixth Form students will experience greater competition for university places and employment vacancies. As a result, we have made the decision to proceed with Y12 work experience which will take place in the weeks commencing Monday 28 June 2021 and Monday 5 July 2021. All Y12 students should now have a work experience placement secured and be completing the form sent to all students.

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Higher Education Support

On the 28 April 2021 all Sixth Form students had the opportunity to attend an Introduction to Higher Education workshop which provided students with information on how to apply to university.

In addition to this, we have invested in a subscription to the Unifrog platform which provides students with a vast amount of information on UK and Non-UK university courses, apprenticeship vacancies and a comprehensive careers library. Students have been set weekly tasks to familiarise themselves with the platform and to aid them in their exploration of their Post-18 options. These weekly tutor sessions will continue to the end of the academic year and into Y13.

Finally, we recognise the importance of parental involvement and support. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing recorded sessions, aimed at providing parents with information surrounding higher education and how students can be supported through their applications.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Shaw or Miss Slasor using the Sixth Form email address.

Yours sincerely



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