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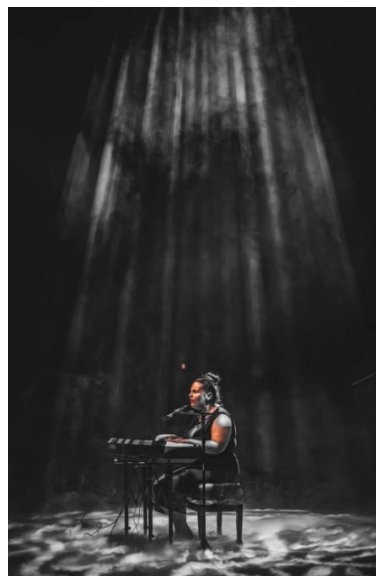
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*This issue's cover photo shows Y13 Sienna performing at this year's Wath Academy Awards at the Sheffield City Hall .*

# Goodbye Year Eleven!

Friday 14th June 2024 saw Wath Academy saying a fond farewell to the 2024 Year Eleven cohort.

The Leavers' Assembly took place in the Sixth Form Study

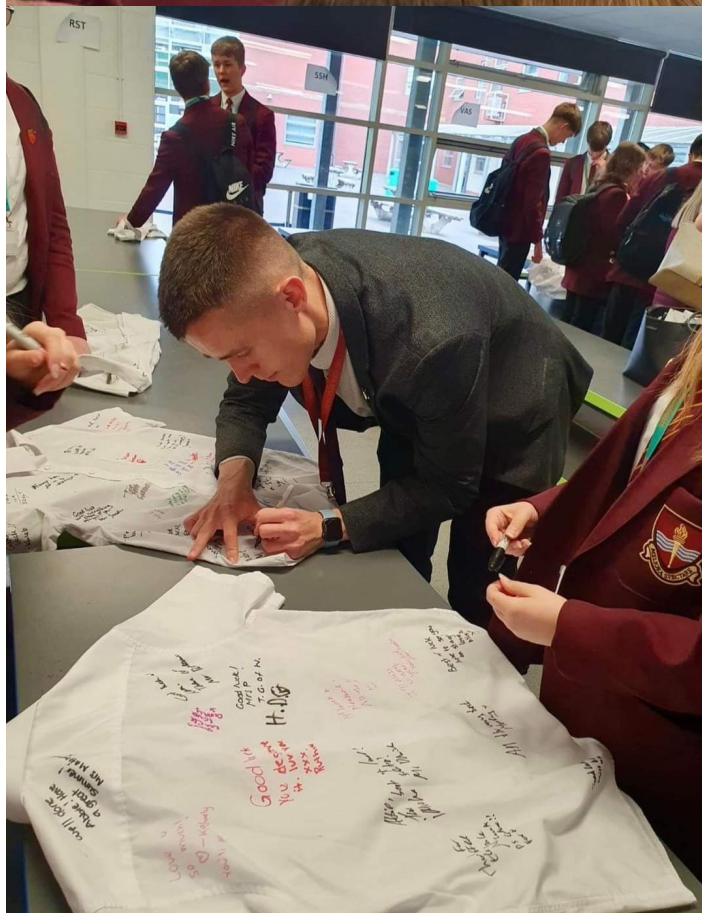
Area where students were able to reflect upon their years of hard work and happy memories and look forward to the next chapter of life.

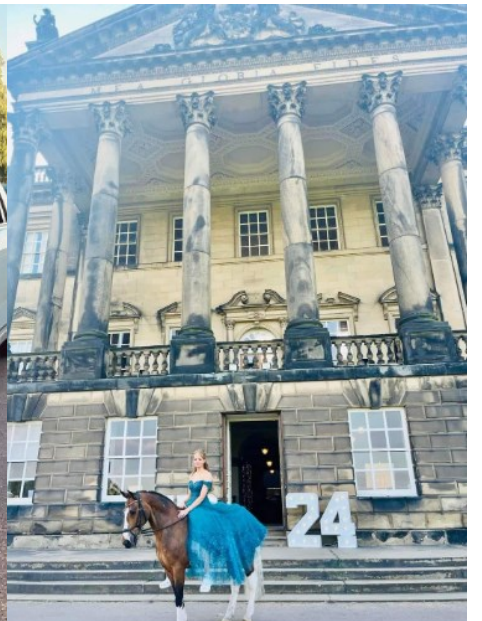
There were plenty of tears and laughter throughout, especially when students enjoyed Carpool Karaoke and a stunning

performance of the Dirty Dancing classic, (I've Had) The Time of My Life by the AYL and PYL dream team of Mr Lines and Mr Davies.

Students also took the opportunity to have their shirts signed by friends and staff members in the school canteen.

It was truly an emotional day to remember and left everyone looking forward to the Prom at Wentworth Woodhouse which you can read about over the page!





# Year Eleven Prom

On Wednesday 26th June the annual Year Eleven Prom took place for the third year in the stunning surroundings of Wentworth Woodhouse on a glorious sunny evening.

Our glamorously attired students arrived via an eclectic array of transportation, from a horse to a recovery truck and plenty of fancy cars (including an Aston Martin and a Porsche) as well as motorcycles, for a celebratory evening of dinner, dancing and awards.

Nominations for all awards were made on the evening by staff and students, and it was such a joy to celebrate the achievements and successes of a very special year group. Well done to all of the winners!

We hope our Year Elevens have an amazing summer and we are looking forward to seeing many of you return for Sixth Form in September and wish the best of luck for the future to those who have chosen other educational settings.



# Sixth Form Summer Ball

As the academic year draws to a close, Wath Academy also said goodbye and good luck to another special year group at the Year Thirteen Summer Ball.

Held on Saturday 6th July at the truly beautiful Tapton Hall in Sheffield, the ball was well attended and saw students celebrating their hard work and letting off steam after an intense

exam period.

Awards were presented on the evening for a wide range of categories including 'Best Dressed', 'Worst Driver', 'Future Nobel Prize Winner' and 'I'll Go Viral'.

It was a very pleasant evening congratulating our students on their fantastic achievements over two years.



# Wath Academy Awards

Over five hundred awards were presented to deserving students on the evening of Wath Academy's third Academy Awards ceremony at the iconic Sheffield City Hall.

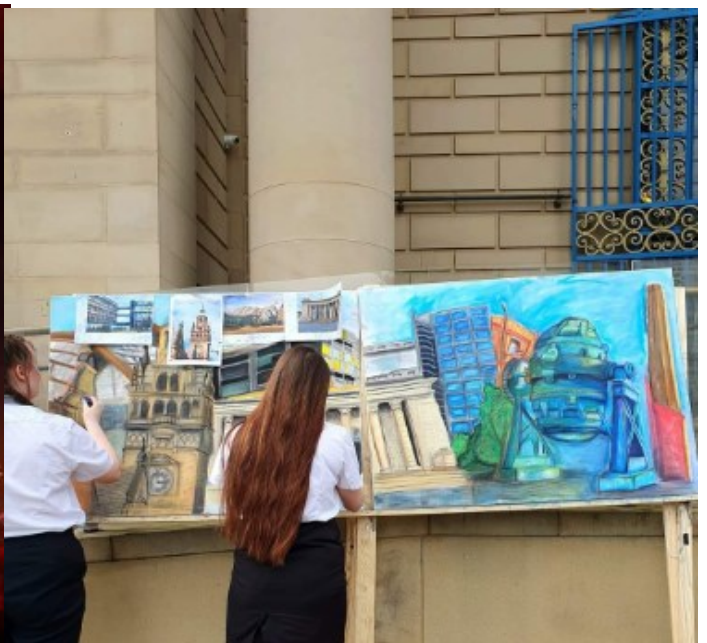
Before the evening commenced, students had been busy creating an amazing piece of live art outside the venue which featured well known Sheffield landmarks. This was then on display for attendees to enjoy as they waited to enter and take their seats.

The evening, superbly compered by Mr C Shaw, was a stunning showcase of the talent our school has to offer. Performances included musical hits such as 'Satisfied' from *Hamilton* and 'Pick a Pocket or Two' from *Oliver!* ; an energetic routine from the Wath Warriors cheerleader squad and a hilarious comedy sketch about two young lovers on a cinema date.

Year Thirteen student, Sienna T gave a moving recital of her own original piece entitled, What I Hear is What I

See. This had the audience in tears –well done, Sienna!

One student, Jessica M, attended the evening to receive an award for her part in the Better Learners Better Workers scheme which she has taken part in since the beginning of the academic year. Alongside a group of nine other students, Jessica has been involved in a range of workshops and visits to places of employment designed to improve students' knowledge of jobs, money and housing. Jessica said, "It was nerve-wracking to be at the awards, but it felt really nice to let everyone know what I'd done. It was a very busy evening and lots of people were visibly nervous but excited too, and it was nice to see everyone getting their awards." Jessica's favourite part of the evening (other than accepting her own award) was the finale of the show in which our talented performers sang hits from the musical *Six* and were joined on stage for the final chorus by all the evening's acts.





# Grand National or Grand Disgrace?

On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> April The Grand National took place at Aintree Racecourse where a staggering 34 horses raced to the finishing line committed to winning the £1 million pounds on the line. However, even though many people were at Aintree on the 13<sup>th</sup>, there are still a lot of arguments surrounding The Grand National and whether or not it should be banned. In this piece you will find the positives and negatives on The Grand National to make your own decision on the controversial race.

Over the weekend, The Grand National has sold more than 70 million tickets, and with the cheapest tickets worth around £25 to £150 this race brings thousands of pounds to Liverpool businesses and hotels. This year, Liverpool John Lennon Airport is expecting a 15% increase of visitors during the weekend and with Liverpool council being £230 million pounds in debt, this could be a start

of a turning point for them.

The Aintree chief, Dickon White, said, “The build up to the race itself seemed a lot calmer, the horses were relaxed, which is a great credit to the jockeys, trainers and stable staff”.

In contrast, some people argue that The Grand National is animal cruelty and lots of horses unfortunately pass away due to the race each year. In The Grand National itself, 89 horses have died since it first started in 1839. People ask what else has to happen for this to stop? Already so many innocent horses lives have been taken tragically by this race so what will it have to take to ban the cruel race altogether?

For now, The Grand National continues and the horses sprint to the finishing line.

***By Erin W***

# Steelers Steal the Trophy!

In a nail biting final, Sheffield Steelers have won the Grand Slam, and are official Elite League winners at the Motorpoint Arena in Sheffield!

Sheffield Steelers on April 21<sup>st</sup> went against Belfast Giants to win The Grand Slam after Belfast failed continuously to capitalize the puck because every time the Giants tried to shoot, Matt Greenfield was there successfully keeping the puck out. This caused Sheffield to take home the Grand Slam trophy for the first time since 2001!

This success for the Steelers is especially poignant following

the tragic death of Nottingham Panther, Adam Johnson, who died following an incident on the ice at the arena in October 2023.

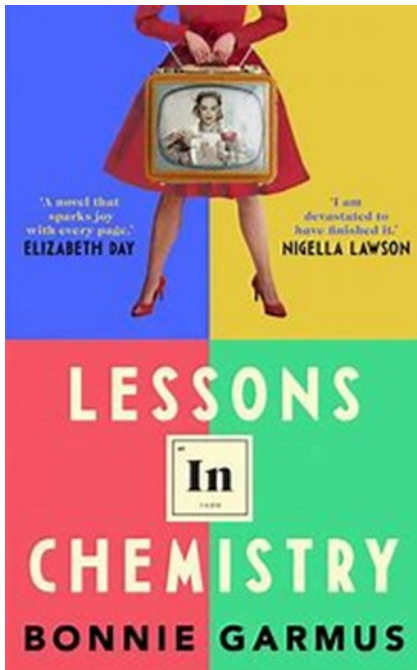
As we wait for the new season to kickstart, I really recommend going and seeing the magic of a friendly game for yourself.



*By Erin W*

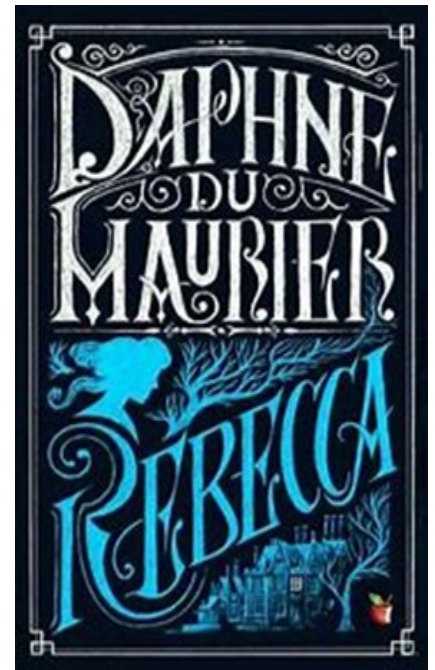
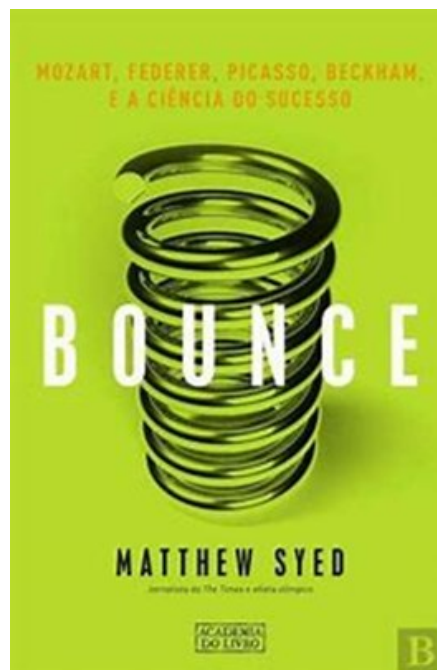
# Book Reviews

If you're looking for a new read, why not use the summer holiday to broaden your literary horizons and check out some of these books which Wath Academy staff have been enjoying recently.

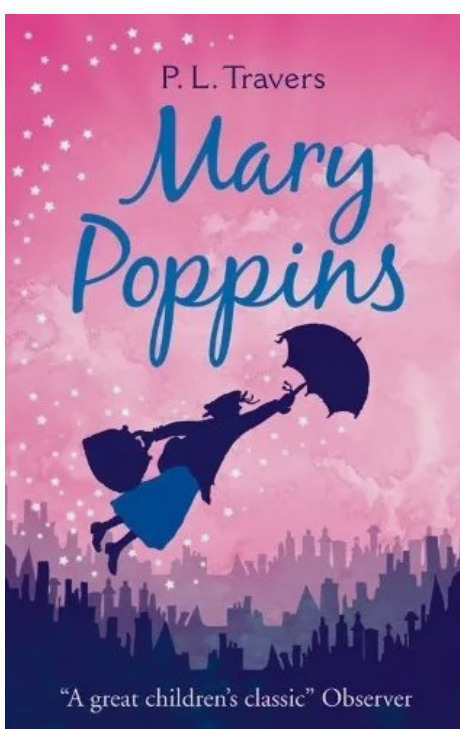


Recommended by Ms Pritchard

Recommended by Mr Flowers



Recommended by Mr Bishop



Recommended by Miss Perry

This book does not contain the fluffy, Disney-like beautiful version of the iconic Mary Poppins. Instead, she is grumpy and often even a bit cruel to the Banks children. I like to see the origins of film adaptations so that I can judge how true to the story Hollywood has been. I can't say which version I prefer, but I encourage everyone to read this and make up their own minds.

# Puzzles and Jokes

Summer Wordsearch



p	o	o	l	t	r	h	m	k	s
t	f	l	n	w	g	l	c	u	u
o	h	y	r	k	d	u	n	v	n
l	c	j	a	q	y	s	j	u	b
i	a	t	a	e	h	a	e	w	u
j	e	c	f	i	s	e	q	s	r
z	b	x	n	b	m	r	r	k	n
m	a	e	r	c	e	c	i	s	t

- Pool
- Ice cream
- Sunshine
- Heat
- Beach
- Sun burnt



## WORD CHALLENGE

How many words can you make from the letters in the grid below? All words must use the centre letter. You can only use letters as many times as they appear. Can you find the nine letter word?

P	S	E
I	O	M
R	I	V

What did the builder say when he had finally finished making his house?

*Nailed it!*

What is the best cheese to hide a small horse inside?

*Mascarpone!*