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Welcome to the fourth edition of Connexions, the News Magazine of Wath Comprehensive School, keeping in touch with students, parents and friends of the school. Featured inside are items on people, events, achievements.



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"Best Ever" 'A' Level Results

Wath Comprehensive School's Sixth Form students are celebrating some outstanding 'A' level results. The school has set itself a new record pass rate: 92.2% A-E, compared with 90.6% 1997, and a national figure of 87.8%. Of the 118 candidates who took 'A' level this Summer, a remarkable 37.9% obtained grades A or B, compared with 30.2% last year, there was a 100% pass rate in 13 out of the 25 subjects. This year's 'A' level results represent a significant improvement on the already high standards normally achieved by the school.

Headteacher Mr Godber commented "I am delighted with what our students have achieved, it reflects very well on their hard work and commitment and that of their teachers and means that the vast majority will have obtained places at the Universities of their choice. These results confirm the place of Wath as a centre of 'A' level excellence in South Yorkshire".

The Head of Sixth said, "Never before have so many students been immediately accepted onto their first choice universities, leaving very few student placements to finalise, another extremely pleasing year".

DIARY DATES

Autumn 1998 & Spring 1999

T	15.9.98	School Photographs Friends of Wath Barbecue. New Y7 parents especially welcome	6.30 pm.
S	19.9.98	Bel Canto: 'Gondoliers'. School Hall.	7.15 pm.
W	30.9.98	Friends of Wath. AGM.	7.30 pm
Th	1.10.98	Y7 Tutor Evening.	
W	21.10.98	Governors' Annual Meeting.	7.00 pm.
Th	22.10.98	Variety Show. School Hall.	7.15 pm.
F	23.10.98	School breaks up for Half Term Holiday.	3.30 pm.
M	2.11.98	School closure for Staff Training Day	
Th	5.11.98	Y13 Parents' Evening.	4.15 - 6.30 pm.
W	11.11.98	Friends of Wath Meeting	
W	25.11.98	Y12 Parents' Evening.	4.15 - 6.30pm.
WC	30.11.98	School Pantomime	
W	9.12.98	New Sixth Evening. School Hall.	7.00 pm.
M	14.12.98	Carol Services. Wath Trinity Methodist Church.	7.15 pm.
Th	17.12.98	Christmas Concert. School Hall	7.15 pm.
F	18.12.98	School breaks up for Christmas Holiday.	pm.
M	4.1.99	Spring Term begins. GCSE 'Mock' Exams begin.	
Th	7.1.99	Speech Day. Principal Guest: Mr John Healey, MP. School Hall.	7.00 pm.
Th	21.1.99	Friends of Wath Meeting. 'A' level 'Mock' begins.	7.30 pm.
M	1.2.99	Y11 Parents' Evening.	4.15 - 6.30 pm.
W	10.2.99	} Gym Dance and Movement Evenings. } School Hall.	7.15 pm.
Th	11.2.99		
F	12.2.99	School closure for Staff Conference. February Half Term begins.	
T	23.2.99	Y7 Parents' Evening.	4.15 - 6.30 pm.
F	9.3.99	Y9 Parents' Evening.	4.15 - 6.30 pm.
W	10.3.99	Friends of Wath.	7.30 pm.
WC	15.3.99	Drama Production. Y8-11. Science. Engineering and Technology week.	
M	22.3.99	Y8 Parents' Evening.	4.15 - 6.30 pm.
W	24.3.99	Governors' Spring Term Meeting.	7.00 pm
Th	25.3.99	Library Recital.	7.15 pm.
F	26.3.99	Easter Holiday begins.	3.30 pm.

Senior Students 1998-99

The voting for next year's Senior Students took place in May and almost fifty Y12 students received sufficient nominations to appear on the ballot paper. Mr Godber was pleased to make the appointments of Matthew Birkin as Head Boy and Ruth Fain as Head Girl. The Deputy Head Boys and Girls are Emma Bower, Philip Burgin, Gemma Dransfield, Karen Fuller, Christopher Horner, Mark Howard, Rebecca Simmons, Joanne Simpson, John Swallow and Joe Thompson. Congratulations go to all of them.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Great news for next year's Lower Sixth! the school is promoting and introducing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Any student in the Lower Sixth is eligible to enrol in September, regardless of previous Duke of Edinburgh experience. The aim is to enable at least 20 students to begin the Gold Award and complete before they leave in June 2000. There will be a launch in September when Phil Brown (Olympic 400m runner) and other celebrities will be in school.

Are you the sort of person who can give the commitment and dedication needed?

The award has five sections:

Service - Giving help to the local community, **Skills** - Covering almost any hobby or interest, **Expeditions** - Training, planning and completing an expedition lasting 5 days on foot, by cycle or boat, **Physical Recreation** - sports, dance or fitness, and a **Residential Project**. There are fifteen members of staff with Duke of Edinburgh experience - guess who?

A New Deal for Wath?

Our buildings were rightly 'slated' in our OFSTED Inspection. Inspectors were amazed at what good work is achieved against such a dismal background. We are making progress towards a better deal, and Rotherham Council are looking closely with us at a bid for capital spending - to do 2 things:

To accommodate Year 7 on the main site.

To replace our army of temporary classrooms.

Both the school and the LEA will be trying to persuade the DiEE that Wath deserves BIG MONEY after so many years of making do.

In the meantime, we are making Y7 Wing habitable for the rest of its life, and are determined to get action to make our Sports Hall girls' changing rooms water tight. Watch this space!



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Buenas noches, Barcelona!

Every February the Year 13 Spanish students all trip off to sunny Spain and for 1998, Barcelona was the destination. This great city is renowned for architecture, culture and fashion and so some Y12 and Y13 Art students went along for the ride (Mrs Cotton, too!).

Based in a lovely hotel just off the Ramblas we were fortunate to have all the best of the city within easy reach. While the linguists improved their Spanish around the city with our friends from L'ars Mundet school, the artists sketched many of the famous buildings of the city, especially those designed by Gaudi. Visits to the museums of Picasso and Miro were high on the agenda as were trips to the Olympic Stadium and Camp Nou (Barcelona F.C.'s ground).

Great weather, great food, a great place and a great time were had by all. It is difficult to figure out why some people choose not to take Spanish!

The photo shows us being taught to dance the 'Sardana' by a super-nimble 85 year old who definitely fancied some of the girls!



Deborah Robertson

This time last year in Connexions we wrote about our Canadian exchange student Maude Laliberte. This year we have had an American student, 17 year old Deborah Robertson, in the Lower Sixth. Deborah joined us last September and returns home after completing the

Year 12 exams in June. Home is Delton, Michigan, about 3 hours from Detroit, 5 hours from Chicago and the nearest major towns are Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Deborah recalls that going home from Delton Kellogg High School one day last year she said to a friend, "Wouldn't it be fun to spend a year in England?" and that was it! She spoke to a teacher next day and everything just happened from there. She's been living in Wentworth this year and

says that she enjoyed the people, the places, the weather (!) (it's less snowy than Michigan) and even school. She's taken Maths, History, Religious Studies (Islam) and Sociology with us and thinks that standards are very high. She says that "teacher-wise, it's really good here and we do lots more analysis than back home."

Thanks go to Kate Etches, Rebecca Simmons and Sarah Thompson for helping Deborah to settle so quickly

into school and we wish her all luck and success for when she is back in the States. Next year she goes into 12th grade and then onto college at Lake Superior State University or Sault Sainte Marie College in 1999. It is her ambition to be a nurse. Deborah's teachers have been very impressed by her; she has had a splendid year in the classroom and we hope that she will remember us fondly. She carries our very best wishes for the future.

Y12 Geography Field Course

The Lower Sixth geographers were not really looking forward to the compulsory field course at Blencathra in the wilds of the Lake District in April. We envisaged poor accommodation, poor food, strict rules and lots of rain. In reality, the weather turned out to be hot and sunny and although the days were tiring, the soil sampling, river studies and urban investigations were carried out lightheartedly, making the work almost fun. Socially, as long as you had an unlimited capacity for pool, table tennis and general silliness, you were fine! In conclusion, I think a great time was had by all and some of us even learnt something! !

"Playing Field Sell-Off Scrapped"

The headline in the South Yorkshire Times made pleasant reading for everyone who contributed to the campaign to prevent the sale of school land for housing. The leader of the Council Mr. Keith Billington acknowledged the success of the campaign, saying the Council were advised that they would have difficulty defending their position in a public enquiry. Well done to all who fought the battle on our behalf, but particularly to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Irene Hartley.



Selwyn, Cambridge

Interesting statistics from Selwyn College, Cambridge! Over the past decade Selwyn College has had on average one student per year from the Sixth Form. Given that they only accept 100 students per year in total, Wath accounts for 1% of its entry. Not bad for a comp! (and we have lots of students who go to other colleges). We are a "model school" according to one source in Cambridge.

Tuition fees

Major changes are in progress in the funding of Higher Education, which is a worry for a school like Wath which traditionally sends some 90% of its Upper Sixth to university or college. From October 1998 many students will have to pay £1000 per year in tuition fees and from 1999 the maintenance grant is being scrapped. Loans are now replacing grants and the future might look a bit frightening for our Sixth Formers. We have 95 Year 13 students applying to university for this October and we wish them every success both academically and financially!

FOCUS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Wath Comprehensive Students Represent Rotherham at Regional Science Conference

Six Wath students travelled to Sheffield Hallam University on Friday 19th December 1997 to participate in the Pupil Researcher Initiative Conference. A group of three girls from Y11 gave a talk about rates of reaction and a group of three boys gave a talk about electromagnetism.

No other Rotherham schools were represented. The students were able to listen to other presentations and talks in the morning by other students. After lunch in the University refectory, the students were entertained by and enlightened scientifically by PhD students who were currently working at the forefront of science.

The topics covered included: "Photochemistry", "Parkinsons Disease", "Quarks and Gluons" and the final lecture was given by Prof. Charles Stirling (of Christmas Lecture fame).

The Magley presenters (Ian Watson, Chris Webb and Javid Mahdavi) were awarded a certificate of excellence.

All students enjoyed the experience and were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Something for Everyone

Science, Engineering and Technology - SET'98

During the week Friday 13 March to Thursday 19 March 1998, students from Wath were able to get involved in one-off activities.

Pupils were invited to submit entries to a Poetry and Art competition. Prize winners were awarded book tokens - £10 for first prize, £7 for second prize and £5 for third prize.

The art winners were: 1st Claire Reeves (Y12), 2nd Samantha Whiteley (8WM), 3rd Jonathan Marsh (7PA).

The poetry winners were: 1st Jennifer Collinson (Y7), 2nd Emma Lewis (7PA), 3rd Samantha Keating (8HR).

Well done, all who supported this.

On Friday 13, fifty Y7 pupils travelled to Barnsley Civic Theatre to listen to Astronaut Helen Sharman who launched SET Week with a lecture.

On Monday 16, sixty pupils were able to attend a lecture at Wath in our own lecture theatre to listen to Dr Paul Hatton talk about replacement bits for our bodies. Artificial skins, hip replacements, breast implants and dental implants.

Y12 PE students visited Sheffield University as part of SET Week on **Wednesday 18 March** and again, an enjoyable experience was the order of the day.

Thursday was marked by another lecture in Wath School Lecture Theatre. "Chips with Everything" allowed sixty pupils to learn about silicon technology from Simon Brown of Sheffield Hallam University.

The end of the week was marked by Chemical Magic - a lecture at Sheffield Hallam University by Dr Gerry Penny.

Thanks to all who took part in this week - at least 250 students.

Big Steps in ICT

The school is set to move forward on Information and Communications Technology:

- The National Grid for Learning will give more pupils access to more up-graded equipment: a millennium project for Wath.
- A study and Information Centre for our library! A development which we have wanted for years which will happen over the next few months. This should greatly extend the school's library service to pupils - and parents!
- PCs for History and Geography are on the way: we shall shortly convert one of our 'HG' rooms for IT equipment - a big chance for CD ROM.
- We have designed our own school website: Network Manager Helen Huggup says "why not visit the site at <http://www.wathcomp.demon.co.uk> - let us know what you think?"
- An IT programme for Sixth Formers will be in place for September. Head of Sixth, Derek Bacon says "This is an exciting opportunity for 6th formers to prepare themselves for Further and Higher Education".

Science - by Jennifer Collinson.

First prize - SET'98 poetry competition.

Science is the best,
It's really like a nest,
If you look at one thing you will find,
All the subjects there entwined.

If you wanted to weigh a piece of brass,
You'd have to look at gravity and mass,
But what is brass? If you want to find out,
Work on metals might be about.

Biology, all animals and plants,
But how do they get their raves an' rants,
There'd be no point in a nucleus, cell membrane an' all,
If energy wasn't there to make them tall.

So you see what I mean When I say what I say,
If you don't you'll work it out one day,
If you look at one thing you will find,
All the subjects there entwined.

Triple Science Field Course

In April 1998 Mr Murray and Mrs Thomas took the Y10 Triple Science students to Cumbria. This was the fourth year this residential has been run and its aim is to allow students who have decided to specialise in Science to see applications of science in the world outside school. They visited a quarry with a limestone pavement, an agricultural centre and a nuclear power station whilst staying at Grange-Over-Sands Field Centre. They also called at Jodrell Bank and Manchester on their way.



Katy Auty

In Connexions 2 we reported on Katy Auty, who had just gained a First at Sheffield University in English. It comes as no surprise to hear that she has now beaten

off very strong competition to be appointed as a Lecturer in Linguistics at The University of Central Lancashire. Our congratulations go to her.

... And After the Talent Competition '97

The **Schofield Sisters**, Shelly and Sarah, have done it again! In replying to a Stage Magazine Advert, the girls' mum travelled with them to Romford in Essex to enter an Under 16 Talent Competition which encouraged entries from all over the country. There were 25 competitors in their leg of the competition and there were six legs.

Sarah told me that they were quite nervous when they had a practice session on the stage but felt confident when their turn came, and this must have impressed the four judges who awarded points for presentation/costume, performance, choreography and reaction of audience, giving them a place in the semi-finals on July 5th. The

latter consisted of not only parents of competitors, but the general public who had paid to be in the audience.

The girls sang the Children in Need song of 1997 "Love Can Build a Bridge" and the All Saints song "Never Ever!" Most of the competitors wrote their own songs, so the girls did extremely well to win a place in the semi final. The prize is a recording studio experience, recording their own choice of songs.

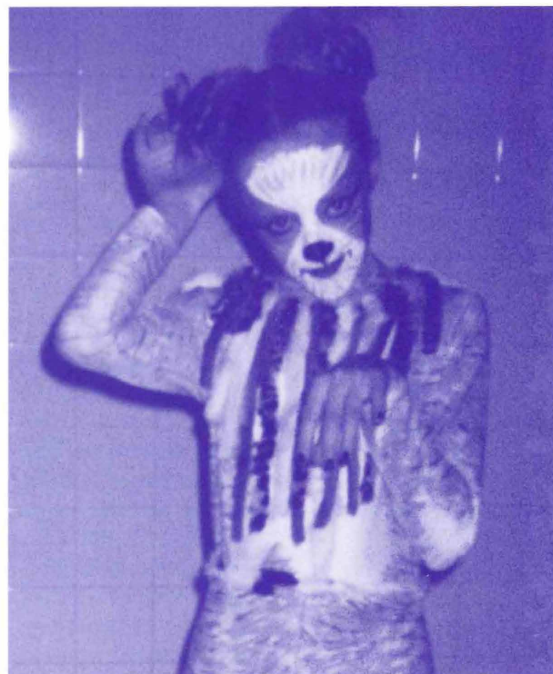
Exciting news from **Camille Catherall**, Y9! She has cut a demo at Avalon Studios in Sheffield. The CD consists of 8 songs, some of them you will have heard Camille sing in the Talent Competitions and Variety Show. Quite recently Frank Wappatts' show on BBC Newcastle aired Camille singing a song he had sent to her to learn. Camille and her father spent the day at Frank's impressive house in Newcastle.

Camille was joined by **Katie Mitchell** (Y10) at the

Movement Evening. Camille sang "Together Again" by Janet Jackson and Katie performed a dance accompaniment. Together they made a fantastic team, enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Whatever happened to our own Wath Spice Girls? They have appeared, billed as "The next All Saints" at the Adelphi Nightclub in Sheffield. The group consists of Marie Taylor (Y9), Mary Matthews (Y9), Rochelle Williams (Y9) and Rachel Larder (Y9). They have also performed at a Charity gig at Chesterfield.

Sensibly, the group disbanded during the period of their SATS. They intend to resume their activities in the summer holidays when they are going to make a demo tape. The group are very talented and their songs are original, as Marie Taylor writes the words to the music composed by Rochelle Williams. Hopefully we shall experience one of their songs in the next variety Talent Show on October 2nd.



Following in Granny's Tap-Steps

Multi-talented Laura Johnson, Year 9, has just won no less than 7 gold medals for her dancing skills. Whether it to be ballet, tap, modern, gym or Greek dancing; solo, duet or trio, Laura can do it!

A member of the "Wendy Charles School of Dancing" since she was 3 years old, Laura has been in many dance festivals and competitions over the years.

Her stunning costumes, 20 different outfits in all, are hand-made by mum, who is a tap-dancer herself. In fact, dancing must be in the blood, as grandma too was a dancer in her time.

Laura's ambition is to become a professional dancer working on cruise ships and in the London shows. In our opinion, she's tapping her way to the top!

Spice Girls meet Macbeth

As part of their A-Level Drama assessment, Y13 students performed a highly original adaptation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth". This was girl power in practice, as the five female students took the audience on a tour of the play, and a tour of Conisbrough Castle. The castle grounds and keep made a tremendously atmospheric backdrop to the play, as the audience moved around discovering each scene unfolding before their very eyes. The energy, skill and imagination of the actors shone through in what was a highly demanding but thoroughly rewarding project.



Comenius

Comenius forms Chapter II of the European Union Education Programme Socrates and focuses on school education. It supports multilateral partnerships between schools which are carrying out cross-curricular European Education Projects and seeks to promote cooperation between schools, contact between pupils, and increased knowledge of the languages and cultures of other European countries.

Wath Comprehensive School has successfully applied to be

a part of this programme.

Our partnership members are:

1. Wath Comprehensive School, Rotherham, England.
2. Trave Gymnasium, Lubeck, Germany.
3. Vaci Mihaly Gimnazium, Nograd, Hungary.
4. Liceo Classico - Gulli e Pennisi, Acireale, Italy.

Our partnership has decided to take Social Issues Concerning Schools as our theme, beginning with Employment and the changing pattern of the job market. This will involve looking at regeneration in the area, training possibilities, equal

opportunities and self-awareness.

Our joint study will develop further in the three years of the project fostering links through learning and friendship using electronic communication, fax and the postal service. With this project, links are being forged with schools in other European countries promoting an awareness of young people and the problems they face today. The skills needed to research, collate and exchange information with pupils within the partnership will be developed via funding from Socrates Chapter II, Comenius Action 1.



Pakistan 1998

Once again, pupils from Wath Comprehensive School have had the opportunity to link with the expedition to Pakistan.

Zoe Priselac, Carine Evans and Claire Reeves joined the group which visited the busy cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, along with the contrasting rural sea-side town of Murray.

Initially, meetings preparing the girls for snakes, giant mosquitoes and chronic diarrhoea were held, the words "Don't forget the Immodium" ringing in their ears!

Zoe reports that one of the most memorable occasions for her was the touching visit to the SOS village in Islamabad which is the equivalent to an orphanage

youth hostel. She said that most of the group expected the place to be in an appalling condition. However the opposite was the case - the buildings were beautifully kept, surrounded by flourishing gardens. Classrooms, a mosque and organised family structures were all in place, catering for all the physical and emotional needs of the orphans.

European Awareness Week 15-17th July 1998

European Awareness Week was an exciting opportunity for both pupils and staff to explore different aspects on the European theme.

Sessions were offered on many topics including Italian cuisine, European folk music, Norman

architecture (examples to be found in Wath!), language links, dramatic sketches, scientific pursuit, Russian, Italian, Spanish and German courses, European customs, The European Union, rebuilding well known sites in Europe, the Romans and much more.

There were quizzes, sports and boules competitions and even trips to local airports to explore European aviation communication. For those lunching in the canteen, the menu showed a European influence!

The event has been documented by pupils working on the Internet and producing our own newspaper. An event thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Trident Broadens Horizons

"Work Experience" at Wath Comprehensive started as long ago as 1977 when it was organised by Mr Keith Bareham and Mr Terry Deeley. At the time the arrangement was staggered so that 40 pupils were out of school four times during the year. Two staff visited the pupils between them!

Since then the process has "blossomed" so that now it is general policy in Rotherham Borough Education that every pupil is involved in the Trident scheme. Mr Trevor Baggaley as present Head of Careers began the annual process as far back as Summer 1997. In his own words, "All guns have been blazing from mid-May '98."

The obvious effect of Trident on our pupils is that it makes them more responsible for their own learning, and the evidence is that it carries forward into their attitude on their return to school, and into Year 11. Many of them can see more clearly the relevance of school. They can witness at first hand that in a job, training situations are on-going, and they encounter new qualifications that the work force are working towards, other than GCSEs. They also realise that the working day is a much longer day than school hours, and often report back on how tiring they find simply being at work, on their feet for longer hours, with greater spans of concentration. They enjoy being "treated like adults."

This year, as ever, there is a broad spectrum of experiences awaiting our pupils, from life as a farm-hand at Wentworth Family Farm, to witnessing first hand how the Rotherham Magistrates Court operates.

Aron Green and Nicky Oxley will be staying at RAF Newton near Nottingham. Both belong to the Air Training Corps and look forward to sampling life in the RAF. Richard Kinsella will also travel to Nottingham to work alongside the Assistant Network Officer in the IT section of Nottingham County Council, a position organised for him by his family. Beth Wilcock also organised her own Trident after seeing an advertisement in a Trident magazine in a Christian Fellowship hostel in Cumbria.

An exciting time lies ahead for Richard Leighton and Katie Mitchell. Both will be travelling by air to their Trident experience. Richard will jet off to Portugal as a team member for the England U17 Water Polo team. Whilst there he will join the coaching staff and spend his time learning the training methods of different countries. Katie, meanwhile will join brother Jon Mitchell, an ex Wath Comprehensive pupil, at Nokia, Oula, Finland. Jon, a Software Design Engineer at Nokia has organised a Trident Place for Katie in the Telecommunications Section. She will be helping in the IT area presently building a new telecommunications system for West Germany. Wherever these pupils carry out their Trident, near or far, the experiences gained will certainly benefit them in the future.

Boys Sporting Achievements 1997/98

Rugby

Team Honours

Y8 Barlborough Hall 7's - Plate winners
Y10 South Yorks 7's - Champions
1st XV Yorks State School - Champions

Individual Honours

South Yorks U15 - Thomas Scholes, Andrew Hirst, Simon Lines,
Chris Wyatt, Martyn Bray, Alex Steadman, Andrew Chafen,
Richard Greaves, Ian Gilroy
South Yorks U16 - Gary Jones
South Yorks U18 - Adam Sturman, Stephen Wesson, David Jones

Football

Team Honours

Y8 Roth. Schools Cup - Runners-up
Y9 Roth. Schools Cup - Runners-up
Y11 Roth. Schools Cup - Semi-finalist
2nd XI Roth. Schools Cup - Semi-finalist

Individual Honours

U14 Roth. School Boys - Liam Kay, Steven Hepworth, Mark
Hepworth
U15 Roth. School Boys - Gareth Turner
U18 South Yorks School Boys - Mark Taylor

Cross Country

Team Honours

Senior Boys - Roth. League Champions

Individual Honours

Roth. Schools - Darren Middleton (Roth. Champion), Nicky
Watson, Russell Stone, Matthew Scholes, John Walker
South Yorks Schools and English Schools Cross Country
Championship - Darren Middleton

Cricket (to date)

U18 South Yorks - Matthew Kingston

Final Trials: (29th May) - Chris Horner, Gareth Fenton,
Andrew Avill

U15 Yorks Final Trials - (late May)

U14 North of England Squad - Matthew Burrows

Other Sporting Achievements

Water Polo

England U17 squad - Richard Leighton

Boxing

National Champion - Gwyn Wale

Football Schools of Excellence

Sheffield Wednesday FC	Mark Hepworth
Sheffield Wednesday FC	Steven Hepworth
Barnsley FC	Liam Kay
Rotherham United FC	Craig Shaw
Sheffield Wednesday FC	Joel Nicholson

Girls Sporting Achievements 1997/98

Hockey

U16 Winners outdoor Rotherham Hockey League
U15 Winners outdoor Rotherham Hockey League
U14 Runners up indoor & outdoor Rotherham Hockey League
U18 Winners of South Yorkshire Hockey Tournament
U16 South Yorks Team - Cath Guy
U14 South Yorks Team - Jenna Goodridge
U14 Mixed Runners up - Roth. Hockey Tournament

Cross Country

Rotherham Team - Amy Ridsdale, Cheryl Ryan, Laura o'Neill,
Anna Grant
South Yorks Team, Cheryl Ryan

Water Polo

U19 GB Team, Frances Leighton

For Hire

Our fields, sports hall and main school hall can be, and are hired
by local organisations for concerts, dog shows, bottle fayres, area
music centre. We also have a floodlit pitch available for hire. What
you have just read is only a summary of some of the events of the
past year, and in no way is the list meant to be exhaustive!

Sporting Records

Track Events

Year	Event	Record Time	Record Holder	Year
Y7	Girls Hurdles	14.07	R. Hinds	1997
Y7	Boys Hurdles	12.99	R. Dyson	1983
Y8	Girls Hurdles	12.8	E. Speight	1988
Y8	Boys Hurdles	11.64	M. Bray	1996
Y7	Girls 800m	2min, 31.41s	B. Hurst	1983
Y7	Boys 800m	2min, 27.41s	A. Fisher	1977
Y9	Girls Hurdles	13.01	E. Speight	1989
Y9	Boys Hurdles	12.00	Jones/Bishop	1981/1989
Y10	Girls Hurdles	13.30	K. Morley	1978
Y8	Girls 800m	2min, 37.7s	R. Wilson	1982
Y8	Boys 800m	2min, 23.72s	B. Hollinsworth	1995
Y10	Boys Hurdles	12.03	M. Bray	1998
Y9	Girls 800m	2min, 30.3s	D. Hartley	1982
Y9	Boys 800m	2min, 15.5s	A. Sykes	1976
Y10	Girls 800m	2min, 29.68s	D. Hartley	1983
Y10	Boys 800m	2min, 12.57s	S. Day	1986
Y7	Girls 100m	13.09	Potter/S. Bishop	1985/1987
Y7	Girls 100m	12.8	H. Braisby	1978
Y8	Boys 100m	12.28	R. Houlton	1994
Y8	Girls 100m	13.69	J. Simpson	1994
Y9	Boys 100m	11.81	R. Houlton	1995
Y9	Girls 100m	13.02	H. Braisby	1980
Y10	Boys 100m	11.62	N. Foster	1986
Y10	Girls 100m	13.00	S. Morley/H. Braisby	1975/1981
Y7	Boys 1500m	5min, 0.24s	H. Geary	1978
Y8	Boys 1500m	4min, 58.82s	J. Walker	1996
Y7	Girls 300m	54.72	J. Shephard	1993
Y7	Boys 400m	63.4	G. Dunn	1975
Y8	Girls 300m	49.52	C. Dyson	1996
Y8	Boys 400m	58.8	A. Fisher	1977
Y9	Girls 300m	48.78	L. Smith	1994
Y9	Boys 400m	57.79	D. Cairns	1985
Y10	Girls 300m	48.62	L. Smith	1995
Y10	Boys 400m	54.79	R. Houlton	1996
Y7	Boys 200m	28.30	Potter	1985
Y7	Girls 200m	29.8	H. Braisby/J. berry	1978/1987
Y8	Boys 200m	26.4	R. Shaw	1978
Y8	Girls 200m	30.2	K. Morley	1976
Y9	Boys 200m	25.34	R. Houlton	1995
Y9	Girls 200m	28.4	H. Braisby	1980
Y10	Boys 200m	24.2	P. Newman	1979
Y10	Girls 200m	27.8	H. Braisby	1981
Y9	Boys 1500m	4min, 52.06s	S. Ingles	1994
Y10	Boys 1500m	4min, 30.75s	S. Day	1986
Y7	Boys Relay	55.69	Troy	1983
Y7	Girls Relay	60.04	Sparta	1993
Y8	Boys Relay	54.60	Troy	1984
Y8	Girls Relay	58.94	Rome/Troy	1983/1987
Y9	Boys Relay	51.02	Troy	1985
Y8	Girls Relay	57.24	Troy	1985
Y10	Boys Relay	49.09	Troy	1986
Y10	Girls Relay	57.69	Rome	1983

Event	Boys Record	Holder	Year	Girls Record	Holder	Year
Y7 High Jump	1.41m	A. Ravenscroft	1991	1.28m	H. Coppin	1987
Y8 Long Jump	5.34m	C. Lawrence	1987	4.22m	M. Ackertley	1992
Y9 Shot	12.80m	R. Evans	1982	11.50m	R. Green	1997
Y10 Javelin	54.25m	A. Bell	1984	28.10m	C. Swift	1986
Y7 Discus	25.09m	R. Collinson	1994	21.5m	C. Catherall	1995
Y8 High Jump	1.62m	G. Moreton	1984	1.37m	S. Speight	1983
Y9 Long Jump	5.52m	G. Stewart	1975	4.46m	J. Pepper	1981
Y10 Shot	13.5m	P. Hayes	1976	9.85m	R. Green	1998
Y7 Javelin	31.1m	A. Bell	1981	21.88m	C. Swift	1983
Y8 Discus	32.88m	S. Lawrence	1987	23.57m	D. Calvert	1992
Y9 High Jump	1.70m	R. Wake	1991	1.46m	S. Jones	1986
Y10 Long Jump	5.77m	N. Foster	1986	4.34m	R. Grierson	1987
Y7 Shot	11.57m	R. Shaw	1977	8.30m	G. Wordington	1994
Y8 Javelin	40.57m	A. Bell	1982	23.95m	W. Hadfield	1983
Y9 Discus	35.5m	S. Guest	1988	28.11m	W. Griffiths	1981
Y9 Triple Jump	10.60m	R. Houlton	1995			
Y10 High Jump	1.72m	A. Millar	1983	1.52m	T. Jambor	1993
Y7 Long Jump	4.42m	A. Caddick	1978	4.17m	B. Hirst	1983
Y8 Shot	12.75m	R. Shaw	1978	10.49m	J. Lill	1988
Y9 Javelin	49.92m	R. Wake	1991	26.35m	S. Thompson	1981
Y10 Discus	31.9m	A. Steadman	1998	25.23m	K. Wildsmith	1981
Y10 Triple Jump	11.65m	S. Day	1986	19.60	L. Kerr	1998

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Fran-tastic

Year 11 pupil Frances Leighton was recently selected to represent Great Britain under 20's at water polo in the European Junior Championships. The Championship involves 12 nations and takes place at Millfield School in Somerset. A place in the top 6 will give Frances the chance of playing in the World Championships late in the year. A Fran-tastic achievement.

Not to be out-done, brother Richard in Y10 has been selected for England Under 18's for a series of international matches. A water polo mad family, dad Norman is England's Junior Mens coach.

Clare Millington Y10 - Yorkshire Ladies Cricket

After taking up cricket two years ago, Clare Millington impressed selectors and has been chosen for the Yorkshire Ladies Cricket Squad. Clare plays and trains regularly at Sheffield United Cricket Club on Bawtry Road in Rotherham.

Hockey Success

Wath school's hockey teams have had an excellent season competing against all the schools throughout the area.

Both Year 10 and Year 11 sides won the outdoor league titles and neither were beaten by any opponents. A fantastic achievement.

The Year 9 side finished runners up in both the indoor and outdoor leagues so next year they will be looking to go one step better!

The gauntlet has now been thrown down to the Year 7 and Year 8 sides - can they carry on the success of their elders and win their respective titles next year? The potential is there.

Congratulations also goes to the 6th form side who won the U 18 South Yorkshire tournament and went on to represent the county in York.

All-Rounder!!

Yet another of our pupils has excelled in her chosen sport. Kerry Blockley, 14, one of our Year 9 pupils, has played for U16 Northern England Rounders Team for the past two years.

Selected for her speed and throwing ability, she stands at 3rd deep field, the key position in fielding.



Unbeaten!

For the first time since rugby was introduced at Wath in 1931, the 1st XV have had an unbeaten regular season. Eighteen matches were played against opposition from all areas of Yorkshire and several from Derbyshire and Lancashire. The team did suffer one defeat against Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield in the National Daily Mail Cup - not unexpected as QEGS were National Finalists in 1996 and 1997.

The highlight of the year came when the team won the Duke of Wellington Shield on Yorkshire Schools Day at St. Peter's School, York, defeating Prince Henry's School from Otley 25 - 13.

Stephen Wesson and Phillip Burgin represented Yorkshire Schools and were joined by Adam Sturman, David Jones and Chris South in the South Yorkshire team.

We say good-bye, thank you and good luck to our Upper Sixth who have served school rugby with distinction for seven years: Stephen Wesson, Adam Sturman, Chris South, Richard Dorlin, David Bray and David Jones. They leave a huge hole which next year will be filled by our very successful and also undefeated Y10 team. Future success seems assured!!

SPORTS