

# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

It has been a fantastic first half-term of the 2024/25 academic year. I am proud of everything our pupils and staff have achieved, as we have worked tirelessly together to make progress in relation to our development priorities. We aim to:

1. Improve Behaviour & Culture
2. Strengthen Reading
3. Develop Great Teaching
4. Achieve Excellent Outcomes
5. Attend to Achieve
6. Cultivate Character & Culture

A few half-term highlights I would like really to share are:

- ▲ The launch of our new house system and enrichment calendar
- ▲ 120 Year 11 pupils have been on a Geography field trip to Carding Mill Valley
- ▲ A fantastic Year 11 Raising Achievement evening for parents
- ▲ A superb Year 7 settling in evening for parents
- ▲ Over 500 pupils have visited the Spooky Shack to receive prizes for their good behaviour and attendance
- ▲ Year 11 pupils have seen a candlelit performance of Macbeth
- ▲ Year 8 pupils have visited the Knife Angel in Oldbury as part of their research into knife crime charities
- ▲ We have had the finals of WOA's Got Talent with 3 excellent acts who will progress to the regional heats
- ▲ Weekly PE fixtures with pupils in all year groups taking part
- ▲ Excellent sessions and resources as part of our Behaviour Curriculum (check out our Learning Routines and The way we do things at WOA booklets on our website!)

I am very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school at 8.45am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and hope that you all have a safe and restful October half-term break.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

To attending Tutor groups for the week are...

7HOV 97.9%

8JBI 100%

9SKN 97.2%

10KCH 97.3%

11JPL 100%

All the above will receive pizza on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November!

Year 7 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

You have to be in it to win it! [#attendtoachieve](#)

## HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX MATHS



- 327,648 questions answered correctly so far this year!
  - 3136 Hours of learning so far this year!
  - 8B1 maths have the highest completion rate
- Biggest improvement for completion this week: 9A1 maths
  - Highest average XP per student is 7SU2!
- 229 students have already improved their timetables.

SPARX READER will launch to all students after Half term along with our new homework timetable.

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen - 16041

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Bronte - 15159

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 15049

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Shakespeare - 14894



Well done to:

7ROR, 8RPH, 9AWA, 10ARO and 11JPL the top house point scorers in their year group!



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Make sure you follow our Facebook page for updates on Half term school taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for year 11 students.

There is an English Language Exam booster for all at 6pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November with Mr Wagstaff and Miss Moore on the Google Classroom.

Mock exams start Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45am with an exam cram in the arena.

Well done to all students who have completed their Lexonik programme this month – on average students on Lexonic leap have made 44 months progress with their reading and vocabulary.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ▲ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - 8.45am  
Return to School.
- ▲ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - 3.15pm  
onwards Shrek Auditions
- ▲ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Parent forum  
9am

## WE CARE – USEFUL INFORMATION

Stay safe during the holidays.

1. Only talk to people you know on line
2. Only organise to meet people in safe places
3. Walk each other home – don't stay out too late!
4. If you see anything that concerns you – don't forget to run, hide, tell!

If you have a concern during the holidays please contact:

Police – 999 (emergency) 101 (non-emergency)

NSPCC – 0800 800 5000 (Text 88858)

Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123