

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

It has been a superb first week back!

I am really proud of how our Year 11 pupils have settled in to their mock exams and access arrangements and how our KS3 pupils have responded to our additional assemblies on reading, numeracy, safeguarding and exploitation.

This week auditions have taken place for lead roles in our forthcoming show - Shrek (which will take place in February 2025) and today (Friday 8th November) we held our Remembrance Service Ceremony in which over 80 of our cadets supported the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands, Mr Dave Heeley OBE in commemorating all who have served and who are in service.

Well done to all Year 11 pupils who attended half-term school and who completed additional online learning - this includes the 96 super dedicated pupils who attended the Exam Blast for English Language on Sunday night!

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending Tutor groups for the week are...

7REV 95.4%

8JBI 98.7%

9JLG 95.1%

10ARO 95.1%

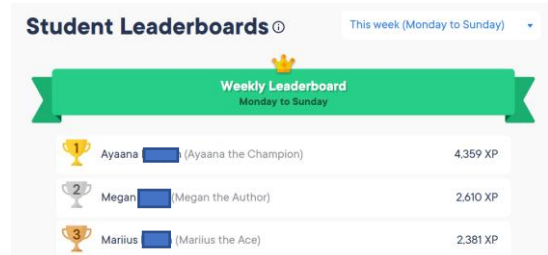
11JAD 98.1%

Year 8 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



- 381,847 questions answered correctly so far this year!
 - 3678 Hours of learning so far this year!
 - 11Shine have the highest completion rate
- Biggest improvement for completion this week: 11B2 maths
 - Highest average XP per student is 11 Succeed!
 - 251 students have already improved their timetables.

Students will be receiving information on Sparx Reader and our new homework system during assemblies next week.

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place - Austen - 17704

2nd Place - Bronte - 17297

3rd place - Dickens - 16957

4th Place - Shakespeare - 16276



Well done to:

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



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to everyone that attended one of our half-term school sessions, and the 90+ students that joined us online for the exam blast for English Language!

A huge congratulations to the 47 students who completed 100% of the Sparx Maths booster tasks. All of them today have had a breakfast treat from us, and 5 lucky winners are receiving a £50 love to shop voucher.

Our first week of mocks has gone tremendously well – keep up the hard work for week two!

You are all doing so well!

Mock results will be shared with Students on Thursday 18th November

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Monday 18th November**– Our attendance advent countdown to Christmas begins. Attend every day, on time, for a chance to win a shopping voucher for the family!
- **Friday 29th November** is a staff training day. The academy will be closed to all students.
- **Wednesday 4th December** – Year 11 Parents Evening.
- **Tuesday 17th December** – Year 7 Pantomime Visit
- **Friday 20th December** – end of term. Academy closes at 3pm.

WE CARE – USEFUL INFORMATION

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