

Wednesday 16th July 2025

End of Term letter – Summer 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to the whole school community for your continued support in what has been an exceptionally busy summer term.

Following a busy exam period, we said goodbye to our Year 11 students in June, and last week we celebrated with them at their prom. We look forward to celebrating with them again on result's day.

We have also welcomed in to the academy our new Year 7 students for September 2025. We are very fortunate to be able to say that we are full and oversubscribed for the sixth consecutive year and have a waiting list of students wanting to attend WOA. This is a big achievement for the school and thanks must go to everyone that has worked so hard to ensure our school is the number one choice for our community.

We look forward to a busy and exciting final week of the academic year – details of which are below.

End of Term Arrangements

School will finish for all students at **3.15pm on Friday 18th July**. But, before then, we have lots more exciting activities for students to see them into the summer holidays!

Thursday 17th July – Sports Day. Students are busy preparing and practicing for the pinnacle of the sporting year at WOA. All students in Years 7-9 will be involved in sports day. On the day **we would like students to wear their full WOA PE Kit**. Please do not send students in alternative sportswear.

Friday 18th July – Enrichment Day. Year 7 students have been sent home with a letter to invite them to attend an enrichment trip at the end of the school year. Please make sure you have returned your consent letter. Students not attending the trip will still need to attend school on Friday.

Year 8 and 9 will be having a carousel of activities on site, including inflatables, discos, archery. It is our ultimate FOMO Friday!

Uniform

A reminder that we expect to see all students in our WOA uniform on their return to school. Uniform is available from our suppliers; Gogna, in Oldbury, CC Uniforms in West Bromwich and First Choice in Wednesbury. **Gogna will be setting up a pop-up shop at the school on Monday 21st July for you to try on and purchase any items you require. CC will be setting up a pop-up shop on Tuesday 22nd July.**

Our uniform is:

Compulsory Uniform	
<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Blazer	Blazer
White Shirt	White Shirt

Academy Tie	Academy Tie
Black Trousers	Black Trousers or appropriate length skirt with black tights
Black Shoes	Black Shoes
Non-Compulsory Uniform	
Academy Jumper	Academy Jumper

School shoes should be black, flat and logo-free. The style should be traditional, avoiding the appearance of a trainer and business like. Some specific styles that are not permitted:

- Styles that appear to be more like sports trainers than professional black shoes, especially due to the material of the shoe.
- Styles with obvious logos or branding.
- Elaborate buckles or decorations or patterns.
- Any white or colourful details.

Compulsory P.E. Uniform - Boys & Girls	
Academy Polo	
Academy Shorts OR Track Pants	
Trainers	
Non-Compulsory P.E. Uniform	
Academy Hoody	
PE Leggings (Girls)	

Student coats are also not permitted during physical education lessons. Students must wear the WOA hoody or polo. However, additional layers beneath is acceptable and encouraged in winter months.

Return to School Arrangements

Students will have a staggered return to school in September as follows:

- **New Year 7 and Year 11 students and WOA6** return on **Thursday 4th September**. They should be in school by 8.45am. Year 7 students will assemble in the sports hall. Year 11 students will make their way to their tutor rooms.
- **Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 students** return on **Monday 8th September**. They should report to their tutor rooms by 8.45am.

Safeguarding

As the holiday approaches don't forget students can access the Sharp System out of school hours via the school website. We are also available for urgent concerns via our Facebook page.

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 out of school hours, please contact:

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

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 (Text 88858)

Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123

Finally, a thank you from myself and the WOA staff for your continued support throughout the academic year. I wish you all a peaceful, relaxing and safe summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,



Leigh Moore
Principal