

THE WEEK AT

FRIDAY 2ND MAY 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

I want to start by saying a MASSIVE WELL DONE to all for what has been a fabulous first week back at school!!!

Thank you all for your support in ensuring that our pupils have been in school, on time and engaging in their learning this week.

Some of our greatest highlights from this week are:

- **Year 10 pupils have absolutely smashed their mock exams this week** - great attendance, great conduct and great attitudes to learning. Well done all, we are so proud of you!
- **Year 11 have started their real external exams this week** - things are looking really positive and pupils have given their all in Animal Care and Performing Arts this week. I also want to say WEL DONE to all who attended Easter School Revision sessions.
- Today was week 7 of our FOMO Friday Rewards Package - 40 pupils have won fast passes or vouchers because their attendance over the past week has been 100% and this afternoon many more pupils won prizes from Miss Moore's trolley of joy! Thank you so much to all our pupil volunteers who organised the line up for the Quiz and Play Your Cards Right Prize Winners.
- We have had great fun with our FOMO Friday Disco...next week the fun continues with our Turn Up Tuesday Treats for EVERY pupil who comes in to school on Tuesday (after the Bank Holiday) and our Gold Card Attendance pupils will also be having special rewards throughout the week.
- Year 10 won our 'most improved attendance' reward today - Well done Year 10...a MASSIVE 4% improvement week on week!
- Thankyou to all staff involved in ensuring that we secure two very special quality marks this week - Young Carers+ and Inclusion Quality Mark, Flagship.

We continue to make great strides forward with our attendance and we want to keep up the momentum with your support. A few weeks ago I wrote to you about how the DfE places all attendance % into bands and how we have used this information to identify what attendance band each of our pupils are currently in and have set them all a target - We have rewarded many pupils who have improved or maintained their attendance bands and will be writing to you over the coming week to give you an update on the progress your child has made.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Our top attending tutor groups of the week are ...

Year 7- REV
Year 8- JBI
Year 9- JLG
Year 10 ARO 100%
Year 11 JHI

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners taking part in the quiz and play your cards right.

Be in school to join in on the fun!

Every Friday is FOMO Friday so make sure you are in school!
Turn Up Tuesday – everyone in school on Tuesday 7th May will get a treat!

Year 10 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout



HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX READER

1487 hours of reading have been completed so far, with over 1241 books already read!

1	Maisie F (Maisie the Legend)	2114 SRP
2	Lilly-May G (Lilly-May the Success)	1167 SRP
3	Oliver E (Oliver the Intellectual)	886 SRP

SPARX MATHS

An amazing 10057 hours have been spent learning on Sparx Maths and 1154877 questions have been answered!

1	Anmolpreet S (Anmolpreet the Lightworker)	1,920 XP
2	Ellie G (Ellie the Illuminator)	1,795 XP
3	Jayden T (Jayden the Expert)	1,689 XP

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place - Austen- 33216

2nd place – Dickens 32920

3rd place – Bronte 32362

4th place - Shakespeare – 30451

Well done to:

7HOV, 8RTO, 9MBA, 10KCH, and 11JPL the top house point scorers in their year group!

Dickens have been awarded 500 bonus points for winning the Zumbathon!



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

GCSE exams for Year 11 have now started.
Please make sure you are in school for exams,
exam crams, revision sessions, Saturday
schools.

It's never too late to start revising.

Please check your exam timetables to check
when and where you have an exam.

Year 10 have done fantastically well on their
first set of mock exams this week. Teachers
are busy marking and your results will be
shared on your mock results assembly on 20th
May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th May – school closed Bank Holiday

Wednesday 14th May – Y10 Parent's Evening

Friday 23rd May - School closes for half term
school 3.15pm

24th may – 1st June - Holiday School Y11

2nd June – school reopens to all at 8.45am

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 – 0808 800 5000 (Text 88858)

Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123