

# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

What a fantastic week at WOA! Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that our pupils have been in school and engaging in their learning this week.

Some of our highlights:

- Pupils continue to have been involved in Shrek The Musical Rehearsals - tickets are currently on sale for shows next week on 8th, 9th, 10<sup>th</sup> April - please buy a ticket (our Primary School Matinee performance will take place on 8th April)!
- On Thursday, WOA Year 8 netball team came second in a Sandwell Year 8 Netball tournament at Q3 Langley, winning the plate 🏆🏐
- Today was week 5 of our FOMO Friday Rewards Package - 30 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 dash across the school!
- We have had great fun with our FOMO Friday Disco (involving the whole school!) - Next week we have our LODT Challenge (Last Day of Term Challenge) ...already we have 229 pupils qualifying for a BIG reward next week!
- Year 9 won our 'most improved attendance' reward today - Well done Year 9!

You will be aware that attendance in school remains an on-going top priority for us and this is why, in addition to launching our FOMO Friday Rewards Package to encourage pupils to come in to school on Friday's, we have also launched another attendance challenge which we have written to all parents about. The DfE place all attendance % into bands and we have used this information to identify what attendance band each of our pupils are currently in and have set them all a target - Every single pupil who moves up a band will receive a prize next week and we have already had 55 improvers who have won a prize today and those remaining in 1\* have had their faces painted at the lunchtime disco.

A reminder - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April will be the last day of term and we have informed all pupils that it will be a day jam-packed full of fun and rewards: Easter eggs and prizes from the Bunny Hut, an Easter Egg Hunt and a MEGA surprise treat! #attendtoachieve #inittowin!

During my daily briefings I continue to remind pupils about out of class behaviour and our aims and expectations in relation to litter, vandalism and vaping...this week I have also mentioned lateness to lessons. We do need to also need us to focus to continue to focus on in-class behaviours - our Wheel of Wonder on a Friday is aimed at rewarding pupils for their positive points which can be gained by working hard and being good citizens. We want to recognise and reward good behaviour.

If you have any questions or queries regarding our approach to tackling litter, vandalism, vapes, or in monitoring the toilets please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- 7ROR 95%  
Year 8- 8JBi 96.5%  
Year 9- 9MBA 97.6%  
Year 10- 10HPT 95.8%  
Year 11- 11SFR 97.6%

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners – next week we have the FOMO Last Day of Term extravaganza! Be in school to join in on the fun!  
**Every Friday is FOMO Friday so make sure you are in school!**

Year 9 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

#FOMOfriday



## HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

### SPARX READER

1319 hours of reading have been completed so far, with over 1120 books already read!

1	Logan W [redacted] (Logan the Amoret)	883 SRP
2	Anmolpreet S [redacted] (Anmolpreet the Lightworker)	664 SRP
3	Hannah M [redacted] (Hannah the Miracle)	583 SRP

### SPARX MATHS

A marvellous 221 students have levelled up this week and 10,077 hours of home learning have been completed on Sparx Maths!

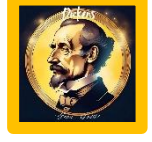
1	Keziah A [redacted] (Keziah the Matriarch)	2,144 XP
2	Faith C [redacted] (Faith the Athlete)	2,029 XP
3	Eliot M [redacted] (Eliot the Owner)	1,662 XP

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen- 32533  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Brontë - 32210  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 31125  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Shakespeare – 29674

Well done to:  
7ROR 8ROR, 9TDA, 10ARO, and 11SFR  
the top house point scorers in their year group!



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to everyone that has taken part in the GCSE Maths Drop Down Days this week. You worked really hard and gave those grades a boost!!

Next week the real exams continue with the final part of the 3D Design, Photography and Art practicals. Make sure you are in on time, and ready for these assessments.

As we move closer to the exams we have a range of extra interventions to help you glow up your grades – Easter School is first and we will be sharing what is available next week.

Year 10 have continued to make great progress in their interventions ahead of their first mock exams which begin 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Shrek Performance – 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of April Get your tickets on the gateway!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for the Easter Holiday. Easter School for Year 11.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens to all students at 8.45am.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y10 Parent's Evening

## 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