

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Thank you as always for your continued support for all that we are trying to achieve for your children here at WOA.

It has been yet another busy and exciting week at WOA and highlights include:

- Year 9 pupils and their families attending the Options Evening on Wednesday
- Pupils who have overcome big barriers to attendance enjoyed a Nando's for lunch as a reward on Monday
- The 250 pupils who were invited to exchange their positive points for prizes have been doing so as part of WOA Swap Shop Rewards package
- Year 11 Mock Exam timetables with details of extra Session 6's and Exam Cram's have been issued to pupils (Mock Exams start next week!)
- This week we hosted our half termly lunch for our WOA young carers, and were joined by Sandwell Young Carers who support young people across the borough. If you think your child may be a young carer or have any queries please contact Jessica.Platford@woacademy.co.uk

We are continuing our push on rewarding good attendance and punctuality because the link between good attendance and good grades is really strong and all guidance tells us that regular absence from school not only hinders progress but can also be an early indicator of safeguarding concerns.

Next week is our 'Love WOA - Attend to Achieve' incentive which will see 3 form groups in every year have pizza and pop for lunch on Friday 14th February. You have to be in it to win it!

Finally, as a follow on from letters I have sent to parents, I have been talking to pupils every day this week about punctuality and showing respect to each other and our building - please be aware that we will not tolerate graffiti, damage or anti-social behaviour in our academy. We need to work together please to ensure that our pupils are in school, on time and know how important it is to show respect for our each other as well as our building and site.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending tutor groups for the week are...

7LSO
8JBI
9MBA
10MPA
11SFR

Year 11 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

Don't forget our 'Love WOA - Attend to Achieve' incentive. Make sure you are attending everyday so that your tutor group can win the pizza and pop lunch on valentines day!

[#attendtoachieve](#)

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX READER

534 hours of reading have been completed this week, with over 355 books already read!

1	Callum B (Callum the Academician)	1501 SRP
2	Isabella C (Isabella the Icon)	1447 SRP
3	Hazel G (Hazel the Star)	1390 SRP

SPARX MATHS

A whopping 313 students have levelled up this week with 8057 hours of sparx maths being completed to date! Keep up the impressive work.

1	James C (James the CEO)	2,744 XP
2	Marius P (Marius the Example)	2,722 XP
3	Logan C (Logan the Concierge)	2,571 XP

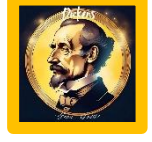
SPARX SCIENCE WILL BE LAUNCHING SOON!

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place - Austen- 31073
2nd place - Brontë - 30467
3rd place - Dickens - 29715
4th place - Shakespeare – 28380

Well done to:
7HOV, 8TDA, 9JLG, 10ARO, and 11JPL and 11JAD
the top house point scorers in their year group!



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Mock exams begin on Monday!

Let's put all of that preparation in to practice and show how much progress you have made!
As well as in class assessments the following exams will be held in the sports hall/Lockley:

Monday 10th 9.15am English Language Paper 1

Tuesday 11th 11.35am Chemistry Paper 2

Wednesday 12th 9.15am Maths Paper 1

Thursday 13th 11.35am Physics Paper 2

Friday 14th 9.15am English Literature Paper 1

11.35 Geography Paper 1

History Paper 1

Year 11 Students should go directly to the arena every morning for 8.45am for an exam cram before the exam starts.
Session 6 will be slightly different next week to reflect the exams:



**Y11 Mock Exams
Session 6 Timetable
February Mocks 2025**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Science	Maths	Science	English Literature	Free choice Friday

Sunday 9th February Exam Blast!
Join in via the Y11 Google classroom for a walk, talk and practice of English Language Paper 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 10th February - Year 11 Mock Exams begin
- Friday 14th February - Half term begins at 3.15pm.
- 17th - 21st February - Year 11 Holiday School
- Monday 24th February - Staff Training Day. Academy Closed to all students.
- Tuesday 25th February – Students return to school. 8.45am.

WE CARE – USEFUL INFORMATION

- Only talk to people you know on line
- Only organise to meet people in safe places
- Walk each other home – don't stay out too late!
- 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