

# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

What an absolutely fabulous week at WOA! WELL DONE and THANK YOU to all for what has been a truly brilliant return to school after the Bank Holiday weekend!

Some of our biggest highlights from this week are:

- Year 9 pupils have been on a trip to watch the National Police dog Trials today in Birmingham.
- Year 11 have continued with their real external exams this week - things continue to look really positive and pupils and we are pleased with attendance at Session 6 - now let's just keep the focus going as Saturday and Sunday Schools now begin (a great way to boost revision, knowledge and skills)!
- Today was week 8 of our FOMO Friday Rewards Package - 50 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!
- We celebrated VE Day in school today with a street party, staff band and the ice-cream van as a reward for the 500+ pupils who have either improved or maintained their attendance bands.

We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us before we break up for Whitsun with Year 11 pupils move fully into the external examination period and there will be additional sessions allocated for revision across all subjects. We also have Year 10 Parents Evening scheduled for Wednesday next week and we urge all parents of pupils in this year group to attend so that staff can feed back on performance in mock exams, strengths and areas for improvement (before we know it, they will be in Year 11 and taking their real exams!).

Thank you so much for your support regarding pupil attendance (which is improving week on week) - it really does make the greatest difference to progress and attainment rates and ultimately futures.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- 7LSO

Year 8- 8KAH

Year 9- 9SAH

Year 10- 10ARO- 100% attendance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week running!

Year 11 11LRE

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners taking part in the quiz, street party and wheels of wonder!

Be in school to join in on the fun!

Every Friday is FOMO Friday so make sure you are in school!

Next week the disco and Bingo is back!

Year 8 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	Oliver Evans (Oliver the Intellectual)	882 SRP
2	Connor N (Connor the Winner)	593 SRP
3	Alfie B (Alfie the Child)	543 SRP

### SPARX MATHS

An amazing 10,704 hours have been spent learning on Sparx Maths and 132 students have levelled up this week!

1	Keziah Agnew (Keziah the Matriarch)	2,106 XP
2	Layla Bowler (Layla the Individual)	1,765 XP
3	Leshea Agnew (Leshea the Intelligentsia)	1,665 XP

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen- 33417

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Dickens 33132

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Bronte 32576

4<sup>th</sup> place - Shakespeare – 30633

Well done to:

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



## 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 to 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 20<sup>th</sup>  
May.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - School closes for half term  
school 3.15pm

24<sup>th</sup> may – 1<sup>st</sup> June - Holiday School Y11

2<sup>nd</sup> 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