

# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all parents who have supported us this week by ensuring their child is in school, on time and ready to learn!

We have had a busy first week back and wasted no time at all in reinforcing our expectations in relation **attendance, punctuality and behaviour** in assemblies and **Boot Camp** sessions with staff. Please ensure that you also read the **letter regarding punctuality to lessons**.

We have also introduced all pupils to **Write, Pair, Share** which is a new routine we are embedding into lessons to help pupils to think and work harder and smarter.

Next week we look forward to:

- Pupils in Succeed Band going to watch **Cinderella**
- Issuing Year 11 pupils with **mock exam timetables**
- Hosting **Lunch with a Leader** sessions on Write, Pair, Share

We are also going to **kick start our attendance rewards package** with:

- **Pizza lunches** for form groups with the highest attendance between 13<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January
- A prize draw for one of **5 x £50 supermarket vouchers** (all pupils with 100% attendance between 13<sup>th</sup> and 31st January are eligible for entry into the draw)

I am really looking forward to continuing our work together over the coming weeks.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending Tutor groups for the week are...

7EWT- 96.6%

8JBi- 96.7%

9JLG- 96.1%

10KCH- 95.2

11LRE- 100%

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

Please do read the letter we have sent out along with the week at WOA regarding lateness to lessons.

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## HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX MATHS

688,859 questions answered correctly so far this year!

Well done to our wonderful Mathletes!

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Firgifa N (Firgifa the Catalyst)	1,970 XP
2	Ebony N (Ebony the Scion)	1,620 XP
3	Harley-Jay B (Harley-Jay the Experimenter)	1,610 XP

- 5363 Hours of learning so far this year!
- 40 students have up levelled in this last week! Wow!
- Highest average XP per student is 9B1, well done!
- 343 students have already improved their timetables.

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen- 30395  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Brontë Austen - 29817  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 29057  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Shakespeare – 27768



Well done to:  
 7LSO, 8TDA, 9SMJ, 10KCH and 11JPL the top house point scorers in their year group!

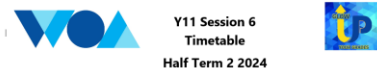
## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Welcome back to school Year 11 and the fantastic start they have made.  
 Well, done to all the students that have been attending their Maths and English interventions that have restarted again.

Key dates to remember:

10<sup>th</sup> February mock exams start

Next week we are on Week A for session 6.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Maths	English Language	PE Extra-Curricular	Humanities	Free choice Friday
Week 2	Science	Modern and Ancient Foreign Languages	English Literature	Vocational and Music GCSE	Free choice Friday

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 Parents and Options Evening
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Year 11 Mock Exams begin
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Half term begins at 3.15pm.
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - Year 11 Holiday School
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Staff Training Day. Academy Closed to all students.
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Students return to school. 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