

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

WOW!!! What an absolutely 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 fabulous highlights:

- Our pupils performed in Shrek The Musical and were simply amazing! Well done to ALL involved! We hope you enjoyed your pizza reward party (sorry the pizza was a little late 😊).
- On Tuesday some of our local primary schools joined us to watch our pupils perform in Shrek - they were an amazing audience! Thank you!
- Today was week 6 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 of the Year 11 pupils who organised the line up for the Bingo Prize Winners.
- We have had great fun with our FOMO Friday Disco (involving the whole school!) and Easter Egg Hunt (which involved the 229 pupils who won out LODT challenge)!
- We have rewarded and celebrated the efforts and achievements of more than 300 pupils during our Celebration Assemblies and over 600 pupils grabbed prizes from the Bunny Hut.
- Year 7 won our 'most improved attendance' reward today - Well done Year 7!
- Thank you to all staff who organised, and parents who attended, our Autism Awareness event on Wednesday
- A BIG thank to all involved in our Improving Attendance & Engagement event on Wednesday - Watch this space for our next one!

We have made excellent strides forward this half-term with attendance and it remains one of our highest priorities. 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 at the start of next term to give you an update on the progress your child has made.

I would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break and I look forward to working with you all next term which starts at 8.45am on Monday 28th April.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- REV 98.9%
Year 8- RPH 94.6%
Year 9- JLG 95.9%
Year 10 ARO 100%
Year 11 JLP 96.3%

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners – we have had an amazing FOMO Last Day of Term eggs-travaganza!
Be in school to join in on the fun!
Every Friday is FOMO Friday so make sure you are in school!

Year 7 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

1410 hours of reading have been completed so far, with over 1184 books already read!

1	Lucy R [] (Lucy the Inspirer)	973 SRP
2	Connor N [] (Connor the Winner)	472 SRP
3	Jake Wh [] (Jake the Superintendent)	431 SRP

SPARX MATHS

A marvellous 219 students have levelled up this week and 1129454 questions have been answered on Sparx Maths!

1	Poppy H [] (Poppy the Sprite)	1,839 XP
2	Demmi-Lee B [] (Demmi-Lee the Clerisy)	1,622 XP
3	Eliot M [] (Eliot the Owner)	1,337 XP

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place - Austen- 32755
2nd place - Brontë - 32434
3rd place - Dickens - 31399
4th place - Shakespeare – 29866

Well done to:
7EWT, 8THN, 9JLG, 10HPT, and 11JPL
the top house point scorers in their year group!



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

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

Year 11 - don't forget Easter school starts on Monday!
Keep an eye on our social media for times and
subjects. A full programme has been emailed out to all
parents and handed to all students.

Year 10 have mock exams starting on Monday 28th
April.

Make sure you are revising and ready for to level up
your grades!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11th April – School closes for the Easter
Holiday. Easter School for Year 11.

Monday 28th April – School reopens to all
students at 8.45am.

Wednesday 14th 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