

# THE WEEK AT



## FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

A HUGE welcome back to each and every pupil! We have had a fabulous first full week back at WOA!

A few of our top highlights are:

- On Wednesday we held our first Open Evening Event for the 2026 new intake of Year 7 - we had over 150 families join us for activities, tours and a chance to meet our staff and pupils.
- Today was our first FOMO Friday of the year - more than 50 pupils have won prizes or vouchers because of their attendance over the past week or they have won a 'Catch them being good' reward during the Wheel of Wonder this morning. This afternoon we had a lunchtime disco on the playground with face-painting, followed by Bingo with many more pupils winning prizes from Miss Moore's trolley of joy during Tutor check-in time!
- Our pupils looked beautiful and smart today as they posed for their official school photographs - next week one of our Wheel of Wonder prizes will be a free set of photographs courtesy of Aperture!
- Year 7 won top attendance of the week with a fabulous 97.8% and enjoyed a chocolate treat at the end of school today.

**Attend to Achieve** - Every pupil who has attended school every day since the start of term is currently officially a Band 1\* Gold attendance card holder! We want to keep the standards of attendance really high and will reward all pupils who manage to maintain their gold card status and as a treat for these pupils we have **booked the ice cream van to come to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

A reminder - Holidays, medical appointments and being late after registers close are all classed as absences from school and have a negative impact on attendance, learning and progress. Please support your child by ensuring they are in school on time every day and work with us if you have any concerns, issues or barriers to attendance.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachieversucceed

Finally, we have been surveying our pupils during lunchtime in the canteen. Big questions this week have focused on how they feel they have settled back into school - how safe they feel and whether or not they know who to go to if they need help. Over 90% of the pupils who participated in our snapshot survey said they feel safe and know who to go to if they need help in school. Next week we are going to be focusing on ensuring that our pupils know who to go to if they need help or support with their mental.

#pupilvoice #yousaidwedid

### ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- KCH  
Year 8- ROR & LSO  
Year 9- SST  
Year 10- MBA  
Year 11 - HPT

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners taking part in the Disco, Bingo, 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!

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 Homework will begin again next week once we have finalised are testing and setting.

You can log on this week and boost your XP on:

SPARX READER

SPARX SCIENCE

SPARX MATHS

Logging on regularly will help you keep on top of your homework, level up and boost your grades!!

Don't forget Sparx Homework Club is open every night from 3.15pm – 4pm in the LRC so that you can log on and get it done!

Snacks and drinks provided 😊

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Our House point leaderboard returns next week!  
Remember you can earn house points every day by:

- Attending
  - Working well in every lesson
  - Participating in clubs and activities
  - Taking part in House Competitions.
- More details to follow in our House Assemblies!



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to year 11 for a fantastic start to who have made a brilliant start to intervention and are on the journey to 'Make it Happen!

Your brilliant attendance this week is a fantastic start - don't forget every day makes a difference to your grades!

Year 11 will begin their individual careers interviews next week so that we can best help you to make choices about life after WOA.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24<sup>th</sup> September - EHCP Coffee Morning in Harrison

25<sup>th</sup> September: Y11 Passport Evening, Harrison

1<sup>st</sup> October: Y7 Settling In Evening  
Y11 Make it Happen Evening

17<sup>th</sup> October: Training Day (Academy Closed to Students)

24<sup>th</sup> October: 3.15pm Half term holiday begins.

## 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