

# THE WEEK AT



## FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Thank you once again for your support over the past week.

It has been a busy and exciting week at WOA and particular highlights include:

- An absolutely **superb Christmas Concert on Thursday evening** which was hosted by our fabulous Performing Arts team in which over 40 pupils performed.
- Our **Reading Graduation ceremony took place on Wednesday** and more than 30 pupils received certificates and awards for the excellent progress they have made in their reading and comprehension. Very well done to all!
- Our Year 8's have also been continuing to focus on their final First Give presentations and we are very excited to judge this next week.
- **The following form groups won a pizza lunch today for their improved attendance over the last week** - congratulations to 7REV, 7LSO, 8JBI, 8TDA, 9JLG, 9AWA, 10GCH, 10KCH, 11JAD, and 11TLA!
- **We opened Santa's Grotto (aka the Shack!) today and all pupils in Y7-11 who were in school today received a reward for their attendance.**

You will notice that many of our rewards are linked to attendance. This is because we know that if a child is in school they are safe and they are learning. 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. Please let us know if your child will be absent and work with us to promote the importance of good attendance in school. We are a team and we are here to support you and your child.

Our Countdown to Christmas incentive ends next week and we are offering 10 x £30 Morrisons vouchers for families. In addition, we are holding Celebration Assemblies and Santa's Grotto will be open on Thursday and Friday - you've got to be in it to win it and we look forward to everyone 'attending to achieve' during our final week before the Christmas break!

### ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending Tutor groups for the week are...

7REV - 98.2  
8JBI - 94.7  
9JLG - 90.3  
10GCH - 97.8  
11JAD - 98.7

Year 7 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

Only 10 days to go on our Christmas countdown!

Be in school, on time, every day for a chance to win a shopping voucher in time for Christmas!

**You have to be in it to win it! #attendtoachieve**

### HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX MATHS

619087 questions answered correctly so far this year!  
Well done to our wonderful Mathletes!

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Louiza F (Louiza the Knockout)	4,144 XP
2	Cody W (Cody the Director)	3,151 XP
3	Ann-Marie (Ann-Marie the Agent)	2,821 XP

- 5735 Hours of learning so far this year!
- 7B4 have the highest completion rate
- Biggest improvement for completion this week: 11B1 maths
  - Highest average XP per student is 11B3 Succeed!
- 337 students have already improved their timetables.

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Brontë - 28414

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Austen - 28119

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 27369

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Shakespeare – 26624



Well done to:

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



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to all of year 11 for their hard work this week.

Next week there will be no session 6 for students. Session 6 will resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Well done to all BTEC Students who have completed a PSA this half term. All of your grades and work have now gone off to the exam board. Good luck with the results!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Our attendance advent countdown to Christmas Continues. Attend every day, on time, for a chance to win a shopping voucher for the family! Prizes announced on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 7 Pantomime Visit
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – end of term. Academy closes at 3pm.
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – School Reopens to all students 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