

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

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:

- 15 form groups have won pizza lunches today for having the highest or most improved attendance as part of our Love WOA Attendance Competition.
- One of our pupils, Tiahna, has won a National Literacy Trust Graphic Novel competition, securing a prize of £1000.00 for books for our Library. The judges said they liked: *the highly original storyline with talented manga-style artistry, excellent graphic novel techniques on show with impressive collage work*
- Year 11 pupils have had a superb first week of their mock exams - they have been in school, on time and trying their best all week! They have also been engaging in online learning out of hours with over 100 pupils joining the exam cram for English on Sunday night!
- Years 7-9 have been involved in assemblies all week (on knife crime, mental health, sustainability, and Y9 Options)- I want to say a big well done for their engagement and positivity.

Next week, during the half-term break, we will be hosting Holiday School for Year 11 and we look forward to welcoming everyone back by 8.45am on Tuesday 25th February (Monday 24th is a staff training day). We want everyone in school Attending to Achieve please!

Finally, I do need to talk to you, as parents, about a very serious issue which every school faces - the dangers of vaping. Vapes are banned items. We will not tolerate any child bringing any banned item into school and I need you to be aware that, following an incident involving a vape where a child became ill, we are taking a zero-tolerance approach. I attach a letter from the Police regarding testing of vapes for substances - if you have any questions or queries regarding our approach to tackling vapes, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

The winners of our Pizza an Pop Lunch are:

7ROR 7DWA 7HOV
8THN 8JBI 8RTO
9JLG 9MBA 9SAH
10HPT 10ARO 10MPA
11SFR 11JHI 11TLA

Well done everyone! We hope you enjoyed your treat!

Year 11 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

#attendtoachieve

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX READER

675 hours of reading have been completed this week, with over 355 books already read!

1	Dre O (Dre the Teacher)	966 SRP
2	Isabella C (Isabella the Icon)	810 SRP
3	Eisa H (Eisa the Whizz)	782 SRP

SPARX MATHS

A whopping 900781 questions have been answered correctly so far this year! With 370 students improving their timestables! Brilliant work!

1	Mase P (Mase the Athlete)	2,273 XP
2	Chanel E (Chanel the Superstar)	2,020 XP
3	Andre H (Andre the VIP)	1,730 XP

SPARX SCIENCE WILL BE LAUNCHING SOON!

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



- 1st place - Austen- 31073
2nd place - Brontë - 30467
3rd place - Dickens - 29715
4th place - Shakespeare – 28380

Well done to:
7HOV, 8TDA, 9JLG, 10ARO, and 11JPL and 11JAD
the top house point scorers in their year group!



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done on an outstanding first week of mocks!

Attendance to school, exams, session 6 and exam blasts has been phenomenal! We are so proud of everything you have done so far!

Holiday School is open next week for you as follows:

Monday 17th 10am – 12pm
Science Foundation
Science 11 Aspire KRI
Science Higher (Invite Only) CJO
Science Succeed PSI
12pm – 2pm
Science Higher (Invite Only) CJO
Tuesday 18th 10am-12pm BTEC Sport
Wednesday 19th 10am – 12pm
English Intervention group PMA
English Shine YAK
Thursday 20th 10am-12pm
Maths Higher HBR
Maths Foundation MBA/SKH/SCL/GBA

Don't forget to continue revising over half term for the mock exams when we return.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17th - 21st February - Year 11 Holiday School
- Monday 24th February - Staff Training Day. Academy Closed to all students.
- Tuesday 25th 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