

# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Again, thank you so much for your support in ensuring that our pupils have been in school and working hard this week.

It has been yet another busy and exciting week:

- Year 7 are going on a PGL trip today to Boreaton Park - We hope they have a smashing time!
  - WOA won the Ormiston Chess Tournament - Well done to all involved and in particular Riley P, Damian S, Sam J and Isha I who were in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- Many pupils continue to have been involved in Shrek The Musical Rehearsals - tickets are currently on sale for shows on 8th, 9th, 10<sup>th</sup> April (our Primary School Matinee performance will take place on 8th April).
- Well done and a HUGE thank you to all pupils involved in raising money for Sandwell Young Carers - WOA made £138.15!
- Today was week 2 of our FOMO Friday Rewards Package - 25 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 Mr Wagstaff's trolley dash across the school! Golden Time will start next week with a 'Where's Wagstaff?' activity.
- Well done to Thomas and Tiahna - will competed in the regional heat of Ormiston's Got Talent!
- Year 10 won our 'most improved attendance' reward today and have gone up a whopping 5% since last week! Well done Year 10!

You will be aware that attendance in school remains an on-going top priority for us and this is why we have launched our FOMO Friday Rewards Package to encourage pupils to come in to school. We have separated this incentive out from our Weekly Wheel of Wonder which will now focus on rewarding pupils with positive behaviour points.

Finally, as in previous weeks I want to remind you that we want our school to be a safe and happy place for pupils and staff and therefore continue our work on monitoring out of class behaviours and toilets. In my daily briefings I have been reminding pupils of our aims and expectations. All schools are facing challenges in relation to vaping - Vapes are prohibited items in school. We will not tolerate any child bringing a prohibited item into school or using a vape or any other substance on site. Following the incident involving a vape where a child became ill, we have taken a zero-tolerance approach. If you have any questions or queries regarding our approach to tackling vapes, or in monitoring the toilets please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- 7HOV

Year 8- 8THN

Year 9- 9MBA

Year 10- 10ARO

Year 11- 11JAD

Well done to all of our FOMO Friday winners.

Every Friday is FOMO Friday so make sure you are in school!

Year 8 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

#FOMOfriday



## HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

### SPARX READER

995 hours of reading have been completed so far, with over 791 books already read!

1	Mason V (Mason the Manager)	2377 SRP
2	Max B (Max the Thaumalogist)	766 SRP
3	Sukhman K (Sukhman the One and only)	753 SRP

### SPARX MATHS

A magnificent 242 students have levelled up this week with 9264 hours of sparx maths being completed to date! Keep up the impressive work.

1	Harry (Harry the Owner)	3,725 XP
2	Esme (Esme the Angel)	2,539 XP
3	Macy (Macy the Miracle)	2,396 XP

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen- 31735  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Brontë - 31241  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 30388  
 4<sup>th</sup> place - Shakespeare – 28953

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



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Mock exam results assembly is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Session 6 continues for everyone on Monday and we are on week 2:

	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

Year 10 have made an excellent start to their interventions ahead of their first mock exams which begin 28<sup>th</sup> April.

The real exams are now only a matter of weeks away so let's stay focussed and make the most of all opportunities!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Y8 Parents evening

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 Welcome to the family event

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Y9 Options submission deadline.

Choices should be entered via the sims app or website. If you need support please email [student.data@woacademy.co.uk](mailto:student.data@woacademy.co.uk)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for the Easter Holiday

## 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