

# THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Thank you as always for your support over the past week.

Highlights from this week include:

- A number of pupils have been to see **Cinderella** the pantomime
- Year 11 **mock exam timetables** have been finalised and we have launched this half-term's **interventions** today
- Our Year 8's have won the '**Most improved year group**' today for their attendance and have been rewarded with chocolates

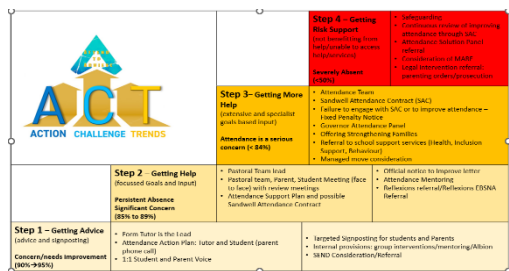
At WOA, we have 2 very clear key values:

Believe - **Achieve** - **Succeed**

**Attend** to **Achieve**

Without good attendance, it is very difficult for any child to achieve their full potential and to secure future success. This is because 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.

Last week we launched our **Graduated Response to Attendance** with all staff and now wish to share this with you.



**GOOD ATTENDANCE = SAFETY + BETTER OUTCOMES!**

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 please just reach out.

To incentivise our pupils to uphold our key value of **GOOD ATTENDANCE** our highest attending year groups between 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January will win a pizza lunch next Friday and the following week, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January we will announce the 5 family winners of £50 supermarket vouchers. You have to be in it to win it!

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending Tutor groups for the week are...

7REV- 97%  
 8JBI- 98%  
 9MBA- 94.3%  
 10PSi- 93.6%  
 11JAD- 99.4%

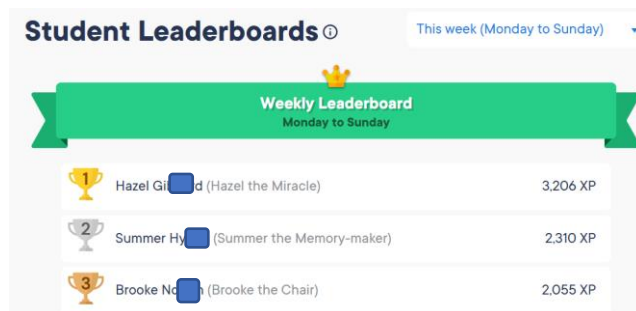
Year 8 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

*#attendtoachieve*

## HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX MATHS

688,859 questions answered correctly so far this year! Well done to our wonderful Mathletes!



Sparx Reader has launched this week and everyone has been set homework by their English Language teacher.

That means next week you will have two chances to get on the reader board! Log on to Sparx reader using your Sparx maths details, and simply select 'reader' from the drop down menu.

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen- 30412  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Brontë - 29825  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 29076  
 4<sup>th</sup> place - Shakespeare – 27783



Well done to:  
 7LSO, 8RPH, 9JLG, 10KCH and 11JPL the top house point scorers in their year group!

## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Year 11 interventions for English Maths and Science have started today. Well done to everyone that has participated and is preparing for the forthcoming mocks which start on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Mock Exam timetables have gone out this week.

Next week we are on **Week B** for session 6.

Remember attendance at session 6 is linked to the prom!

**Y11 Session 6 Timetable**  
Half Term 2 2024

	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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 9 Parents and Options Evening
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 11 Mock Exams begin
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term begins at 3.15pm.
- **17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Year 11 Holiday School
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Staff Training Day. Academy Closed to all students.
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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