

# THE WEEK AT



## FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

WOW! What have had a fabulous second full week back at WOA!

A few of our top highlights are:

- On Monday we held auditions for our forthcoming show - **Legally Blonde** - watch this space for announcements on the cast list!
- Today was our second **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!
- **Y11 Session 6** started this week and have made an absolutely fantastic start to their GCSE revision programme and we have been so impressed by their maturity and commitment to their futures!
- **Year 11 won top attendance of the week with a fabulous 0.2% week-on- week improvement (94.5% for the week!)** 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! **Don't forget that we have booked the ice cream van to come to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to reward all our 100% attenders!**

Another 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**

Heads up - On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, in honour of World Mental Health Day, Young Minds we will be hosting a 'Treat & Talk' morning in every form group. More details to follow.

Finally, we have continued surveying our pupils during lunchtime in the canteen. Big questions this week have focused on stranger danger and online safety - 100% of the pupils who participated in our snapshot survey said they know what to do if they are approached by a stranger in the community or online. This week, in SMART START, we have focused on raising awareness of where to get help about their mental health and well-being and over the coming weeks we will be working on harmful sexual language and behaviours and online safety. Don't forget to check our monthly e-Safety parent newsletter on the website!

**#pupilvoice #yousaidwedid**

### ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

**Year 7- LRI**

**Year 8- HOV**

**Year 9- JBI**

**Year 10- TLA**

**Year 11- JKN**

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 11 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**

1	Ellie (Ellie the Number one)	1,514 XP
2	Georgia (Georgia the Life-of-the-party)	1,502 XP
3	Sukhpal (Sukhpal the Epitome)	1,432 XP

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!

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Our House point leaderboard is back!

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bronte 222 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Austen 195 Points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dickens 161 points

4<sup>th</sup> Place Shakespeare 87 Points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7SFR, 8ROR, 9JHI, 10JLG and 11JKN! Well done everyone.

Next week there are House Assemblies.



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to year 11 for an amazing start to session 6 this week.

All sessions were well attended and you were working hard! We hope you are practicing your mind palace technique as part of your revision for mock exams.

Year 11 will continue 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