

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

I want to start by thanking you all for your continued support for WOA.

It has been a busy and exciting term and some fabulous highlights from this week include:

- Over 400 pupils in Years 7 to 11 have received rewards, recognition and praise in **Celebration Assemblies** this week.
- Our **Star Assembly** took place on Wednesday to celebrate the efforts of pupils with the highest attendance and progress scores (top 7.5%).
- On Tuesday our Year 7 pupils had lots of fun watching the pantomime **Beauty & the Beast**.
- **Santa's Grotto** opened at the Shack and 600 pupils received treats for their attendance and good conduct.
- 10 families won £30 Morrison's vouchers as part of our **Countdown to Christmas** incentive.
- **Christmas Dinner Day** on Wednesday was a huge success.

The academy re-opens on **Monday 6th January at 8.45am**. It is vital that all pupils return on this day so that we can kick-start the New Year and really get to grips with our learning and progress. I cannot stress enough, the between good attendance and good grades and we want all of our pupils to achieve their very best. Furthermore, 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.

Finally, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am so looking forward to working with you all in 2025!

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending Tutor groups for the week are...

7REV 100% everyday this week!

8TDA 92.7%

9JLG 91.8%

10ARO 96.6%

11JPL 98.4%

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

Congratulations to our Christmas countdown winners:

Harvey G, Cody W, Lutfiyyah S, Savannah M, Jamie A, Melodie S, Othniel M, Figifa N, Grace H, Dylan M. **Well done!!**

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

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX MATHS

657, 854 questions answered correctly so far this year!

Well done to our wonderful Mathletes!

Yearly Leaderboard This academic year		
1	Ellie G (Ellie the Ace-in-the-hole)	24,154 XP
2	Peace O (Peace the Professional)	21,495 XP
3	Roshine H (Roshine the Protégé)	19,158 XP

- 5363 Hours of learning so far this year!
- 7B2 have the highest completion rate
- Biggest improvement for completion this week: 7A4 maths
 - Highest average XP per student is 11B3!
- 339 students have already improved their timetables.

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place – Austen - 30369

2nd Place - Brontë - 29786

3rd place - Dickens - 29011

4th Place - Shakespeare – 27754



Well done to:

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



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done, year 11, on a wonderful Autumn term!

Enjoy a well-earned rest – but remember to do some revision to keep on top of all that powerful knowledge!

Session 6 resumes on Monday 6th January.

Our next round of mocks starts on Monday 10th February and you are going to glow up those grades!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- School reopens to all students on **Monday 6th January**. All students should wear full academy uniform and in the form rooms to begin Smart start at 8.45am.
- **Wednesday 5th February** - Year 9 Parents and Options Evening
- **Friday 14th February** - Half term 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