

THE WEEK AT

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Once 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 a great week at WOA:

- Last weekend Year 7 pupils went on a PGL trip today to Boreaton Park - They had a fabulous time!
- A number of pupils were involved in an Inclusive Youth Leadership event led by Miss Birley - They were a credit to our school!
- Many pupils continue to have been involved in Shrek The Musical Rehearsals - tickets are currently on sale for shows on 8th, 9th, 10th April - please buy a ticket (our Primary School Matinee performance will take place on 8th April)!
- Today was week 3 of our FOMO Friday Rewards Package - 30 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 Miss Moore's trolley dash across the school! Golden Time kicked off with a 'Where's Wagstaff?' activity and next Friday we will be hosting a whole school game of Bingo!
- Well done to Tiahna - who is now through to the final of Ormiston's Got Talent!
- Year 7 won our 'most improved attendance' reward today with a MASSIVE 2% lead on Years 7-10! Well done Year 7!

You will be aware that attendance in school remains an on-going top priority for us and this is why, in addition to launching our FOMO Friday Rewards Package to encourage pupils to come in to school on Friday's, we are also launching another attendance challenge which we have written to all parents about today. The DfE place all attendance % into bands and we have used this information to identify what attendance band each of our pupils are currently in and have set them all a target - every pupil who reaches their target band by the end of this half-term will receive a prize. You should receive your letter about this in the next few days and pupils will be informed on Monday.

In my daily briefings I have continued reminding pupils about out of class behaviour and our aims and expectations in relation to litter, vandalism and vaping. Litter will result in the field being out of bounds for pupils. Vandalism in any form will not be tolerated and will result in a bill for the family. A reminder also that 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. If you have any questions or queries regarding our approach to tackling litter, vandalism, 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- 7REV
Year 8- 8KAH
Year 9- 9ARD
Year10- 10MPA
Year 11- 11JPL

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners.

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

Year 7 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

1107 hours of reading have been completed so far, with over 919 books already read!

1	Kyle V (Kyle the Supporter)	1919 SRP
2	Mason V (Mason the Manager)	649 SRP
3	Abigail F (Abigail the Visitor)	606 SRP

SPARX MATHS

A magnificent 239 students have levelled up this week with 9514 hours of sparx maths being completed to date! Keep up the impressive work.

1	Billie G (Billie the Professional)	2,645 XP
2	Mase P (Mase the Athlete)	2,549 XP
3	Anmolpreet S (Anmolpreet the Lightworker)	2,480 XP

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place - Austen- 32085
 2nd place - Brontë - 31658
 3rd place - Dickens - 30717
 4th place - Shakespeare – 29267

Well done to:
 7ROR 8RTO, 9ARD, 10KCH, and 11JPL
 the top house point scorers in their year group!



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Students celebrated their hard work in the Mock exam results assembly is on Thursday and everyone received some treats at the end.

Session 6 continues for everyone on Monday and we are on week 1:

	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 28th 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 26th March - Y6 Welcome to the family event

Friday 28th 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

Friday 11th 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