

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Thank you once again for your support over the past week.

It has been a busy and exciting week at WOA and particular highlights include:

- 10 form groups have won **pizza lunches** today for having the highest or most improved attendance.
- **Sparx Reader has launched for all pupils** - this will support your child in developing their reading skills further.
- Lots of our pupils took part in the **Big Garden Birdwatch** today (check out the link so that you can take part at home: [Big Garden Birdwatch](#))

Next week we will be working with PC Treasure and West Midlands Police who will be running a knife crime workshop in school - further details will be shared on Monday.

Year 10 parents - please look out for a letter regarding uniform expectations that will be explained to students in assembly next week.

We are continuing our push on rewarding good attendance will notice that many of our rewards are linked to attendance because we know that if a child is in school they are safe and they are learning. 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. On Friday 31st January we will be announcing a family winners of the £50 supermarket vouchers and today have launched our **Love WOA by Attending to Achieve incentive** which will see 3 form groups in every year have pizza and pop for lunch on Friday 14th February.

Finally, I do need to talk to you, as parents, about an increase in damage/vandalism this term. We have a policy of billing parents if their child causes damage to our site or school property - this week 3 families have received bills for damage caused by their child. Times are tough and we do not want to add additional financial burdens to any family, however, every penny we have to spend on damage is money we cannot spend on your child's education and enrichment. Please support us by talking to your child about looking after our school - we want WOA to be a lovely place for children to learn and we all need to work together to do this.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending Tutor groups for the week are...

7HOV	7ROR
8JBI	8TDA
9MBA	9JLG
10PSI	10ARO
11JAD	11JHI

All of these tutor groups have won our new year attendance challenge and have been rewarded today with a pizza lunch!

Year 9 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

[#attendtoachieve](#)

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX READER

Well done to everyone that logged on and completed their first Sparx Reader homework. 254 hours of reading have been completed this week, with over 100 books already read!

1	Dominik C [avatar] (Dominik the Credit)	1086 SRP
2	Isabella [avatar] (Isabella the Icon)	1048 SRP
3	Demi-Leigh B [avatar] (Demi-Leigh the Gift)	830 SRP

SPARX MATHS

775,236 questions answered correctly so far this year! Well done to our wonderful Mathletes!

1	Nikola B [avatar] (Nikola the Up-and-comer)	2,725 XP
2	Riley H [avatar] (Riley the Hotshot)	2,612 XP
3	Harry L [avatar] (Harry the Illuminator)	1,931 XP

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st place - Austen- 30635
 2nd Place - Brontë - 30050
 3rd place - Dickens - 29291
 4th place - Shakespeare – 27983



Well done to:
 7CDE & 7HOV, 8RTO, 9MBA, 9JLG, 10KCH, 10HPT and 11JAD
 the top house point scorers in their year group!

RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done Year 11 for another great week! Session 6 and interventions have been well attended as we get closer to the next set of mocks.

Mentoring will soon start for identified students.

Year 10 – your raising achievement plan will launch in the next few weeks so get prepared!

Next week we are on Week A 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
Week 2		Science	Modern and Ancient Foreign Languages	English Literature	Vocational and Music GCSE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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