

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

What a simply FABULOUS week it has been at WOA!

A few of our top highlights are:

- Rehearsals have officially begun for **Legally Blonde** - well done to all pupils who auditioned and have a role or a place in the ensemble.
- Today was our third **FOMO Friday** of the year - another 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** ran as planned and attendance has been brilliant. Well done to all!
- **Year 7 won top attendance of the week** and enjoyed a chocolate treat at the end of school today. Well done and keep up the high standards!!!

Attend to Achieve - Every pupil who has attended school every day since the start of term had an ice cream today to reward them for their efforts. New attendance band cards will be issued next week.

In assemblies this week we launched Attendance House Group competition and have already started planning for the Spooky Shack on the last day of term.

Please be advised that 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

A reminder - On Friday 10th October, in honour of World Mental Health Day / Hello Yellow, Young Minds we will be hosting a 'Treat & Talk' morning in every form group. More details to follow.

Finally, we continue to survey our pupils every day during lunchtime in the canteen. This week our BIG QUESTIONS have focused on uniform and attendance - 95% of the pupils who participated in our snapshot survey said they know their attendance and what the correct uniform is.

#pupilvoice #yousaidwedid

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- KCH

Year 8- HOV

Year 9- CBE

Year 10- CTA

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

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout



HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX READER

1	K'Marnii Jd [redacted] (K'Marnii the Superintendent)	688 SRP
2	Harley S [redacted] (Harley the Foreseer)	574 SRP
3	Peace C [redacted] (Peace the Ruler)	478 SRP

SPARX MATHS

1	Layla B [redacted] (Layla the Individual)	2,941 XP
2	Ziya K [redacted] (Ziya the Controller)	1,925 XP
3	Sahibpreet K [redacted] (Sahibpreet the Princess)	1,892 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!

Snacks and drinks provided 😊

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Our House point leaderboard is back!

1st Place – Bronte 473 points

2nd Place Austen 374 Points

3rd Place Dickens 331 points

4th Place Shakespeare 319 Points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7KCH, 8REV, 9CDE, 10HRO and 11JKN! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to year 11 - your intensive lexonic programme has begun this week and this will help each and every one of you with your 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

1st October: Y7 Settling In Evening
Y11 Make it Happen Evening

17th October: Training Day (Academy Closed to Students)

24th 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