

# THE WEEK AT WOOL

FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Thank you for your support in ensuring that our pupils have been in school and working hard this week.

It has been a busy and exciting start to the new half-term:

- Year 11 have been working hard and are almost at the end of their mock exam period (last mocks on Monday!).
- Year 8 have won our weekly attendance incentive this week - keep up the great work in attending to achieve!
- Years 7-9 have been involved in assemblies all week (on numeracy, Shakespeare, homework, Y9 Options and National Apprenticeship Week)- I want to say a big well done for their engagement and positivity.
- On Monday it was the OAT Training Day for staff and 46 OAT schools were involved in working together to ensure great teaching in all classrooms.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back in school for the full week next week. We want everyone in school Attending to Achieve please - This means in school by 8.45am and ready to learn!

Finally, you will be aware that we have been focusing very closely on ensuring our school is a safe and happy place to be for pupils and staff and have been monitoring out of class behaviours and toilets. We shall continue to do so and I will also continue to hold a daily briefing for all pupils to make sure they know what our expectations are. Before half-term I mentioned to you, as parents, the issues all schools are facing in relation to the dangers of vaping. Vapes are banned items and I would like to remind you that we will not tolerate any child bringing any banned item into school or using a vape or any other substance on site. Following an incident involving a vape where a child became ill, we are taking a zero tolerance approach. If you have any questions or queries regarding our approach to tackling vapes, or in monitoring the toilets please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

The winners of our Pizza and Pop Lunch are:

7LSO 98.1%  
8JBI 100% !!!  
9JLG 97.4%  
10KCH 98.6%  
11TLA 99.1%

Well done everyone! This is fantastic attendance!

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

[#attendtoachieve](#)

## HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

### SPARX READER

779 hours of reading have been completed this week, with over 573 books already read!

1	Isabella (Isabella the Icon)	2294 SRP
2	Hazel (Hazel the Star)	723 SRP
3	Ayaana (Ayaana the Enthusiast)	633 SRP

### SPARX MATHS

An amazing 9348171 questions have been answered correctly so far this year! With 8706 hours of learning completed since September. Brilliant work!

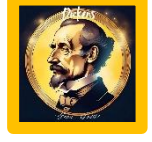
1	Darcie (Darcie the Discoverer)	3,435 XP
2	Mahira (Mahira the Composer)	2,327 XP
3	Mase (Mase the Athlete)	2,171 XP

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen- 31278  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Brontë - 30686  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 29928  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Shakespeare – 28571

Well done to:  
7HOV, 8KAH, 9SKN, 10HPT, and 11JPL  
the top house point scorers in their year group!



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done on an outstanding second week of mocks!  
Your teachers are now busy marking and checking your assessments and we will be sharing the results with you very soon.

Connexions will be in school on the following dates to hold careers interviews with year 11 students.

11<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> March  
18<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March  
27<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March  
1<sup>st</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> April  
7<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> April  
11<sup>th</sup> April

Please take this opportunity to discuss your career ambitions and focus on life after WOA.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Y8 Parents evening

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:student.data@woacademy.co.uk)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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