

# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear All

Thank you as always for your support over the past week.

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

- A number of pupils took part in a workshop hosted by PC Treasure and West Midlands Police to raise awareness about knife crime
- Two of our pupils, Thomas S and Tiahana Y, have got through to the regional heats of Ormiston's Got Talent
- Over 250 pupils have been invited to exchange their positive points for prizes as part of our WOA Swap Shop Rewards package
- Our Year 9 Boys Basketball Team won their match against Phoenix Collegiate

We are continuing our push on rewarding good attendance and punctuality because 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.

Many of our rewards are geared towards celebrating good and improved attendance and I am pleased to announce that the following pupils have won £50 supermarket vouchers for their families as part of our Attend to Achieve initiative: Neve G (Y7), Jacob B (Y8), Jaidan H (Y9), Sufia K (Y10) and Navneet K (Y11).

Coming up next is our 'Love WOA - Attend to Achieve' incentive which will see 3 form groups in every year have pizza and pop for lunch on Friday 14th February. You have to be in it to win it!

Finally, as a follow on from letters I have sent to parents, I have been talking to pupils every day this week about punctuality and showing respect to each other and our building. This is something I intend to keep doing and I ask that you please continue to support this by talking to your child about how important it is to be in school, on time and to show respect for our each other as well as our building and site.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Top attending tutor groups for the week are...

7ROR

8RTO

9JLG

10HPT

11SFR

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

Don't forget our 'Love WOA – Attend to Achieve' incentive. Make sure you are attending everyday so that your tutor group can win the pizza and pop lunch on valentines day!

[#attendtoachieve](#)

## HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

### SPARX READER

422 hours of reading have been completed this week, with over 229 books already read!

1	Ayaana H	(Ayaana the Enthusiast)	2184 SRP
2	Gabriel O	(Gabriel the Angel)	1883 SRP
3	Parmeet S	(Parmeet the Teacher)	1132 SRP

### SPARX MATHS

A whopping 325 students have levelled up this week with 7646 hours of sparx maths being completed to date! Keep up the impressive work.

1	Dylan McDonald	(Dylan the Powerhouse)	3,872 XP
2	Codey Corbett	(Codey the Ace-in-the-hole)	3,807 XP
3	Skye Smith	(Skye the Thinker)	3,486 XP

**SPARX SCIENCE WILL BE LAUNCHING SOON!**

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1<sup>st</sup> place - Austen- 30870  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Brontë - 30268  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dickens - 29501  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Shakespeare – 28185

Well done to:  
7HOV, 8RTO, 9JLG, 10KGO, and 11JPL  
the top house point scorers in their year group!



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Mentoring has begun for identified students and we have held focus meetings with every subject area to identify which students need extra support as we get closer to the mock exams. There is just one week to go!  
Revision timetables were created in smart start this week – make sure you are using them and sticking to them.

See Mrs Khan if you need any help with revision.

Next week we are on Week B 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	Free choice Friday
Week 2	Science	Modern and Ancient Foreign Languages	English Literature	Vocational and Music GCSE	Free choice Friday

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 9 Parents and Options Evening. Don't forget there are chances to win prizes by attending!
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 11 Mock Exams begin
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term begins at 3.15pm.
- **17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Year 11 Holiday School
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Staff Training Day. Academy Closed to all students.
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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