

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

It has been a fabulous week here at WOA and some of the highlights I want us to share are:

- Well done to all our pupils who took part in **WOA's Got Talent** auditions this week - congratulations to our finalists who have the opportunity to go on to represent our school nationally in the OAT's Got Talent competition later on this year!
- Today was our fifth FOMO Friday of the year - another 50 pupils won prizes or vouchers because of their attendance over the past week or they have been awarded a 'Catch them being good' reward during the Wheel of Wonder this morning. This afternoon we had our usual lunchtime disco with face-painting, followed by a whole school quiz with many more pupils winning prizes from Miss Moore's trolley of joy during Tutor check-in time!
- Today, in honour of **World Mental Health Day / Hello Yellow**, Young Minds we hosted a 'Treat & Talk' morning in every form group - lots of treats and lots of great chats!
- Year 8 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!!!

Another reminder - 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. There is a really clear link between attendance, outcomes and future earnings. 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.

We have written to our Year 10 parents this week to share key messages about the link between attendance and progress and have sent home attendance script for pupils. We will be doing the same for Year 9 next week.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed

Finally, we continue to survey our pupils every day during lunchtime in the canteen. This week we have focused on the importance of SMART START and asked for feedback on Tutor check-ins. Next week we will be asking pupils to share their views on bullying and are inviting groups of pupils to 'lunch with a leader' sessions.

#pupilvoice #yousaidwedid #wecare

This week, in SMART START, we have focused we have focused on online safety - Don't forget to check our monthly e-Safety parent newsletter on the website!

#wecare #safeguarding #onlinesafety

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- 7SAH

Year 8- 8ROR

Year 9- 9JBI

Year 10- 10MBA

Year 11- 11ARO

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners taking part in the Disco, Quiz, 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 8 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	Lacie P (Lacie the Upholder)	1,311 SRP
2	Isabella C (Isabella the Beauty)	1,178 SRP
3	Ellie G (Ellie the Number one)	1,092 SRP

SPARX MATHS

1	Ellie G (Ellie the Number one)	3,251 XP
2	Harleen K (Harleen the Sweetheart)	3,230 XP
3	Joshua A (Joshua the Specialist)	2,091 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 797 points

2nd Place Austen 781 Points

3rd Place Dickens 686 points

4th Place Shakespeare 476 Points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7SAH, 8REV, 9TDA, 10JLG and 11HPT! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to year 11 - your intensive lexonic programme have continued this week and this will help each and every one of you with your mock exams.

Mock exams began on Monday 3rd of November with English Language Paper 1.

Details of October Holiday School will be shared with you very soon!

UNIFORM REMINDERS

This half term we are focussing on ensuring our students are dressed to impress in their WOA Uniform. A reminder of our expectations for uniform are below. If you need support with uniform please do contact us.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Demolition work on the Hydes Road Pavilion will begin on **6 October 2025** for **approximately 2-4 weeks**.

This demolition is the first step in a redevelopment project to replace the current facility with a brand-new, modern pavilion and WOA students are helping to shape the project, including having the chance to name the new pavilion.

We have been asked to advise all parents and community members that the demolition and subsequent construction work may cause some temporary disruption, including noise, dust, and increased traffic in the area.

During the demolition, vehicle access to the site will be limited but there will be full pedestrian access to the playing fields. We will work closely with contractors to minimise any impact on the local community and school activities and please accept our apologies for any disruption.

The contractors have also been directed to restrict vehicle movements during the start and end of the school day to minimise disruption.