

THE WEEK AT

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Despite significant challenges with illness and absence this week (the flu bug has hit WOA hard!!!), we have some great things to celebrate:

- Ms Woolvin and Mr Logan have held 'Lunch with a Leader sessions' to talk with pupils about our Kindness is Power strategy. Thank you to all pupils who have contributed so far - there will be many more opportunities over the coming weeks for more pupils to shape how we do things at WOA! #pupilvoice #yousaidwedid #wecare #kindnessispower
- Our WOA6 pupils have been busily making items to sell on their market stall and have been working so hard in building planters, watering flowers and generally making our school site look beautiful - a BIG shout out to all involved!
- Our Y11 pupils have been going to town on sell...sell...selling at their tuck shop to raise money for the Prom - remember you can buy sweet treats and drinks every Thursday and Friday!
- We used Thursday this week as our sixth FOMO Friday of the year -many pupils won prizes or vouchers because of their attendance over the past week or they were awarded a 'Catch them being good' reward during the Wheel of Wonder followed by Miss Moore's trolley of joy during Tutor check-in time!
- 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!!!

Nest week we are opening our SPOOKY SHACK to reward our pupils for their hard work and good attendance. We have also launched our Spooky Family Prizes competition.

We have had a huge wave of sickness this week with many pupils and staff coming down with the flu bug. We need to all be mindful of not spreading any germs by washing our hands and by binning used tissues etc. We realise that it is difficult for parents weighing up whether or not to send their child into school if they feel under the weather but please be assured that we will do all that we can to look after them.

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 and we need to work together to ensure that learning is not lost due to absence.

Please continue to 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 #believeachievesucceed

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

Year 7- 7SAH
Year 8- 8HOV
Year 9- 9JBI
Year 10- 10TLA & 10JLG
Year 11- 11ARO

Well done to all our FOMO Thursday winners taking part in 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	Hazel G (Hazel the Star)	809 SRP
2	Lacie P (Lacie the Upholder)	733 SRP
3	Mia B (Mia the Icon)	719 SRP

SPARX MATHS

1	Thalia S (Thalia the Big fish)	2,838 XP
2	Harleen K (Harleen the Sweetheart)	2,554 XP
3	Peace O (Peace the Pearl)	2,348 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** 889 points

2nd Place **Austen** 795 Points

3rd Place **Dickens** 699 points

4th Place **Shakespeare** 608 Points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7ACA, 8MWD, 9NAS, 10TLA and 11JKN! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Mock exams began on Monday 3rd November.

Week 1:

Monday 3rd 9am: English Language Paper 1

Tuesday 4th 11.30am: Maths Paper 1

Wednesday 5th 9am: Biology Paper 1

Thursday 6th 11.30am: Maths Paper 2

Friday 7th November 9am: English Literature Paper 1

Details of October Holiday School will be shared with this week!

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.