

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break!

We have had a lovely first week back in school. It has been busy but as always super productive!

- Ms Woolvin who is our Anti-Bullying Champion has been holding year group assemblies thank you to each and every one of you who
 participated. #kindnessispower
- Year 11 pupils have had a super week of mock exams and attendance at online revision crams and in Session 6 has been really positive. Well done to all and keep going, one more week to go!
- Today our Royal Marine Cadets Unit have welcomed the Deputy Lord Lieutenant to join us in our annual service of Remembrance wreaths have been laid in honour of the fallen.
- We have launched our Attendance Trophies...these are prestigious cups to recognise our top attending form groups for the week. Congratulations to 7SFR, 8HOV, 9JBI, 10TLA, 11JPL who are our first winners! #attendtoachieve
- Today we had a fantastic FOMO Friday disco and quiz with pupils winning vouchers on the Wheel of Wonder and treats from Miss Moore's Trolley of joy! Next week? We will ask you on Monday lunchtime as part of Survey of the Day what you want to do on FOMO Friday!
- Year 11 won top attendance of the week and enjoyed a chocolate treat at the end of school today. Well done and keep up the fabulous 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 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.

Finally, thank you to all parents who completed our temperature check questionnaire's this week.

- 95.7% of you said you would recommend our school to another family
- 92.1% said your child feels safe here

We are so grateful for your support - thank you!!!

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



Year 7- 7SFR

Year 8-8HOV

Year 9- 9JBI

Year 10-10TLA

Year 11- 11JKN



Each has collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday Morning

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners taking part in our quiz, trolley of Joy 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 11 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

#attendtoachieve

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS SPARX READER 1.219 SRP Pabandeep N (Pabandeep the Rebel) 954 SRP Lillie Br (Lillie the Galaxy) Sofia L (Sofia the Magician) **SPARX MATHS** Joshua F (Joshua the Fortune) 2.069 XP Avaana H (Avaana the Sage) 1.616 XP Ellie G (Ellie the Illuminator) 1,601 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 – Austen 4142 points 2nd Place Bronte 3940 points 3rd Place Dickens 3462 points 4th Place Shakespeare 2347 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7KCH, 8LSO, 9JHI, 10CTA and 11ARO! Well done everyone.





RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

October Holiday School is next week – don't miss out.

Mock exams continue next week. Revision materials and exams blasts can be accessed via the Google Classroom.

Week 2:

Monday 10th 9am: Chemistry Paper 1

Tuesday 11th 11.30am: English Language Paper 2

Thursday 13th 11.30am: Physics Paper 1

Friday 14th 9am: Maths Paper 3

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.



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