

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

PRINCIPAL 'S UPDATE

We have had a wonderful week at WOA!

- A BIG thank you to all pupils who have participated in pupil voice activities or completed our Survey of the Day. This week you told us that nearly 70% of you are happy at school which is pleasing because it is higher than the national rate (as part of a national survey 44% of teenagers told the Children's Commissioner they were happy at school) BUT we are going to keep working hard to make sure that you are ALL as happy as you can be at school!
- Also, 82.5% of you have told us that you feel we encourage you to be independent and take on responsibilities - if you haven't taken part in an activity outside of your lessons yet then please sign up or speak to Mr Webster as we have lots going on!
- We have written to Year 9 parents inviting your children to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - this is a fabulous way to build skills, confidence and enjoy new experiences. Please see Mr Chadd to express your interest.
- Today we had yet another a fantastic FOMO Friday Quiz with many pupils winning vouchers on the Wheel of Wonder and treats from Miss Moore's Trolley of joy! Lot's of pupils have also won subject awards and 'Catch them being good' prizes. Next week Mr Wagstaff is launching a Celebration Station where you can bring along your best work, or any achievements from out of school (such as grades in karate or music, a new swimming badge etc) You must bring evidence!
- 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 fabulous high standards!!!
- Finally, in other news...845 pupils have had 100% attendance all week and have now got a golden ticket for Week 2 of our 100% for £100 prize draw! Don't forget that for every week that your child is in school 100% in the run up to Christmas, they will win a golden ticket. During the last week of term they will have the chance to win a £100 voucher of their choice! #gottobeinittowinit

Please don't forget that 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. We are super ambitious for each and every one of our pupils and we know 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.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachieversucceed #chanqinalives

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



Year 7- 7SAH
Year 8- 8ROR
Year 9- 9JBI
Year 10- 10TLA
Year 11- 11MPA



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

#attendtoachieve

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX COMPETITION

Prizes – Golden time, pizza, vouchers and chocolate
£50 and £20



Starts Monday 17th November
Ends Monday 1st December



Complete ALL your compulsory homework tasks for Sparx maths, reader and science for the next two weeks.



ALL pupils that have attempted their homework to a suitable degree will win a prize



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 4460 points
- 2nd Place Bronte 4353 points
- 3rd Place Dickens 3854 points
- 4th Place Shakespeare 2653 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7LBR, 8EWT, 9JHI, 10AWA and 11JKN! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Year 11 Mock exams are now over!

Congratulations to our year 11s for your hard work on revising and preparing for each exam. So many of you joined us online each evening for our Exam blasts!

Keep up your revision ready for the next round in February. You can never revise too much!

Your Mock results will be available on Wednesday 3rd December at our Year 11 Parents evening.

Year 10 – we continue with our Steeping Up programme to support you in your first term of key stage 4.

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