

# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had yet another wonderful week at WOA and we are really looking forward to the next 2 weeks because WOA Winterfest will officially start!!!

Some of the highlights from the week:

- Well done to Year 11 pupils who received their mock exam results this week and thank you to all parents who attended our parent consultation evening on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful being able to meet representatives from local colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> form providers.
- Well done to all pupils who attended and engaged so positively with our employer engagement event on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- Thank you to all pupils in Year 9 who have expressed an interest in joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - this is a fabulous way to build skills, confidence and enjoy new experiences. We will be subsidising all costs.
- Yesterday we enjoyed a FOMO Thursday which included a disco in the canteen, face painting and Where's Wagstaff. Many pupils won vouchers on the Wheel of Wonder and treats from Miss Moore's Trolley of joy! Lots of pupils have also won subject awards and 'Catch them being good' prizes.
- 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!!!
- In other news...786 pupils have had 100% attendance all week and have now got a golden ticket for Week 4 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! We decided we couldn't wait until the last week of term so we decided to do a quick prize draw this week - one lucky pupil in Year 9 won a £100 Play Station voucher for their attendance which was 100% all week! #gottobeinittowinit

Another reminder - 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.

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



Year 7- LRI  
Year 8- HOV  
Year 9- THN  
Year 10- HRO  
Year 11- MPA



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 COMPETITION

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



Starts Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Ends Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Austen** 4770 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Bronte** 4701 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Dickens** 4189 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place **Shakespeare** 2946 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7LBR, 8LSO, 9JHI, 10TLA and 11PSI! Well done everyone.



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Year 11 Mock results were handed out as part of our parents evening. Well done! It was great to see so many happy faces due to the hard work and effort you had put in!

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

Results are being used to plan our next round of interventions which will start very soon.

Year 10 – we continue with our Steeping Up programme and staff will be visiting your lessons to check on your learning and progress.

## 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

Reminders:

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 out of school hours please contact:

Police – 999 (emergency) 101 (non-emergency)  
 NSPCC – 0800 800 5000 (Text 88858)  
 Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111  
 Samaritans – 116 123