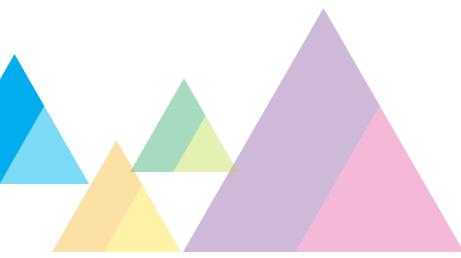


THE WEEK AT WOA



FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Happy New Year and welcome back in 2026!

What a week it has been - sleet, ice, snow...and still many of pupils have attended and given it their all! I want to thank you for your support in making this possible.

Making the decision to remain open or close when inclement weather strikes is always a difficult one - health, safety and well-being are always the deciding factors but we also have to take into account the impact on learning on progress if school does close. Today, we had to make the decision to close for safety reasons BUT we have made sure that we have provided work for all pupils to complete using our Sparx platform for Maths, Reader and Science and at 10am we held a whole school safeguarding assembly about staying safe in the snow and ice.

We are moving today's FOMO Friday to MOJO Monday (12th January) and will be issuing rewards for attendance and top form groups this week as usual, along with subject awards and Catch Them Being Good nominees. We will also be rewarding pupils for their work and commitment TODAY:

- All pupils who attended and were part of our 10am assembly this morning will go into a Wheel of Wonder for a dip in the Trolley of Joy!
- The top 3 XP achievers for TODAY in Maths, Reader and Science will win £20 vouchers for their participation

We hope all pupils and their families stay warm and safe today and have a lovely weekend ahead of school re-opening to all on Monday 12th January at 8.45am.

Thank you as always for your continued support of all that we do at WOA.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #mojomonday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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

7HAB
8FLE
9THN
10JLG
11ARO



Each will collect their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 12th January.

FOMO Friday has moved due to the snow to MOJO Monday! Make sure you are in school on Monday 12th January where we will be hosting our wheels of wonder and dusting off the trolley of joy for 2026!

Our most improved attenders' week on week will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder on Monday.

#attendtoachieve

KEY DATES – SPRING TERM

19th-30th January - KS3 Assessments

Wednesday 28th January 4-6pm -Y9 Parents and Pathways evening.

Monday 9th February - Y11 Mock Exams begin

Friday 13th February - School Closes for Half term

16th – 20th February – Y11 Holiday School

Monday 23rd February – Academy Closed – Training Day

Tuesday 24th February - Pupils return to school

Friday 27th March – School Closes for Easter. End of Spring Term.

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Our House point leaderboard is back!

1st Place – **Austen** 5204 points

2nd Place **Bronte** 5090 points

3rd Place **Dickens** 4600 points

4th Place **Shakespeare** 3332 points.



Remember you can earn house points every day!

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

RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Welcome back to the new term. Our Year 11 students have made a very positive start, and we would like to thank parents for their continued support.

Intervention sessions have now begun in Maths, English, Science and History to support students in their preparation for upcoming examinations. Session 6 will recommence on 12th January (Week B).

Mock examinations will begin on Monday 9th February. A full examination timetable will be issued to students in the coming weeks.

We are also planning a parent workshop to provide guidance on how best to support your child with revision and exam preparation. Further details will be shared shortly.

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.



WOA Blazer



WOA Tie



White Shirt



Black Trousers or Skirt with tights



Black Polishable shoes or boots

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 – 0808 800 5000 (Text 88858)

Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123