

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a great week here at WOA and well done to all pupils who returned to school following the snow closure having completed their Sparx challenges!

- Well done to Y9 pupils who went on a visit to Wolverhampton University - feedback has been so positive and you really represented WOA well!
- Well done also to Y10 pupils who went on a visit to Sandwell College (for Travel & Tourism and Public Services) - you were fabulous and we hope you gained much from the experience.
- Rehearsals for Legally Blonde continue...well done to all for their hard work and commitment.
- 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? Next week we have a pupil favourite to look forward to - BINGO!!!
- Year 10 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 8 pupils won vouchers for their hard work completing Sparx tasks during the snow closure day - a BIG well done to Miley, Allana, Anmol, Alfie, Connor, Khalisa, Jacob and another Connor!

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.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7KCH
8ROR
9CBE
10TLA
11MPA



Each collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 19th January.

Year 10 are our most improved attenders' week on week will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder on Monday.

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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 Eater. End of Spring Term.

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Our House point leaderboard is back!

- 1st Place – **Austen** 5350 points
 2nd Place **Bronte** 5209 points
 3rd Place **Dickens** 4195 points
 4th Place **Shakespeare** 3735 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

Well done to Year 11 for their hard work this week. It has been a very busy week with Session 6 restarting and a range of interventions taking place.

From next week, new interventions will begin in Geography and Modern Foreign Languages, alongside additional English and Maths intervention classes. As a result, the whole of Year 11 will be involved in intervention from next week.

Session 6 will run as Week A, and Miss Morgan is currently collating registers so that students can be entered into a voucher reward draw for attending Session 6.

In assembly next week, Year 11 students will receive their February mock examination timetable. They will also be given letters inviting parents and students to a support workshop, focused on how parents can help their child prepare effectively for their exams.

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