

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a great week here at WOA with lots of great things to share with you!

- Year 10 pupils have been to Sandwell College for a tour and to visit the Animal Care department. They were commended by the college for their excellent conduct and participation.
- As part of Aspire to HE, the Fast-forward Thinking Programme, 30 Y8 pupils attended Wolverhampton University.
- Year 10 pupils continue to upload their Work Experience placements onto Unifrog and we have great attendance at our lunch club.
- WOA6 are busy using pallets and recycling materials to make seated areas across the school - they are putting in to action the skills they have gained through the Volunteer It Yourself Project.
- It has been a super fabulous FOMO Friday today complete with disco, face-painting and Bingo! Many pupils have won prizes and vouchers as part of our Wheel of Wonder.
- Year 8 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!

Next week we have a Y10 Hair & Beauty, Health & Social Care and Child Development Taster Days planned.

On Wednesday we have Y9 Parents Evening and will be launching our Options Pathways Programme - our Careers Ambassadors will be supporting this event.

We will also be launching our FOMO FRIDAY FEBRUARY FRENZY - Tutor groups with the most improved attendance will ALL get a dip in the trolley of joy and there will be pizza lunches and other treats planned.

As always I wish to remind you of the importance of attendance - it is the key to future success. Please continue support us in supporting your child to ensure they attend school on time every day. Please reach out to us if you need any support in relation to your child and their attendance.

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

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachieversucceed #changinglives

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7SAH
8ROR
9CBE
10CTA
11MPA



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

Year 8 are our most improved attenders' week on week will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder on Monday.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

KEY DATES - SPRING TERM

26th-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** 5461 points

2nd Place **Bronte** 5314 points

3rd Place **Dickens** 5346 points

4th Place **Shakespeare** 3846 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

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



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to all Year 11 students for successfully taking part in morning intervention sessions—keep up the great work! Students have also received their mock exam timetables in both assembly and form time this week.

Please note that next week is **Week B for Session 6**. With mocks approaching, it is vital that students attend these sessions.

Letters regarding the **Parent Workshop on 31 January** have been sent out. Please ensure reply slips are returned to **Mrs Khan**.

Year 10 students will receive information about their mock exams in assembly next week. We are also excited to be launching some new initiatives, including opportunities to win vouchers—more details coming soon!

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