

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had another super week at WOA!

Firstly, we received our long-awaited Ofsted report which commends our pupils and staff. We have much to be proud of and inspectors described our school as: "a friendly, respectful community where pupils are valued with many describing the school as being like a family." This has been emailed out to you today and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

- Year 7 pupils have been involved in the SNAP Project which teaches them about the dangers of vaping.
- 25 of our Year 10 pupils have been to Sandwell College on a Child Development and Health and Social Care taster event and a further 16 attend a Hair and Beauty taster day.
- On Wednesday we held our Year 9 Parents Evening and Options Programme launch - a BIG thank you to all who attended.
- It has been yet another super fabulous FOMO Friday today complete with disco, face-painting and a quiz! Many pupils have won prizes and vouchers as part of our Wheel of Wonder.
- Year X won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!

On Saturday this week (31st January) we are hosting a Year 11 Parent Workshop for Revision Skills, 11.00am-1.00pm, we look forward to welcoming all parents who want to find out more about how they can support their children through their upcoming exams.

Next we are planning a HUGE Raising Achievement & Careers event - On Monday 2nd February all pupils in Year 10 will have a mock interview with an employer and they will also have a target-setting session where they will get their target grades and attendance.

Don't forget 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. The reason we reward attendance so heavily is because it really 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.

Finally, this week we have written to a number of parents regarding inappropriate use of Tik Tok. Online safety among young people is a national and a global concern - we need to work together to ensure that our children are safe online and only access age-appropriate content. Many social media platforms have age restrictions and these are in place for a reason. Please support by checking what your child is accessing online.

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

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7SAH
8FLE
9JHI
10MBA
11KGO



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

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** 5577 points
 2nd Place **Bronte** 5532 points
 3rd Place **Dickens** 5396 points
 4th Place **Shakespeare** 3927 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7LRI, 8ROR, 9TDA, 10MBA and 11JKN! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Year 11 for another great week. Next week is **Week A for Session 6** and is the **final week before mock exams begin on 9th February**. Attendance is essential as teachers will be covering vital revision in lessons and Session 6.

In **Tuesday's assembly**, you will receive your **new Session 6 timetable for the mocks** and **Holiday School information**.
 Remember: **Every Minute Matters**.

We have launched Year 10 **Step Up postcards** this week. Teachers will be using these to reward you for your effort and attitude in lessons – keep pushing yourselves!
 On **Monday 2nd February**, Year 10 will have a **Careers and Target Setting Day**, including interviews with companies and a review of current and target grades.

Make sure you are in school and on time everyday!

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