

# THE WEEK AT WOA

## FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a great 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.

- On Monday we held an Employer Mock Interview & Progress event which saw every pupil in Year 10 have an interview with a local employer, with feedback and a 121 mentoring session with senior staff. It was a fantastic day! Well done and thank you to all involved.
- On Wednesday, after school, we had the first session of the 'Girls Project' which is aimed at building self-esteem and confidence and raising future aspirations for women - our girls got to meet a female cardiologist, a former primary school headteacher and a business woman in engineering. We have 9 more inspirational women joining us for the next session in March!
- It has been yet another super fabulous FOMO Friday today with our February Frenzy with all pupils in the form groups with most improved attendance having a dip in Miss Moore's Trolley of Joy - congratulations to members of 8EWT and 9TDA! Many other 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 Monday next week, our Year 10 Zero Heroes all have a chance of winning prizes on the Wheel of Wonder. After half-term, we will be offering this out to other year groups to reward as many pupils as possible who have no behaviour points.

Don't forget our FOMO FRIDAY FEBRUARY FRENZY continues - 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. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> we will be opening the Love Shack to reward good behaviour and attendance. A reminder - 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.

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

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachieversucceed #changinglives #zeroheroes

### ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



**7SAH**  
**8EWT**  
**9CBE**  
**10MBA**  
**11MPA**



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

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Y11 Mock Exams begin

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - School Closes for Half term

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February – Y11 Holiday School

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Academy Closed – Training Day

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Pupils return to school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – School Closes for Eater. End of Spring Term.

## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD

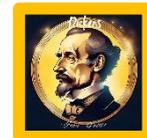


Our House point leaderboard is back!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Austen** 5690 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Bronte** 5658 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Dickens** 5459 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place **Shakespeare** 4001 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

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



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Year 11 for another hard-working week. Please remember that **Session 6 has changed for the next two weeks.**

Monday marks the start of your **FINAL** set of mock exams, beginning with **English Language Paper 1**. To support your preparation, Mr Wagstaff will be running an online **Exam Blast on Sunday at 6:30pm**, focusing on all aspects of English Language Paper 1. **Do not miss this session**—it will be vital revision ahead of your exam.

These are your last mocks, so let's **Make It Happen.**

Year 10, what a fantastic Monday you had with your **mock interviews and target-setting day**. You gained valuable insight into what an interview looks like and received your **target grades**, along with clear goals to help you achieve them. A really productive and positive day—well done.

## 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