

# THE WEEK AT WOA

## FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

What a wonderful last week of the half-term it has been here at WOA!

- Year 11 pupils have been engaging really positively with their mock exams and attendance both in school and at the Revision Crams has been fantastic! Well done to ALL and keep up the great work!
- Year 9 pupils have had Options Assemblies this week and SIMS online is now open and we are ready to receive the details of the choices pupils wish to make.
- Year 7 and 8 pupils have been participating in Safeguarding Assemblies.
- 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 7LBR, 9CDE and JJO! Many other pupils have won prizes and vouchers as part of our Wheel of Wonder and they have picked up some lovely prizes in the Love Shack this week.
- Year 11 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!

A reminder - school re-opens to all pupils on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back in to school, wearing full school uniform and ready to learn at 8.45am.

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

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives #zeroheroes

### ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7LRI  
8REV  
9CBE  
10MBA  
11ARO



Each collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Year 11 are our most improved attenders' week on week will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder on Monday.

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[#missitmissout](#)

### KEY DATES – SPRING TERM

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 5976 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bronte 5891 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dickens 5723 points

4<sup>th</sup> Place Shakespeare 4184 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7LBR, 8HOV, 9CBE, 10MBA and 11JKN! Well done everyone.



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

### Well done, Year 11!

You have completed your first week of mocks. It has been a gruelling week, but you have absolutely smashed it! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience, and determination you have shown.

Remember, Holiday School starts next week, beginning with BTEC Sport and Languages on Monday. Keep that momentum going — you are doing brilliantly. Continue to **“Make it Happen”!**

### Year 10

You have also worked extremely hard this half term, and you should be proud of everything you have achieved. You now have work experience to look forward to when you return — an exciting opportunity to develop new skills and gain valuable insight into the world of work.

There is so much ahead for you, including preparing for your very first set of mocks. Remember, this is your time to start **“Stepping Up”!**

## 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 – 0800 800 5000 (Text 88858)

Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

**For support, please contact:**

ChildLine – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123