

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We are really excited to share some top events and highlights from the week at WOA!

- It has been a brilliant National Careers Week - 180 Y10 pupils have been out in the work place and those who remained on-site have completed First Aid qualifications along with participating in talks and activities linked to a range of careers including Robotics & AI, Public Services, Health & Social Care, Business and Sports.
- Year 10 pupils have also spent days out at Sandwell college for Sports, Public Services and Forensics.
- 10S have been to a Raising Aspirations event today at the Mercure Hotel, run by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Year 11 pupils have now officially completed their final set of mock exams and we are so proud of how hard they have worked.
- Year 9 pupils are still making important choices about their options - a reminder that the final deadline for choices is 27th March.
- It has been yet another super fabulous FOMO Friday today with a Quiz (another pupil favourite!) and Miss Moore's Trolley of Joy - Many pupils have yet again won prizes and vouchers as part of our Wheel of Wonder and we are now counting down until the opening of the Bunny Hut during the last day of this half-term!
- Year 7 pupils have today embarked on their weekend of fun outdoor activities as Boreaton Park, Shropshire! We hope they have the most amazing time.
- Year 9 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!

We have launched our Attendance Bands competition - Reminder: ALL pupils who maintain their Band 1* or Band 1 status or move up a band will take part in our Bunny Bingo Bonanza which will take place on Friday 27th March.

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

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7HAB
8MWD
9CBE
11KGO



Each collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 9th March.

Year 9 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

Friday 27th March – School Closes for Easter. End of Spring Term.

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD

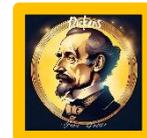


Our House point leaderboard is back!

- 1st Place – **Bronte** 6417 points
- 2nd Place **Austen** 6028 points
- 3rd Place **Dickens** 5878 points
- 4th Place **Shakespeare** 4267 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7LBR, 8EWT 9JHI, 10SMJ and 11ZWA! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Year 11 – well done on completing your final set of mock exams at WOA. Now it's time to focus on your **summer external exams**, which all your hard work has been leading towards.

You will receive your **summer exam timetable next week**, so if you haven't already, now is the time to start planning your revision. Remember, the weeks leading up to your exams are crucial. Being in school is extremely important as your teachers will be helping to fill in any last-minute gaps in your knowledge.

Every Minute Matters!

Session 6 will restart next week on **Week B**, beginning with **Science**.

Remember – only you can **"Make it Happen."**

Year 10 – welcome back from your week of **work experience**. You will be going straight into your **Raising Achievement assembly**, which will focus on your upcoming mock exams. You will also receive your **Year 10 mock exam timetable next week**.

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