

# THE WEEK AT WOA

## FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

EID Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating today! We want to share some highlights from the week with you:

- On Tuesday our Year 10 pupils had the most amazing day working with Humanutopia! The feedback has been so positive (93% enjoyed the day and 92% said it changed their views on their peers) Here are some of the key takeaways from the day:
  - "Be your best self and don't care what others think."
  - "Don't fill anyone's bin. Today we have seen how much people are affected by it. Everyone is human."
  - "Be kind, you never know what someone is going through."
  - "Think about other's feelings."
- The last pupils in Year 9 have been choosing their options - a final reminder that the final deadline for choices is 27<sup>th</sup> March. Those that have not yet submitted choices have been emailed today as a reminder.
- It has been another super fabulous FOMO Friday today - Many pupils have won prizes and vouchers as part of our Wheel of Wonder or had a dip in Miss Moore's Trolley of Joy after finding Mr Wagstaff in the school wide hunt as part of 'Where's Wagstaff?'...and we are continuing the countdown down until the opening of the Bunny Hut during the last day of this half-term!
- Year 10 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!

Don't forget that 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 27<sup>th</sup> March, and if the weather is nice the FOMO Friday Festival on the field will return!

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 ...



7LRI  
8ROR  
9JHI  
10MBa  
11HPT



Each collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Year 10 are our most improved attenders' week on week and have collected their treat during the wheel of wonder this afternoon.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

### KEY DATES – SPRING TERM

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Deadline date for Year 9 options

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - School Opens for the Summer term

### KEEPING UP TO DATE

Parents and carers have received an email invitation to set up access to the Arbor Parent Portal and App.

This will become the main way the school communicates with families. Through Arbor, you will be able to:

- View key information about your child
- Receive school messages and updates
- Check attendance information



## HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD

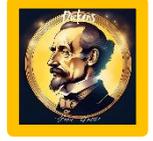


Our House point leaderboard is back!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bronte 6661 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Austen 6163 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dickens 6161 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Shakespeare 4452 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7KCH, 8ROR, 9CDE, 10JLG and 11JPL! Well done everyone.



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Year 11 for another fantastic week. You have all now received your Summer Exam Plan, so it's time to start revising if you haven't already. Interventions will begin again next week and you have all been informed of your new intervention groups. Please remember that Session 6 will run during Week B next week, and Mock results will be distributed on Friday afternoon in our assembly.

Year 10 – You have had a fantastic opportunity this week after working with Humanotopia. Make sure you are achieving those hope and dreams by preparing for your mock exams. It's now time to begin revising for your Year 10 mocks. Remember, these are really important in helping you "STEP UP" as you move through KS4.

## 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