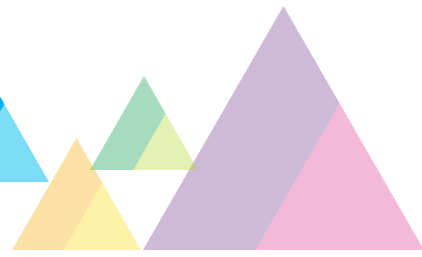


# THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a truly fabulous Spring Term at WOA and super final week - here are some of the highlights:

- On Wednesday we kick-started our new-intake Welcome to the Family event with 230 families joining us. We are yet again full and over-subscribed for September - thank you to all our local community who support what we do!
- Year 11 pupils have been working hard during PSA assessments and received their final mock exam grades during their celebration assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - they have a full Easter School timetable of revision sessions planned in for them as they prepare for the GCSE exams which will begin in only a matter of weeks (May 2026!).
- Year 10 pupils have been busily completing PSA assessments and preparing themselves for mock exams which will begin Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April (at the start of next term!)
- Year 9 pupils have now all finished choosing their KS4 options - confirmation letters will be sent out during the Summer Term.
- All year groups have been participating in Celebration Assemblies and we want to say a BIG THANK YOU to our musicians and performing artists who have provided the music all week - Well done to all!
- A group of our Performing Artists have been to London on a Theatre Trip Residential and have had an AMAZING time!
- The following form group/houses won a pizza lunch in one of our Attend to Achieve competitions: 7LBR (Dickens), 9JHI (Bronte), 10AWA (Shakespeare) and 11ZWA (Austen) - well done to all!
- It has been another super fabulous FOMO Friday today - the Bunny Hut was open with the Easter Bunny dishing out rewards for attendance and behaviour and hundreds of pupils got to play Bunny Bingo in the Arena...it was a GREAT DAY with face-painting, the Wheel of Wonder and Miss Moore's Trolley of Joy!
- On Thursday a lucky Year 7 pupil won the 50inch TV for Attending to Achieve - watch this space as we have another to give away as a prize at the end of the first week back next term!
- Year 8 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!

As you will be aware, promoting good attendance is at the forefront of our work at WOA - we know that if our pupils are in school then they are safe and they are learning! We believe in rewarding good attendance and want our pupils to know that commitment and hard work always pays off...so...we are going to be giving away another 50 inch TV on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April (the end of the first week back). Every pupil that attends school all week will have a ticket in the prize draw and every pupil who is awarded a 'Like Card' will automatically gain an extra chance ticket/chance to win! You have got to be in it to win it...the competition starts at 8.45am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April when school re-opens for all learners!

Finally, we wish you a safe and happy Easter Break. 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 ...



7SAH  
8FLE  
9JHI  
10JLG  
11KGO



Each collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Year 8 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

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

8.45am

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Year 10 Mocks Begin

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Year 8 Parents Evening.

## KEEPING UP TO DATE

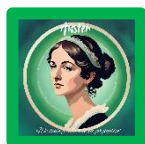
Parents and carers have received an email invitation to set up access to the Arbor Parent Portal and App.

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 6721 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Austen 6274 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dickens 6220 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Shakespeare 4587 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 75FR, 8EWT, 9JBI, 10AWA and 11MPA! Well done everyone.



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

We are on the final furlong for Year 11 as the real exams are just a matter of weeks away! Easter School is open for you as follows:

Date	Subject	Class	Time
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Science	11S	11am-1pm
	BTEC Sport	All	11-12.30pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Geography	All	11am – 1pm
	Science	All	1pm-3pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spanish/French	All	11am-1pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	English	All	10-11.30am
	Maths	11B1/A2	11.30-1pm
	History	All	11.30 – 1pm
<b>Closed Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>			
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	History	All	9 – 11am
	Latin	All	11am-1pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Maths	Aspire/A1/A3/B2/B3/S	11am – 12.30pm
	Geography	All	12.30m – 2pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Maths	Shine/AH/BH	11-12.30pm
	English	All Y11	10-11.30am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	English	All Y10	11.34am – 12.45pm

## 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