

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

WELCOME BACK TO ALL! We have had a super start to the Summer Term and have lots to share with you:

- Year 10 have had a smashing week sitting mock exams and assessments - we are so proud of the maturity and commitment they have shown to their studies and also their excellent attendance! Well done to ALL!
- Year 11 pupils continued their preparations for forthcoming GCSE exams (which start next week!) and we'd like to commend them for their hard work and dedication over the Easter Break - well done to ALL who attended Easter School sessions.
- Key stage 3 Classes have been involved in a variety of safeguarding and well-being assemblies this week including sessions on the Manosphere and toxic masculinity.
- A well done and THANK YOU to our Young Carers who have raised £136.61 from their cake sale this week!
- A group of our Performing Artists have been to London on a Theatre Trip Residential and have had an AMAZING time!
- A group of super AMAZING year 7 pupils have been rewarded for their excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning (all have less than 10 negative behaviour points) and they had great fun playing Bingo and winning prizes from the Trolley of Joy!
- It has been a Fabulous First FOMO Friday of the Summer Term - face-painting, a quiz, Wheel of Wonder and of course Miss Moore's Trolley of Joy!
- Year 10 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 had originally planned to give away another 50 inch TV on Friday 17th April (the end of the first week back). However, after chatting to our pupils, we have decided to roll this prize over into a MAMMOTH BANK HOLIDAY PRIZE DRAW that will take place on FRIDAY 8TH MAY. 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 extra chances ticket/chance to win! You have got to be in it to win it...watch this space for details of other great prizes to be won!

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7R1
8EWT
9JHI
10MBA
11MPA



Each collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 27th April.

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 – SUMMER TERM

1st May - Year 11 External exams begin.

Monday 4th May – Academy Closed to all (Bank Holiday)

Wednesday 20th May - Y10 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!

- 1st Place – Bronte 6766 points
- 2nd Place Dickens 6331 points
- 3rd Place Austen 6265 points
- 4th Place Shakespeare 4640 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7SFR, 8HOV, 9JHI, 10AWA and 11TLA! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Year 11 – well done on a fantastic start to your final term at WOA. Next week is Week B for Session 6, and exams begin with Photography on Monday and Tuesday, followed by Art on Wednesday and Thursday. We will also be introducing additional intervention sessions and drop-down days for Maths and English. You will also receive information about the Saturday and Sunday holiday school. This is your time to Make It Happen.

Year 10 – what an excellent start you have made to your mock exams. You should be very proud of what you've achieved so far. Remember, there are still a few more to go next week. You have truly begun 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.



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