

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a super second week of the Summer Term and have lots to share with you:

- Year 10 have had a great week finalising exams and assessments - we are so proud of the maturity and commitment they have shown as they step up to start their final year at WOA.
- Year 11 pupils have started their external exams proper! Well don to Our GCSE Artists and Photographers who sat their 10-hour practical exams this week. We can't wait to see your work in the exam gallery. A large number of students have also attended English and maths interventions in preparation for the final exams in just a few weeks' time.
- Our Royal marine Cadet Detachment attend the NEC on Wednesday to visit the MECH event. They had a fantastic time and well done to all for being fantastic ambassadors for WOA.
- A group of 183 super AMAZING year 7 pupils who have accrued less than 5 behaviour points each in the last week have been rewarded for their excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning with an extra special wheel of wonder in assembly.
- It has been a Fantastic FOMO Friday as the festival on the field returned thanks to the sun making an appearance, alongside face painting, the WOA Friday Quiz, Wheel of wonder and of course Miss Moore's trolley of Joy!!!
- Year 7 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!

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7SAH
8FLE
9CBE
10MMU
11KGO



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

Year 7 are our most improved attenders' week on week and have collected their treat during the wheel of wonder this afternoon.

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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** 6845 points
- 2nd Place **Dickens** 6387 points
- 3rd Place **Austen** 6333 points
- 4th Place **Shakespeare** 4916 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7SAH, 8ROR, 9TDA, and 10AWA! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done Y11 for another fantastic week. A massive well done especially to the photographers and Artists that have completed their first exam this week. You have done us proud!

It's another jam-packed week next week with a Maths drop down day on Monday. An English drop down day on Wednesday and not to forget Animal care and Travel and tourism exams on Friday.

We have Saturday school starting this weekend with travel and tourism on offer and next week we will be on week b for session 6.

Remember Y11 it's NOW the time to Make It Happen!

Year 10 have completed their mocks this week so a massive well done to you. You will get your results on parents evening. So, keep working hard and 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