

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We are so excited to share our highlights from our FAB WEEK AT WOA!

- Year 11 pupils continued their preparations for forthcoming GCSE exams (which started this week!!!) and we'd like to commend them for their hard work and dedication so far and in particular for their positive contributions in the many masterclasses we have run. It is now really important that they attend ALL planned Session 6's as well as Saturday Schools (Whitsun School revision timetables will be out shortly).
- Year 7 have had a super positive week and have achieved the top positive points in the school - WELL DONE TO ALL YEAR 7's who have turned up every day on time and shown us all how ready to learn they really are!!!
- It has been another Fabulous FOMO Friday with a disco and face-painting and this afternoon we held our Wheel of Wonder to celebrate our 578 Zero Heroes, having achieved 0 negative behaviour points!
- Well done to all pupils who were nominated and won prizes for being subject superstars and generally being caught being great WOA citizens!
- A MASSIVE thank to also to ALL pupils and staff who supported our IQM Assessment on Thursday - yet again we have achieved Flagship Award and have now set our sights on achieving the National IQM Award!
- Year 11 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!

Every week I write to you to remind you of just how important ATTENDANCE is. Every week we reward pupils who ATTEND TO ACHIEVE and next week we will be writing out to parents again with attendance certificates and a reminder of the your child's current ATTENDANCE BANDS.

As promised, next week we will be rewarding a lucky pupil who has attended to achieve all week with a 42 inch TV. How can you child be sure to be in our MAMMOTH BANK HOLIDAY PRIZE DRAW? Be in school every day next week!!! 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!!!

I wish all a safe and happy May Bank Holiday Weekend and look forward to welcoming all pupils back in to school at 8.45am on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7SAH
8REV
9JHI/WJO
10MMU
11PSI



Each collected their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Tuesday 6th May.

Year 11 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

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

Wednesday 20th May - Y10 Parents Evening

Friday 22nd May – Half 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!

- 1st Place – **Bronte** 7073 points
- 2nd Place **Dickens** 6626 points
- 3rd Place **Austen** 6525 points
- 4th Place **Shakespeare** 5102 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

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



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Year 11 on another fantastic week! The feedback from the Maths and English drop-down days has been really positive, and it's great to hear how useful you found them.

A huge congratulations as well to those who completed their Animal Care and Travel & Tourism exams today — that's one exam successfully ticked off your list!

Do not forget we have Health and social and Latin Saturday schools starting at 11am this weekend.

Looking ahead to next week, we have Health & Social Care, BTEC Sport, and Latin exams coming up. Make sure you're checking your exam plans carefully, making the most of last-minute revision in lessons, Session 6, and the online exam crams.

This is your time to *Make It Happen*.

Meanwhile, Year 10 continue to impress — working hard in lessons and progressing on their journey of *Stepping Up*. Keep it going!

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