

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Although it has been a slightly shorter week (due to the Bank Holiday!), we still have so much to share with you!

- Year 11 pupils have started their exams this week and have been working hard in lessons and during intervention and Session 6. We are really hoping to see them all back in school again tomorrow for Saturday School which will be focusing on Maths and Literature!
- Miss Woolvin shared the fabulous news that pupils have already notched up over 2000 Super Kind logs and we are really excited to share this progress as we grow ever closer to achieving the Super Kind Schools Award! Keep up the kindness!!!
- Year 7 have had another good week and have again 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 a simply wonderful FOMO Friday with a disco and face-painting and much-loved BINGO! As usual we have held our Wheel of Wonder to celebrate pupils who were nominated and won prizes for being subject superstars and generally being caught being great WOA citizens!
- We also introduced our second trolley of joy... spent breaktime rewarding pupils with spot prizes for being in school and wearing full school uniform.
- Year 11 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to all!
- And finally the winner of our the TV this week is: Keiran on Y11 #AttendtoAchieve

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 your child's current ATTENDANCE BANDS.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7LRI
8REV
9CBE
10JLG
11PSI



Each will collect their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 11th 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

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** 7101 points
- 2nd Place **Dickens** 6696 points
- 3rd Place **Austen** 6537 points
- 4th Place **Shakespeare** 5130 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

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



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

What another fantastic week for Year 11 with exams and exam preparation! A massive well done to everyone who completed their Health & Social Care, BTEC Sport, and Latin exams this week — you conducted yourselves brilliantly and should be really proud of your efforts.

A special shout-out also goes to those students who engaged with the online exam crams in the evenings. Your commitment and determination are fantastic to see, and every extra bit of preparation will make a difference.

Next week is going to be incredibly busy as the core exams begin, starting with English Literature Paper 1 on Monday. Remember, we also have History, Maths, and English Saturday School, followed by the brilliant Miss Moore and Miss Mal hosting Sunday's all-important Literature online exam cram.

The time has come for you to truly **"MAKE IT HAPPEN."** Stay focused, work hard, believe in yourselves, and give every exam your very best effort. We are all behind you — good luck, Year 11!

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