

# THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had an amazing week at WOA!

- Year 11 pupils have been sitting their GCSE exams this week and have been working hard in lessons, revision sessions and during intervention and Session 6. We are really hoping to see them all back in school yet again tomorrow for Saturday School which will be focusing on English Language and Science (English Literature will be in our online Sunday night session!).
- Year 7 have had yet 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!!!
- Years 7 to 9 have been participating in Safeguarding & Attendance Assemblies - more to follow next week!
- It has been a simply wonderful FOMO Friday with a disco and face-painting and our traditional quiz! 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 are 2 days into our 7 Day Attendance Streak and almost 900 pupils are in with a chance of winning - well done to ALL who have been in school Attending to Achieve, keep up the good work!
- Year 7 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 we have written to parents with attendance figures and a reminder of the your child's current ATTENDANCE BANDS. I wanted to bring to your attention the negative impact that lateness can have on your child's attendance - if your child is regularly late for school, this impacts on their learning and progress. If your child attends school after registers close (at 9.15am) then it is coded as a U and this means they have missed their morning registration and this is classes as an absence which impacts on their overall attendance. Please support your child to attend school on time so that we can maximise their chances of success!

We continue our 7-Day Attendance Streak into next week - we want to see everyone in school next week Attending to Achieve and picking up their rewards on Friday!

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives #7dayattendancestreak

## ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7HAB  
8FLE  
9SST  
10JLG  
11PSI



Each will collect their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 7 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 20<sup>th</sup> May - Y10 Parents Evening

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Bronte** 7101 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Dickens** 6696 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Austen** 6537 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Well done to all of Year 11 on completing another week of exams. This has been an intense week with the start of your core exams, but you have shown resilience, maturity and determination throughout. You have conducted yourselves exceptionally well and should be proud of the effort you are putting in.

A reminder that we have Saturday School this week:

- English Language: 10:00am–12:00pm
- Science: 12:00pm–2:00pm

This is your time to **MAKE IT HAPPEN!** Every extra session, every revision opportunity and every bit of hard work counts towards achieving the grades you deserve.

Year 10 have also been working extremely hard this week as they continue to **Step Up** in preparation for their own exam journey. A reminder to Year 10 students and parents/carers that Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday, where you will receive your important mock examination grades.

Keep pushing forward — we are proud of you all!

## 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