

# THE WEEK AT WOA

## FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a simply superb start to half-term!

- We are really proud to announce the results of the Great WOA Bake Off competition which took place at the end of last half-term: in 1<sup>st</sup> place with their sensational Biscoff Cheesecake is Oli W of Bronte House (the winner 2nd year in a row - well done Oli!), in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with their scrumptious Chocolate Orange Cake is Leo B of Bronte House and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with their delicious Nutella Banana Cake Slices is Adam A of Dickens House...this means that yet again Bronte House have taken the Bake Off trophy. Well done Bronte House and well done to ALL who participated!
- Year 11 pupils have continued with their GCSE exams (having completed Holiday School and Saturday and Sunday School sessions!). They have positively engaged in revision lessons, SMARTSTART interventions and Sessions 6...we are nearly there...6 more days of exams to go! Well done to ALL for the commitment and dedication shown so far and keep at it!!!
- Years 7 to 9 have engaging in Safeguarding & Attendance Assemblies - we have covered County Lines and Bullying and these assemblies will continue next week.
- It has been a fantastic first FOMO Friday of the final half-term with the usual disco and face-painting and much-loved quiz! Many pupils have also won prizes on our Wheel of Wonder or have been nominated and won prizes for being subject superstars and generally being caught being great WOA citizens!
- We are 5 days into our new 10 Day Attendance Streak competition and are pleased to report that more than 800 pupils received prizes on 22<sup>nd</sup> May as they had successfully completed the 7 Day Attendance Streak!
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> May Year 11 won the most improved attendance award BUT they have been beaten this week by the mighty Year 7s who have smashed the scale and are the most improved attenders this week - well done to all!

**ATTENDANCE REMINDER** - If your child is in school on time every day they are safe and have the very best chance of achieving their potential. After the huge success of our 7 Day Attendance Streak we decided to launch our 10 Day Attendance Streak Competition and pupils are now half-way through the challenge - prizes will be award for every pupil who completes the 10 Day Streak on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June!

We are also going to be conducting pupil voice activities and questionnaires over the coming weeks so that pupils have a say in the next round of attendance rewards - watch this space for feedback!

Finally - we are moving ever closer to becoming PHONE FREE AT WOA and will be issuing parents with a number communications and updates over the coming days and weeks. Please reach out if you have any questions or queries.

### ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



**7SAH**  
**8HOV**  
**9JBI**  
**10HRO**  
**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.

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### KEY DATES – SUMMER TERM

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Staff training Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Y7 Parents Evening

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Break up for the end of Summer 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 7594 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Dickens 7085 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Austen 6695 points

4<sup>th</sup> Place Shakespeare 5521 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7LBR, 8REV 9TDA, and 10JLG and 11PSI! Well done everyone.



## RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

What a start to the new half term, Year 11!

You have had another fantastic week of exams and have fully committed to your lesson crams, online crams, and holiday school sessions. In your penultimate week, there are still several important exams and online crams to attend, so keep up the excellent work.

Remember, there is not long left until your "Make It Happen" journey comes to an end and you leave us as an academy. Also, don't forget that IMedia, Maths, and Science Saturday School will be taking place this week.

Year 10, you have also started the term strongly and continue to work hard in lessons. Keep it up!

## PHONE-FREE WOA



Following on from our consultations earlier in the year we have listened to your feedback and we are now very near the end of the procurement phase of our Phone-free WOA plan and will soon be sharing our roadmap with you, as well as parent and student information on how phone-free WOA will work in practice.

## 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