

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We are really excited to share with you what a fantastic week we have had at WOA:

- Our wonderful Mr Chadd has received an official invitation from the Duke of Edinburgh to attend a celebration event, in the Gardens of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, for young people who have achieved the Gold DofE Award. We think this is a simply wonderful accolade and recognition of all of the work Mr Chadd does for our young people. Congratulations Mr Chadd!
- Year 11 pupils have now officially completed their GCSE exams - very well done to all! We look forward to celebrating your Results Day with you on Thursday 20th August 2026.
- On Thursday evening we welcomed our Year 11 leavers and their families into school for their Graduation Ceremony. It was an absolutely brilliant event and we were totally overwhelmed (in a good way!) by how many families came to celebrate their young people with us.
- Year 10 pupils have now started their Raising Achievement interventions and we are proud of how well they have engaged...this is just the start and we are excited to see how much the Class of 2027 can achieve next year!
- It has been a fabulous FOMO Friday with the usual disco and face-painting and the pupils favourite...BINGO! 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 reached day 5 of this weeks 5 Day Attendance Streak competition and are pleased to report that almost 600 pupils will pick up a prize next week! Well done to all who have attended to achieve and let's get ready for a end of term !
- Year XXX 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. We love rewarding our pupils for their attendance and are launching our End of Term Attendance Bonanza which will run from Monday 22nd June until Thursday 16th July with prizes being awarded on Friday 17th July (pupils must be in school on this day to collect their prizes!). We have BIG PRIZES up for grabs and pupils can choose between a BIKE, and FLATSCREEN TV or a VOUCHER of their choice and parents can win £50 SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS! #inittowinit #attendtoachieve

Thank you to all pupils who have contributed to our pupil voice activities this week - your voice really does matter! Here is a snapshot of pupil views following SAFEGUARDING STUDENT VOICE:

-Children feel safer in school than they do in their local area - let's work together!

-100% of pupils know what to do if someone is being bullied

-94% of pupils know what the academy will do if their attendance falls low

-91% of pupils understand how a young person could be exploited by an adult

-94% know what is meant by harmful sexual behaviour (HSB)

-100% of pupils know that pulling someone's shorts/trousers down is logged as HSB and is essentially the same as lifting someone's skirt up

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachieversucceed #changinglives #5dayattendancestreak #phonefreewoa

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7SAH
8EWT
9JBI
10CTA



Each will collect their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 15th June.

Year 8 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 29th June – Staff training Day

Wednesday 8th July – Y7 Parents Evening

Thursday 16th July – Sports Day

Friday 17th 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

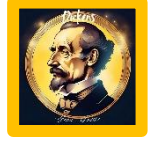


Our House point leaderboard is back!

- 1st Place – **Bronte** 7594 points
2nd Place **Dickens** 7085 points
3rd Place **Austen** 6695 points
4th Place **Shakespeare** 5521 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

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



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

We have reached the end of Year 11. It has been a rollercoaster of a journey, but we have made it!

A huge well done for all your hard work throughout your KS4 journey, particularly the resilience you have shown during your summer exams. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved.

We wish you all the very best for the future, whatever path you choose to take. Remember, you will always be part of the WOA family.

#MakeltHappen

Year 10 your Step-Up journey continues! Well done to those of you who have already started interventions; it is fantastic to see the positive impact they are having.

We will be starting additional interventions in Maths next week, alongside English and Science during smart start. Your form tutors have the lists and have already discussed these with you.

You also have Session 6 taster activities coming up soon, so watch this space!

PHONE-FREE WOA



A PHONE FREE REMINDER - Communications, routines and plans are in place and will be shared with you next week.

We truly believe that going phone free will have a massive impact on the mental health and well-being of all our pupils and are thankful for your support in enabling us to achieve this. Please reach out if you have any questions or queries: phonefree@woacademy.co.uk

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 – 0808 800 5000 (Text 88858)
Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111
Samaritans – 116 123