

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a smashing first week of being Phone Free at WOA and here are some of our other highlights:

- Year 10 pupils have completed their Geography fieldwork visits to Longbridge and had a great time.
- Our Harrison Team have taken a group of pupils to the West Midlands Safari Park and we would like to thank the Rotary Club for their kind donation which meant that so many pupils could enjoy the experience.
- Year 10 pupils have been busily working through BTEC Booster sessions and have produced some fantastic work - well done to all!
- Thank you to all families who attended Year 7 Parents Evening on Wednesday!
- We have had a fabulous FOMO Friday today with many prizes to reward our pupils for their attendance and great attitudes to learning. The trolley dash and Wheel of Wonder this afternoon were great fun too!
- Year 7 won the most improved attendance this week - well done to ALL!

FUNDAY MONDAY - Miss it, miss out! ALL pupils will be taking part in a fantastic day of fun activities including a silent disco, charity walk, laser tag, escape room, Nerf Battles, inflatables and the ice cream van... #MIMOMONDAY!

The DfE have asked us to share with families their plans for as many people as possible to have a Great British Summer:

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. *See link.*

<https://news.service.education.gov.uk/3805AC26CA63D0C487A7C5B1B204EB28996573F9CCF95EC1C78AC4CA8A608BAE/1EB74572C3920206B40D5D1B15417475/LE35>

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #mimomondays #believeachieversucceed #changinglives #phonefreewoa #greatbritishsummer

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7HAB
8FLE
9JB
10CTA



Each will collect their attendance winner trophy full of sweets to share on Monday 13th July.

The Year group with the most improved attenders' week on week and have collected their treat during the wheel of wonder this afternoon.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

KEY DATES – SUMMER TERM

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

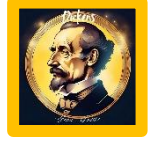


Our House point leaderboard is back!

- 1st Place **Dickens** 8083 points
 2nd Place **Bronte** 8054 points
 3rd Place **Austen** 7253 points
 4th Place **Shakespeare** 5670 points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7RTO, 8FLE 9JBI, and 10HRO! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done, Year 10!

This has been another busy and productive week as we completed the second week of Session 6 alongside our BTEC Booster sessions. We have been incredibly impressed with the hard work, commitment, and resilience you have shown. Your dedication is making a real difference—keep it up!

There will be **no intervention sessions next week**. These will restart in **September**, with even more intervention opportunities available to help support your learning and preparation. Keep an eye out for further information at the start of the new term.

We will also be running an **additional Session 6 for English next Tuesday** to support you with your English Language studies. We encourage everyone to attend and make the most of this extra opportunity.

A reminder that **Monday** is your **Social Action Walk**. As the weather is expected to be warm, please remember to:

- Apply sun cream before coming to school.
- Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Have a lovely weekend and remember to **"Step Up"**

PHONE-FREE WOA



A PHONE FREE REMINDER - Communications, routines and plans are in place and have been shared with families, students and staff.

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 – 0800 800 5000 (Text 88858)
 Sandwell Children's Services team – 0121 569 3100

For support, please contact:

ChildLine – 0800 1111
 Samaritans – 116 123