

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

We have had a great week at WOA and we are excited to share some of the highlights with you:

- 900 pupils have had a doughnut treat today as they successfully completed our 12-Day Attendance Challenge! Well done to ALL!
- A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported our fabulous Open Evening Event on Wednesday night - we had over 500 visitors from families and children in Year 6 (and even some Year 5's!) who wanted to see what it would be like to join the WOA family in September 2027. It was a great evening and we loved showcasing all of the things that make WOA such a great place to be!
- Well done to all pupils who took part in the Sandwell Football Finals on Monday!
- Year 11 pupils successfully completed Week One of their Session 6 timetable - well done to all for showing such commitment and dedication to their learning.
- On Tuesday we welcomed Humanutopia in to work with our Year 10 pupils - it was a great day and we are so proud of those pupils who got stuck and shared their stories with their peers.
- We have had a simply sensational second FOMO Friday of the new school year - facepainting, disco and Bingo! The trolley dash and Wheel of Wonder this afternoon were great fun too!
- Year 7 won the best attendance this week - well done to ALL!

A reminder - Next week Year 11 pupils will move on to Week Two of their Session 6's, please can you support us in supporting your child to attend all sessions so that we can maximise their chances of success in their GCSEs.

Thank you to all parents who attended our first Parent Drop-in Clinic on Monday (14th Nov). Our next drop in will be held at 11am on Thursday 29th September.

Finally, next week is **BAND OF GOLD WEEK AT WOA** - every child that is in school, caught being good in lessons or around the site will receive a golden wristband which they can use to claim a prize from the Trolley of Joy on Friday 25th September.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachieversucceed #changinglives #session6 #bandofgoldweek

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7 - 7EHE
8- 8SAH
9 - 9LBU
10- 10BGR
11- 11CTA



The Year group with the most improved attenders' week on week are year 7 and they have collected their treat during the wheel of wonder this afternoon.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

KEY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 7th October - Y7 Settling IN Evening
 Y11 Raising Achievement Evening
 Friday 23rd October - Half Term Begins
 Friday 27th November - INSET Day
 Wednesday 2nd December - Y11 Parent's Evening
 Friday 18th December – Xmas Holiday Begins

Please check your emails for our full Key Dates letter for this academic year

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

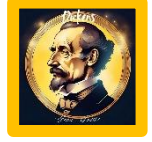


HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Final Scores for the year

- 1st Place **Bronte** 311 points
 2nd Place **Dickens** 301 points
 3rd Place **Shakespeare** 296 points
 4th Place **Austen** 282 points



Well done to 7AWA, 8KCH, 9HOV, 10JHI, 11PSI for being our top point earners of the week!
 You can earn points every week through good attendance to school and enrichment clubs,

RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Another week done, Year 11 — well done! 🍌

Your attendance at interventions this week and Session 6 has been fantastic. Keep it up!

Remember, next week is Week 2 for Session 6, starting with Science.

We also have some exciting Engagement Evenings coming up that parents and carers can attend to help support you on your Year 11 journey.

This year, you need to Glow Up, Show Up and Achieve!

Year 10, you have settled into your core lessons and option lessons really well. Your enthusiasm and engagement in Humantopia has been brilliant to see.

Keep Stepping Up, Year 10! 🍌



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

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

