

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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

- We have been out and about this week issuing GOLDEN TICKETS to pupils who working hard, thinking deeply and trying their absolute best in lessons - everyone who was awarded a ticket has had a dip in the Trolley of Joy this afternoon.
- Rehearsals for The Addam's Family started this week...we cannot wait to see it in Feb 2027! (Rehearsals are Monday's and Tuesday's in The Arena, 3.15-4.30pm).
- 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...we are starting preparation for the mock exams which begin during the last week of this half-term so attendance at Session 6 is a great way to get stuck into revision with staff.
- We have had a simply sensational fourth FOMO Friday of the new school year - facepainting, disco and a quiz! The trolley dash...Wheel of Wonder and all of the prizes were just a great end to the week!
- Year 9 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 (Mock Exams start in 2 weeks....).

A reminder - On Wednesday 7th October we are hosting our Year 7 Settling In Event 3.30-5.00pm and our Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening 4.00-6.00pm. We really hope you can join us.

Next week is another GOLDEN TICKET WEEK AT WOA - every child that is in school, caught being good in lessons or around the site will receive a golden ticket which they can use to claim a prize from the Trolley of Joy on Friday 9th October.

ATTENDANCE REWARDS...We know that good attendance results in great progress and futures. We believe in rewarding our pupils for turning up on time every day. FOMO Friday's at WOA are full of joy and fun for every child, unfortunately some are not her to take part and we want to change this. We are excited to share our upcoming FOMO FRIDAY rewards and activities with you:

1. **SPOOKY SHACK** - Friday 23rd October- Prizes for all pupils with good attendance and behaviour.
2. **FOMO FRIDAY ATTENDANCE BONANZA BINGO** - Friday 16/10 and Thursday 26/11 - all pupils who improve or maintain their attendance bands will get to play BINGO.
3. **FOMO FRIDAY BIG PRIZE XMAS CHALLENGE** - All pupils who attend school every Friday between next week and end of term which is on Friday 18/12 will be entered into a grand prize draw to win XMAS goodies including a TV, speakers and other electricals.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives #session6 #bandofgoldweek

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7AWA
8LRi
9HOV
10JHi
11MBA



The Year group with the most improved attenders' week on week are year 9 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

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:

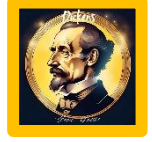
- View key information about your child
- Receive school messages and updates
- Check attendance information



HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



1st Place **Bronte** 652 points
 2nd Place **Dickens** 610 points
 3rd Place **Austen** 587 points
 4th Place **Shakespeare** 565 points



Well done to 7EHE, 8SAH, 9REV, 10JHI, 11CTA for being our top point earners of the week!
 You can earn points every week through good attendance to school and enrichment clubs,
 and by taking part in our competitions and activities.

RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Another week complete, Year 11 — well done! 🍌

You've continued to show great engagement in your **lessons, Session 6 and Lexonic sessions**. It's fantastic to see you staying focused and putting the effort in — **keep it up!** 🍌

🔧 **SESSION 6 REMINDER**

Next week is **Week B**, so it's time for **SCIENCE!** 🧪🔬

📅 **Raising Achievement Evening - Year 11** this is an important one!

Letters have been given to students and emails have been sent to parents about our **Glow Up, Show Up & Achieve Raising Achievement Evening**.

🕒 **4pm-6pm**

It is really important that you attend because different departments will be there to help you understand:

- 📋 How to prepare for your exams
- 💡 How to revise effectively
- 🎯 How to maximise your achievement
- 🚀 How to get yourself ready for your Mocks

🎓 **THINKING ABOUT LIFE AFTER YEAR 11?**

We will also have **Central St Michael's** joining us to talk to you about **Post-16 options** and what your next steps could look like. This is a great opportunity to find out more about what's available and start thinking about your future!

You will also receive your **Mock Exam Timetable** during the evening!
 Your Mocks start on **Monday 19th October**, so this is the perfect time to get organised, plan your revision and start preparing.

Don't leave it until the last minute — start now and give yourself the best possible chance to succeed! 🍌🍌



🚀 **YEAR 10 — KEEP STEPPING IT UP!**

Year 10, you continue to show that you are **Stepping It Up in KS4!** 🍌

We're seeing some great work and positive attitudes in lessons. Keep challenging yourselves, staying focused and making the most of every opportunity to learn.

You've got this! 🍌

🌟 **KEEP SHOWING UP. KEEP STEPPING UP. KEEP ACHIEVING.**

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