

THE WEEK AT WOA

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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

- We have been out and about again 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 continue this week, well done to all who are involved...we cannot wait to see it in Feb 2027! (Rehearsals are Monday's and Tuesday's in The Arena, 3.15-4.30pm).
- On Wednesday night, we held an amazing Raising Achievement event for parents - over 95 families attended!!! Feedback has been positive and we look forward to hosting our next event which will include some Saturday School Revision events for parents.
- A BIG THANK YOU to all Year 7 parents who attended our Settling In Event this week - parent partnership is essential for ensuring the best chances of success for our pupils.
- We have had a simply sensational second 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!
- Year7won the best attendance this week - well done to ALL!

A reminder - Next week is the last week of 'normal lessons' for Year 11 pupils before Mock Exams start (WB 19/10) and it is **absolutely essential** that all pupils are in school and attending Session 6 in preparation.

Next week is yet 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 16th October.

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

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

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



7KGO
8ZDA
9SWI
10ZWA
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

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** 855 points
 2nd Place **Dickens** 763 points
 3rd Place **Austen** 748 points
 4th Place **Shakespeare** 745 points



Well done to 7MMU,, 8HAB, 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,
 and by taking part in our competitions and activities.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

Another week done and dusted, Year 11!

Next week is **Week A for Session 6**, starting with Maths. Remember, this is your **penultimate week before your mocks**, so it is vital that you attend every lesson. You don't want to miss out on any important learning, revision or preparation that will help you achieve your best in your mocks.

A reminder to be **ON TIME for assembly on Tuesday**, where we will be going through important information about your mocks and Session 6. Make sure you listen carefully so you know exactly what is expected of you.

Remember, **92 is the magic number!** Every day counts, every lesson matters, and every minute is an opportunity to make progress. Make sure you are here, ready to learn and prepared to succeed.

Glow Up, Show Up, Achieve!



Year 10, another fantastic week of hard work across your core subjects and options! Keep up the positive attitude, commitment and effort. Stay focused, keep pushing yourselves and continue to make the most of every opportunity to succeed.

Have a great weekend, everyone, and let's make next week count!

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