The Week at WOA

Friday 6th November 2026

Principal's Update

We have had a sensational first week of the new half-term here at WOA! Here are some of the highlights for you:

- Pupils in Year 7-9 have been participating in safeguarding assemblies this week - main topics have been Equality and Diversity.
- Year 11 pupils have had a fantastic final week of their mock exams and we are super proud of them - this follows a mammoth half-term school where pupils have been in school or online revising for their exams. Well done to all!
- Rehearsals for The Addam's Family have continued...a MASSIVE 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). Get buying your tickets please!!!
- Well done to all pupils involved in the Navy STEM Day on Wednesday - we had fantastic feedback on the positivity and engagement demonstrated by all. Well done!
- Year 7 pupils were rewarded this morning for their progress in reading and it was such a joy to behold - keep up the hard work all!
- Today the WOA Royal Marine Cadets hosted the annual Remembrance Ceremony and we welcomed the Deputy Lord Lieutenant (aka Blind Dave) and his wonderful guide dog, Peter, on site to lay a commemorative wreath. Well done and thank you to all involved. Thank you also to all parents who joined us to see their children host this event, your support means so much to us.
- Finally, we have had another great FOMO Friday today - facepainting, disco and a whole school BINGO (as voted by our pupils)! The trolley dash...Wheel of Wonder and all of the prizes were just a great end to the week!
- Year 11 won the best attendance this week - well done to ALL!

A reminder - Next week, Monday will see the last day of mock exams for pupils in Year 11. Don't forget Miss Jones's online blast on Sunday and the exam cram on Monday morning.

#gottobeinittowinit #attendtoachieve #fomofriday #believeachievesucceed #changinglives #glowupshowupandachieve

#lestweforget #remembrance2026

Attend to Achieve

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

7ARO
8SAH
9LRE
10BGR
11CTA

The Year group with the most improved attenders' week on week are year 11 and they have collected their treat during the wheel of wonder this afternoon.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout

Key Dates – Autumn Term

Friday 27th November - INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd December - Y11 Parent's Evening
Friday 18th December – Xmas Holiday Begins

Keeping up to date

We have not stopped using the Gateway APP for school payments. All balances will transfer over to Arbor.

Please ensure you have topped up payments for school meals..

Arbor

House Point Leaderboard





1st Place Bronte 1499 points
2nd Place Shakespeare 1486 points
3rd Place Austen 1206 points
4th Place Dickens 1171 points





Well done to 7MMU,, 8SFR, 9SWI, 10JHI, 11STU 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

Year 11, you have returned after the holidays and absolutely smashed this week's set of mock exams. **Well done!**

Your engagement at Holiday School and with the online Exam Blasts has been fantastic. You have shown real focus, determination and commitment to your learning, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work you are putting in.

There are just a few more exams left next week, so it's time for **one final push!**

To support your wellbeing and give you the opportunity to recharge, we have cancelled all Session 6 lessons and interventions next week. This means you can enjoy a well-earned rest after school while keeping your focus on your remaining exams.

Remember, attendance is just as important once the mocks are over. Your teachers will be going through your papers, identifying gaps in your knowledge and helping you understand how to improve. It is vital that you are in school, on time and ready to learn so that you can make the most of this important feedback.

Glow Up, Show Up, Achieve!

Year 10, you have been working incredibly hard too, and we are excited to take the next step with you.

Next week, we will be launching our **Raising Achievement journey**, helping you to build the habits, confidence and skills you need to succeed.

Watch this space – exciting things are coming!

Keep up the great work, everyone. Let's continue to make every minute count!

Phone-Free WOA

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

For support, please contact:
ChildLine – 0800 1111
Samaritans – 116 123