The Week at WOA

Friday 13th November 2026

Principal's Update

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

- On Wednesday the whole school came together to observe the two minutes silence for Remembrance Day. We are very proud of the maturity and respect everyone displayed.
- Year 11 pupils completed their final mock exam of the season and took a break from Session 6 – this returns on Monday with Science.
- Year 10 have started their raising achievement journey and have been challenged this week to 'Step up' as we continue our KS4 journey.
- 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!!!
- Year 7 pupils have received lots of rewards in assembly this morning for their amazing attendance, attitudes to learning and participation. Our Stars of the Week have received some of their prize but will also enjoy breakfast with Mrs Jones on Thursday next week.
- Finally, as always, we have had another great FOMO Friday today - facepainting, disco and a whole school Friday 13th themed quiz. The trolley dash...Wheel of Wonder and all of the prizes were just a great end to the week!
- Year 8won the best attendance this week - well done to ALL!

On Monday we celebrate the start of Anti-Bullying week and students are asked to join in the celebrations by wearing a pair of odd socks to school.

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

#lestweforget #remembrance2026

Attend to Achieve

Our most improved attendance tutor groups of the week are .

7JBi
8SFR
9LBU
10NAS/CBE
11CTA

The Year group with the most improved attenders' week on week are year 8 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 1654 points
2nd Place Shakespeare 1600 points
3rd Place Austen 1340 points
4th Place Dickens 1304 points





Well done to 7ARO,, 8KCH, 9JHI 10BGR 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've smashed it!

Well done, Year 11! You have completed your mock exams, and you should be really proud of yourselves. No more mocks for a little while – it's time to get back to normality!

Interventions will be starting again next week, and **Session 6 will begin on Week B with Science**. Please make sure you have a copy of your new Session 6 timetable, as we have made a few changes.

A date to remember is **Tuesday 2nd December**, when you will receive your mock exam results at Parents' Evening. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate your successes and identify areas to focus on as you continue your journey towards your GCSEs.

Remember, **attendance and punctuality matter in every single lesson**. Your target is to achieve **over 92% attendance** to be eligible for Prom. Every lesson, every minute and every opportunity counts!

Year 10 – Your journey starts here!

Year 10, your **Stepping Up: Raising Achievement** journey officially began this week with an introductory assembly from Mr Wagstaff.

This is an important stage in your school journey, and the habits you develop now will make a huge difference when you reach Year 11.

It is important that you work hard, attend every lesson, arrive on time and make the most of every learning opportunity. Building strong foundations now will make your Year 11 experience much more manageable.

Remember, success doesn't happen overnight – it comes from the small, positive steps you take every day.

Every lesson counts. Every minute matters. Every opportunity makes a difference!

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