

Year 7 Newsletter

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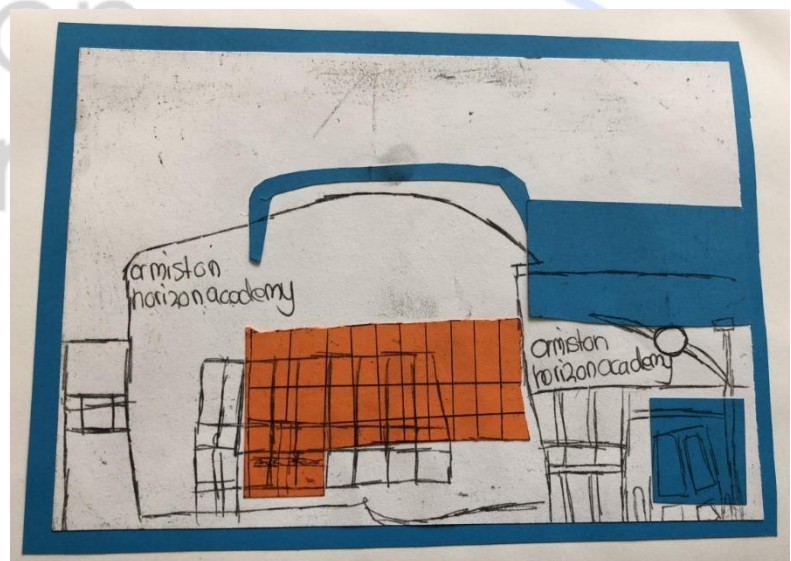
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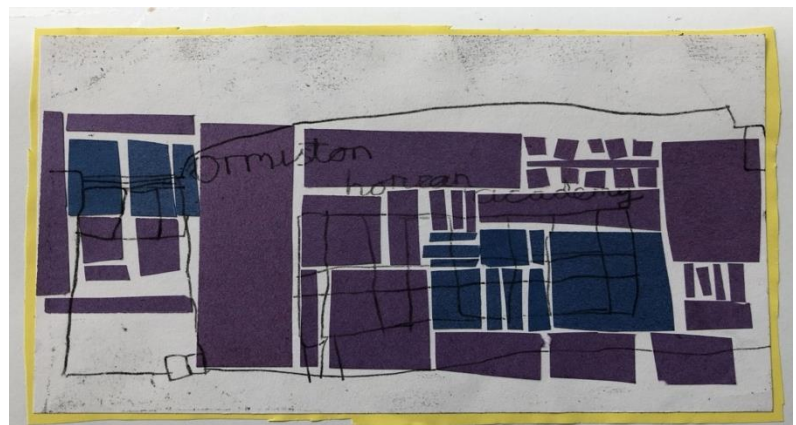


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Y7s have been
producing
monoprints
inspired by local
buildings and
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A warm welcome from the Raising Standards Leader...

Year 7 have had a very busy yet action packed half term with lots of different extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

At the start of the term, Year 7 had an informative assembly for National Screen Free Week, this prompted all Y7 students to "turn off technology and turn on life". As a year group we spoke about the dangers of group chats and how they can quickly go from private to public. The year group contributed some fantastic responses, that highlight the importance to always show respect to yourself and others while online.

In PSHE students have been focusing on "Staying Safe" and the Y7 personal tutors have been on hand to support students as they explore a variety of topics based on our two SPIRIT values of Self-regulation and Integrity. It has been a pleasure to see so many students actively engaged in everything from First Aid to Road Safety.

A highlight of this term for me has to be the City's Partnership Games at Fenton Manor on Monday 9th May. 15 Y7 students were specially invited to take part in Partnership games and they most definitely did our academy proud! Students took part in a variety of activities from kickboxing, badminton, basketball and cricket.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say the biggest thank you to Mrs Smith the current Head of Year 7 who will be moving on to her new role within the school as a Learning Support Practitioner. Mrs Smith has worked tirelessly with Y7 from July last year to support with the Y6 to Y7 transition and has been on hand daily to offer her support. On behalf of myself and all the Y7 students we wish her all the best in her new role.



7A1 After taking 7A1 over half way through this term, I am proud of how they have risen to the challenges throughout the year. 7A1 have settled really well as they come to the end of their first year as an OHA'er. A little message from Danielle about life at OHA,

"After Christmas I joined choir which is where we sing songs and choose them for a show later on in the year, I like this club because the people in there are kind and it is a nice community and enjoyable. This year the show is the 28th of June and the theme is songs".

Written by Miss McGowen and Danielle

7A2 Hi, I'm Mrs Cooper and I am a PT for 7A2 along with Mrs Jenkins. It has been wonderful to see 7A2 really settle into life at OHA and to see how their confidence has grown since September. We are proud of our PT group and most of them show great enthusiasm and commitment to their work every day. They demonstrate their ability to reflect and improve every week when filling out their self-reflection sheets in PT. I also teach many of them for WS where we have just started a new topic on Sikhism, I am looking forward to seeing their resilience and work ethic shine again. In WSR we are currently reading Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred D Taylor, and students have all demonstrated great maturity and respect for the themes in this book. Our student of the half term is Ben as he always demonstrates the Academy Values and works hard showing great commitment to his learning!

"My highlight of the term was when I was inspired in my music lesson to learn the piano. One of my favourite songs that I have learned was married life which is the Disney "Up" theme tune. Thank you to my music teacher for inspiring me!" - Ben

"My highlight of the term was in Drama when we did revolting children. I had lots of fun making this dance. It made Drama even more fun! It was fun to take on strong characters and use them in our dance. Our performance included acting, dancing and lip singing, this topic gave OHA students an extra spark!" - Phoebe

Written by Mrs Cooper, Ben and Phoebe

7C1 Hi all, 7C1 again. Well doesn't time fly, it only felt like a few weeks ago when the year 7's were receiving their ties and still asking where a certain classroom was located, and now it's almost at an end.

7C1 have been a joy to work with and share my mornings with over the past academic year. Over the summer term the students have been working really hard to show their maturity and everything they have learned so far in secondary school. Every single student in 7C1 should be immensely proud of their achievements both inside the classroom and out. For me, the biggest achievement among the PT is the progress made in their confidence levels and belief in themselves that they can achieve and do well in school.

Our student of the half term is Maddison, who wrote this message:

"In PT, we are very calm and have matured a lot this year, I think myself especially because I've tried hard to focus on my work. We often have a laugh with sir during debates and quizzes which are my favourite part of PT, I wish we did more of those activities. Our attendance has really improved and so has the behaviour (we came 2nd in both categories in the rewards assembly a few weeks ago). Now I think everyone is ready for the summer holidays to relax and then we'll be in year 8."

Written by Mr Rowley and Maddison.

7C2 Both myself and Mrs Leese are extremely proud of our form who have shown themselves to be hard working, enthusiastic members of the academy. Our student of the half term is Rowan for his outstanding attitude and hard work in all of his lessons.

During our spirit sessions this half term students have been discussing road and rail safety, the effects of alcohol, drugs and smoking. We are currently reading 'Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry' during whole school reads – about Cassie Logan growing up in Mississippi in the 1930s and how she witnesses prejudice and destruction all around her.

Written by Mrs Clacher

A message from Darci:

"During my first year at OHA, I have taken interests into the sports related activities after school. There are many clubs both physical and mentally, to enjoy for all students- this includes football, netball, rounders, card club- these are only a few of the clubs. To ensure the all students get their chance for fun activities the clubs change every season depending on the weather. You get to go on amazing trips, as well if you decide to take part and join any of the clubs there is a possibility of going abroad into different competitions. There is a vast majority of students who enjoy these clubs as it builds friendships and keeps you fit and healthy."

Written by Darci-Mai

7D1 Throughout this half term 7D1 have worked hard on demonstrating the academy values around school. They have shown massive improvements with regards to responsibility and ensuring they have all the equipment they need to start the day whilst also having a more positive mindset about school and lessons.

For Whole School Reads, we read quite a challenging book in terms of the topic, "Roll my thunder hear my cry", but the students very clearly demonstrated their resilience and carried on with this book and approached it with maturity. I am very proud of how well they are maturing and developing within the academy, whilst showing their hard work and resilience to take any challenge which they face in their stride.

Written by Miss Evans

"The last school half term that passed has been one of the best so far. I joined drama club once again and the teachers were really nice. We did Disney dances and some acting. In drama lessons we did Matilda the musical and my DT lessons rotated to Food Tech. Food Tech helps me to learn about the dangers of food poisoning and how to cook certain foods. Some other lessons I have really enjoyed are English, Art and World Studies. In English we are doing Shakespeare and the Tempest. I have learnt that the Globe had no roof and that a Tempest is a storm. I have learnt a lot this half term and one of the big things is that the teachers were amazing and very nice." Written by Acer

7P1 In 7P1, we've continued to enjoy our Whole School Reads with The Diary of a Young Girl, with more of us starting to open up with questions about the more sensitive topics and the history discussed which I have been really impressed by. The members of our group have really matured lately, often finding more sensible ways to discuss any issues they have been having as well as continuing to drive down our 'minutes late' which was a focus for our PT earlier in the year and I am really proud of.

Our student of the half term is Jayden who has continued to impress me with his impeccable manners and how polite he is to myself and other members of staff around the academy. Mitchell, a fantastic member of our PT, has written a short piece of writing about his out of school martial arts classes that he attends:

"I go to martial arts class on a Tuesday and Thursday. It is a defensive technique to help me to protect myself in a difficult position and how not to be in those difficult positions. I have been going to martial arts for around nine months now and am currently a yellow belt. Sensei Stuart is my instructor. He is a really good instructor, always helps people and helps me to understand the techniques correctly".

Written by Mr Shutt and Mitchell.

7D2 This half term has seen 7D2 achieve more, progress more and enjoy even more! Our PT have really started to find their feet and find their place within the school. Whether this be throwing themselves into practical lessons, asking inquisitive questions to teachers or attending extracurricular clubs, 7D2 are anything but a shy and reserved PT! Some special mentions go out to Amy for winning last terms 'Respect' Award, Sienna for winning last terms RSL Award and a big well done to Isabelle for settling right into the PT after moving school early last term.

"I really enjoy my PE lessons with Miss Smith, I have even managed to get into the Y7 Girls Rounders team!" - **Teagan, 7D2**

"I enjoy Art because I get to be creative and colourful. It is also really fun and the teachers are amazing" - **Rebecca, 7D2**

"I enjoy drama because I get to express my personality and be as loud as I want". - **Alexis 7D2**

"I have really started to enjoy school a lot over this term, I enjoy doing a variety of lessons and I have lots of fun in PT". - **Poppy, 7D2**

My 7D2 Student Award for this half term goes to Harry. Harry had a bumpy start to life at OHA, but he has shown great improvements in his behaviour and attitude, especially over the last half term. His resilience highlights everything great about pupils in our school and Harry fully deserves this little bit of recognition for his personal development. Well done, Harry! *Written by Mr Rose and 7D2*

7P2 7P2 have had a brilliant half-term and have once again won the award for punctuality. We have some wonderful students who constantly strive to be the best OHA'er they can be and still have never had a single detention. We have all engaged fully with our SPIRIT lessons and had some brilliant discussions! Well done 7P2!

Student highlights from Lydia and Megan: Students have enjoyed the SPIRIT time learning about the importance of the risk of drugs and alcohol. They also have liked reading The Girl of Ink & Stars in PT time. In Textiles, we have been learning about how to sew, we are creating a sock monkey, using our creative skills. Students have also enjoyed maths lesson because they have been able to use the counters and speak amongst a group of students. *Written by Mrs McAvoy, Lydia & Megan*



OHA Y7 Hall of Fame



Students have been working hard in Design & Technology! Y7 have been soldering components to a circuit board to make a LED for their bedside lamps.



In our previous newsletter we celebrated our sporting stars. This term I would like to praise our Athletics team who attended a National Athletics Competition at Northwood Stadium on Friday 27th May.

There were 80 competitors from other schools, 24 of which were OHA'ers!

They competed in a Quadthron; 100m, Long Jump, Vortex Throw and 800m. Students were competing individually, but still achieving points as a team.



Alongside many sporting stars we have seen some up and coming Mitchell star chefs. With Noah, Sienna, Isabelle, Kaden & Leighton standing out as future kitchen superstars!

Kaden buffed his sink so clean it was sparkling! Sienna created a beautiful layered pasta salad while Leighton was very careful when cutting his salad items and showed great knife safety. Noah was brave for trying new salad items and Isabelle stands out for being a lovely and polite member of the class who is always happy to help others and answer questions.

In gardening school, Y7 have been very busy doing lots of planting and building for the sensory garden and also growing things in the greenhouse.



Punctuality

A huge well done to 7P2. This form has consistently since September been our leading form for the best punctuality to both school and lessons. Every term they have been our punctuality champions and now have been crowned "The best PT for punctuality for the academic year". Well done to each and every one of



OAT Sports Cup

Every year we compete at Northwood stadium against other OAT schools around the country in a mixture of games and athletic events. We have been the winners of this event for 4 years!

Maisie 1st position in Long Jump

Thomas 3rd position in 800m

KS3 Boys Relay 2nd position

KS3 Boys Football 3rd position

KS3 Girls Relay 3rd position



Stanley Head

I am very proud of a selection of students were taken to Stanley head over half term to take part in a variety of activities. Students had the opportunity to either take part in a number of group canoeing exercises including dodge ball on water or high ropes including a trust jump at the end!



Y7 Term Achievements

PT	Lesson grade 1s
7A1	400
7A2	334
7C1	347
7C2	315
7D1	328
7D2	229
7P1	332
7P2	350

Individual Student Awards

Respect: Lucas

Resilience: Josh

Responsibility: Freya

RSL Award: Poppy

HOY Award: Aaliyah

Top Student Award:

7A1 - Jaydon

7A2 - Ben

7C1 - Maddison

7C2 - Rowan

7D1 - Hannah

7D2 - Harry

7P1 - Jayden

7P2 - Jonah

Students with the most lesson grade 1's:

Chloe	Steven
Oliver	Makayla
Ollie	Libby
Jayden	Olivia-May
Macey	Lewis
Gracie	Skye
Lewis	Harvey

Students with 100% attendance:

A huge well done to the following students who have 100% since September.

Archie, Liam, Jay, Lily, Josh, Rowan, Harvey, Tate & Isabelle.



Thank you for your continued support, we wish you and your family a lovely Summer.

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