

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principals Update

A warm welcome to our new school newsletter. Communication to our families is an area that we are always trying to improve, and we feel that this will allow us to capture some really important information on a fortnightly basis.

We hope this will keep families informed on key dates and events but also show some of the great stuff that happens at OHA on a daily basis. Please have a read through my Principal letter when you have a chance which gives a more detailed overview of what has been happening in the academy since September.

Key Dates in January



Monday 8th:
Staff Training Day

Tuesday 9th:
Students return to school.

Wednesday 17th:
Y11 Parents Evening - face to face
(3pm - 6.30pm)

Wednesday 31st:
Y10 Parents Evening via telephone
(3pm - 6.30pm)

Need to know:



EduLink will be live for Parents evening bookings approximately 2 weeks before the event.

All students should be prepared to take earrings out for PE, students are not allowed to cover piercings with plasters.

Uniform reminders: round neck jumpers, hoodies/zipped hooded jackets are not permitted to wear.

Assembly Overview



WB 8th Jan:
Y7 - Y11 Welcome back (RSL's)

WB 15th Jan:
Y7-10 - The importance of education (Mr Salt)
Y11 - Stoke College

PSHE/World Studies Overview

Year 7: Marriage & Family Units
Year 8: Human Rights & Democracy
Year 9: Making choices & Goal Setting
Year 10 - Global Poverty & Global Justice



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Year 7

This term has been both busy and exciting, welcoming 216 new students into the academy. Y7 have settled well into OHA life and formed new friendships. The year group went on their first PD Day trip to Knowsley Safari Park! Next term we are looking forward to building on our positive start and developing the academy values - *Miss Haynes (RSL)*

Year 8

Year 8 so far has been a fantastic and fascinating journey. The students have studied a wide range of subjects and have blossomed and thrived on the journey. In addition to this they have all experienced 'Disability Awareness Day' where they had the privilege of seeing the world from a different perspective to their own. Onwards and upwards! - *Mr Woodcock (RSL)*

Year 9

This term we welcomed Mr Taylor as our Head of year, who has settled in as a true OHA'er with the year group. The students visited Keele University on PD Day and had a great time seeing what a life at university could be like! Next term we continue our focus on developing students' responsibility, when we prepare for our journey into the Options process - *Mr Maher (RSL)*

Year 10

Mrs Richardson and I have been impressed with the resilience shown by the vast majority of Year 10, as they start to get to grips with their GCSE journey. PD day focused on a variety of career skills ranging from interview preparation to CV writing. Students have also started preparing for their work experience placement, through our new Unifrog platform. - *Mr Williamson (RSL)*

Year 11

This term has been a busy one! We started our Prom fundraising with a carwash & football match, raising over £500 already! The students had their first round of mock exams in November and visited Liverpool Hope University on PD Day. We look forward to seeing you all on Parents Evening after Christmas! - *Miss Smith (RSL)*

What are we learning in.. English?

Y7: Gothic Literature

Y8: Romeo & Juliet

Y9: Of Mice & Men

Y10: A Christmas Carol

Y11: A Christmas Carol - Characters & Themes



Enrichment

Enrichment at OHA is a big priority!

So far this term we have seen over 90 activities both in and out of curriculum time.

Clubs such as chess, D&D & girls' football have been highly attended, while student voice & the Y8 leadership training have been well received during PT time.

The highest attended club for this term is:

The Matilda Rehearsals!

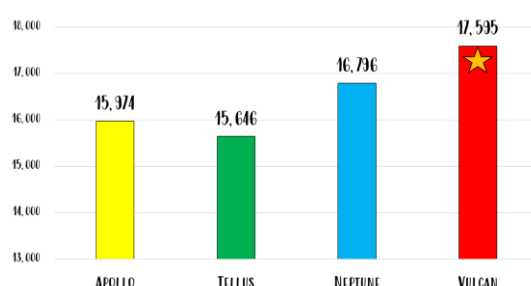
Congratulations to everyone who is taking part in the show next year.

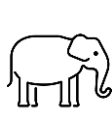


House Update

Below are the current house point standings as of the 11th of December. This is a great visual representation of all the amazing things that our pupils do each day within the academy, along with their contributions to the house events we have ran so far this year. Events included football, badminton, dodgeball, spelling, STEM, Maths and Geography, so far this academic year. We kick-start 2024 with our Global Wordsearch Day Challenge and our Interhouse Girls Football events!

HOUSE POINTS - TOTAL STANDINGS - AS OF 11th DECEMBER





PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Personal development is a top priority for us at OHA. We believe that all students, regardless of their background should have the opportunities to develop their character through a variety of activities, which is why all of our PD days are fully funded by the academy charter.

Last week we held our first PD Day of this academic year:

- Year 7 – Knowsley Safari Park
- Year 8 – Disability Awareness Day
- Year 9 – Keele University
- Year 10 – Careers Day
- Year 11 – Liverpool Hope University

Our second PD Day will be in March 2024, keep an eye out for further information via this newsletter and EduLink emails.

