

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principals Update

A very happy new year to all our families. I hope you had a restful Christmas break and managed to spend some quality time together. As you will have seen from our letter home last week, I am thrilled to share our recent Ofsted report with you. The school has worked incredibly hard over the last four years to achieve this outcome, there has been numerous barriers for us all to overcome, and I feel that we have done this, while continuing to improve key areas of the school. I am extremely proud of the students, staff and wider community for their amazing contribution, and I am excited about the next steps and continuing to focus on our academy values of: Resilience, Respect and Responsibility. I want to take this opportunity to thank all their parents and carers for their continued support along the journey.

Key Dates



Wednesday 31st January:

Y10 Parents Evening via telephone (3pm - 6.30pm)

Friday 2nd February:

Year 11 photographs

Friday 9th February:

Academy closes for half term at 3.10pm

Tuesday 13th February

Matilda Performance, 7.15pm (Stoke Rep Theatre)

Tuesday 14th February

Matilda Performance, 2.15pm & 7.15pm (Stoke Rep Theatre)

Monday 19th February

Academy reopens for all students.

Need to know:



Uniform reminders: students are only permitted to wear one small stud in each ear.

Any Hoodies/Zipped jackets/Sportswear are not permitted to be worn with our uniform, any seen from Monday will be confiscated & parents will be required to collect them from reception.

Y10 Parents Evening: EduLink is live for all telephone bookings with all subject teachers.

Matilda Tickets: are onsale via [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk).



Assembly Overview



WB 22nd Jan:

Y7-10 - Rewards Updates (Miss McGowan)

Y11 - Reeseheath

WB 29th Jan:

Y7-10 - Ditch the Blade (PCSO - I Hopley)

Y11 - NSCG

PSHE/World Studies Overview

Year 7: Parental Responsibility & Domestic Violence

Year 8: Liberty/Freedom & Court/Law

Year 9: Options & Vaccinations

Year 10 - Value of the natural world/Environment



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Year 7

Coming from a primary school background I can fully appreciate the difference between primary and secondary school and the new routines that our students need to learn. However, our students have embraced this and formed positive relationships with staff and peers. Our first face-face parents evening is not far away! *Mrs Milne (Head of Y7)*

Year 8

The last half term saw many of our students participate on the reward trip to the cinema. Following a busy Christmas period, it was great to see a refreshed and invigorated year group, ready to participate in the final half of the academic year. The students now have to work hard in lessons to make sure that they are ready for... Year 9 (how has this happened so quickly?) - *Miss Harris (Head of Year 8)*

Year 9

This term we welcome Mr Richardson as our interim Head of year, who is settling in well. The students are now completing their option choices lessons during PSHE which they are really engaging with and preparing themselves for the future with planning their education and completing more careers interviews. - *Miss Wilkes (Director of Behaviour & Standards Y9)*

Year 10

Last term we launched Unifrog with parents and staff within the Academy. It was wonderful to see so many attend and to have conversations with parents and students about students would like to do work experience in. I'm looking forward to delving into this deeper and getting to know where students passions are and the path they want to go down - *Mrs Richardson (Head of Year 10)*

Year 11

Year 11 are continuing to work hard and P6s have resumed this week and students are aware of which subjects they have been selected for. Thank you for the excellent turn out at parents evening, it was lovely to see everyone face to face! This half term I will be organising the Class of 2024 yearbook, if you have any photos, please send them to me! - *Miss Sheldon (Head of Year 11)*

What are we learning in.. Maths?

Y7: Addition/Subtraction

Y8: Laws of indices

Y9: Application of numbers

Y10: Probability

Y11: Exam Preparation



Enrichment

Last term, we broke our OHA record and ran over 80 activities across the term!

Our new enrichment timetable is available to view on our website & academy social media, or via this link: [Clubs 2024](#)

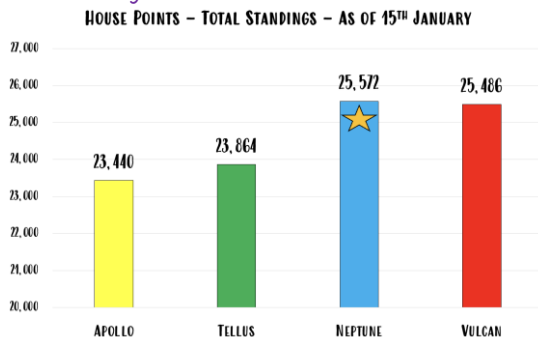
There is a new Careers & Unifrog club on Mondays with Mrs Naylor for Year 10s in the library - this is to support our students with work experience & careers.



House Update

Below are the house point standings as of January 15th 2024.

As you can see, there has been a change of leader since the last time we wrote to you, as Neptune have taken top spot from Vulcan! We kick started our 2024 events with a KS3 Blooket Competition last Friday, and this week we have ran our Global Wordsearch Day Challenge with years 7, 8, 9 & 10! Next week sees the start of Girls' Football Events, with the Y9 & Y10 event taking place on Tuesday and the Y7 & Y8 event taking place on Friday.



OHA GALLERY



Y7 Footballers @ Stoke for the Rainbow Laces Campaign



Attendance Winners 2023



Chell Parish Pantry Donations 2023



U16 Footballers winning their first fixture of 23-24.