

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principals Update

This has been a really short half term since the Christmas holidays however, it still feels that we have managed to achieve quite a bit over the last four weeks. The vast majority of students have responded well to our lesson punctuality and uniform protocols and have engaged positively in academy life. Thank you to all Year 11 and Year 10 parent and carers who have attended our most recent parents' evening; your support and contribution is really valuable to us.

Over recent weeks, I have had a few conversations with families who live on Beddow Way which is next to the main school entrance. They have been quite frustrated with their driveways being blocked by parents when collecting children at the end of the school day. We realise that parking is tight and needs to be managed carefully, please keep in mind access to local residents' houses and ensure all interactions are both positive and professional.

On a final note, I would like to wish all Year 11 students the very best in their upcoming mock examinations which begin after the Easter break. - Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Friday 9th February:

Y11 Prom Fundraiser - Trainer Day (£1)

Academy closes for half term at 3.10pm

Monday 12th February - Tuesday 13th February

Matilda Performance, (Stoke Rep Theatre)

Monday 19th February

Academy reopens for all students.

Tuesday 20th February

Year 11 Mock Exams begin.

Holland PE Tour Parents Evening (6pm)

Wednesday 28th February

Y7 Parents Evening, with subject teachers

Face-Face, 3pm - 6.30pm



Need to know:



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

PD Day 2 is on Thursday 14th March.

Letters will sent out via Edulink on **Monday 5th February** - please access the letters & complete consent forms ASAP.



Assembly Overview



WB 5th Feb

Y7-10 - House Celebration Assemblies (AMR)

Y11 - LLS Apprenticeships

WB 19th Feb:

Y7-10 - Welcome Back (RSLs)

Y11 - Mock Exam Expectations

PSHE Overview

Year 7: Other Cultures & FGM

Year 8: Assessment & Relationships

Year 9: Pregnancy & Age Restrictions

Year 10 - Personal Finances & Debts



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Year 7 & Year 8

As we say goodbye to January and welcome February this term, I wanted to say a huge well done to year 7 and year 8 as they arrive each day looking smart and prepared for their lessons. I am mightily impressed with all the students that have nominated themselves for House competitions this term. It was great to see Tellus win in the Year 7 Girls house football competition last week. Reading continues to be an integral part of the day and it is a joy to see all in year 7 and year 8 engrossed in their reading each morning with their personal tutors.

Staff are looking forward to meeting Year 7 parents on the 28th February, so please book your appointments for the face-to-face meetings on the 28th February.

– Miss Collis (Director of Behaviour for Year 7/8)

Year 10

It was great to see so many parents booking on to the remote parents' evening for year 10 this week. Thank you for your continued support. This half term will see our year 10 Health and Social Care students complete a 2-day coursework support session. Watch this space for a range of opportunities for year 10 explore their post-16 options!

– Mr Parkinson (Director of Behaviour for Year 10)

Year 11

It has been great to see so many triple science students attending breakfast club on a Friday morning with Mr Llewellyn. P6 and P7 numbers are still high too which is a fantastic achievement. Good luck to those students sitting exams in Dance, Drama and Languages over the next week or so. Also, with the final round of mock exams coming up after half term we are looking forward to seeing the progress your children are making!

– Mr Parkinson (Director of Behaviour for Year 11)

What are we learning in.. Science?

- Y7: Energy Types & Uses
- Y8: Renewable energy & Electricity
- Y9: Wireless Technology & Waves
- Y10: Quantitative Chemistry
- Y11: Mock Exams



Careers

Y11 Stoke-on-Trent College

On the first day back from our Christmas break, some of our Year 11 students explored Stoke-on-Trent College's Burslem campus to learn about Construction Courses. The visit showcased departments like Bricklaying, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Motor Vehicle, and Engineering. With college applications looming, the experience provided a valuable insight in helping students make informed decisions. Additionally, seeing former OHA students thriving in college life added a positive touch to the visit.

A Day in the Life.. Educational Tour at Manchester City's Etihad Stadium!

Mr. Millington organised an unforgettable educational tour to Manchester City's Etihad Stadium for our Year 7-10 football enthusiasts.

During this half-day adventure, students explored every nook of the stadium and gained exclusive insights into a footballer's life. From pre-match prep to post-match recovery, they delved into fitness, diet, analysis, training, and mental resilience.

Apprenticeship week - 5th - 9th February

Apprenticeship Week is approaching, taking place from February 5th to 9th. The academy has a multitude of exciting initiatives in store to champion apprenticeships. Look out in our next newsletter where we'll share detailed insights into the impactful activities we have planned.



House Update

This past fortnight saw the girls take over the OHA House System as we ran our Interhouse Girls' football events for Years 7-10.

Vulcan won our Y9 & Y10 event, whilst Tellus took the spoils in our Y7 & Y8 event. The girls were brilliant in what turned out to be a couple of very cold mornings!



In other news, we welcomed a new Staff House Captain to team Apollo, as Miss Morrey leads the sunshine house for the remainder of academic year.

This week we ran our Short Story Writing Event, inspired by National Story Telling Week. A big thank you to Mrs Ricci for helping out with the running of this event, she is currently deciding on the winners of each event and the results will be revealed next week.

Next week also sees our next round of house assemblies; this is where students receive certificates for their performances in the house events and we celebrate a range of pupil success stories from the last 5 weeks!

OHA GALLERY



Year 10 Photography Workshops



Year 10 Stoke City Council Reps

PE Trip to Manchester City FC



Year 10 Reading Leaders



Y9 Boys Football, 14-3 win against St Peter's

Interhouse Girls Football

