

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principal's Update

A warm welcome back to all families after the half term break. Pride of place this week must go to the amazing cast of Matilda. It was a truly wonderful performance, full of creativity and courage. A big thank you to all the staff who invested a significant amount of time to ensure the show was delivered to the highest standard. This was our first ever school musical and we can look forward to many more in the future.

I spoke with all students in an assembly on Monday and shared with them three key priorities for the half term ahead, they were **punctuality to lessons, use of mobile phones & toilet use.**

A rationale was shared with all students to ensure they are very clear on our expectations in these areas. We want to ensure that learning continues to be the most important thing in our school and other distractions are kept as limited as possible.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Tuesday 27th February

Y9 Humanutopia Day (In academy – full academy uniform)

Wednesday 28th February

Y7 Parents Evening, with subject teachers
Face-Face, 3pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday 5th March

Parent and student T-level Information Evening (5.30pm)

Wednesday 6th March

Year 7/8 Health and Wellbeing Sessions (Invitation only)

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day
Y10 Careers Fair (full cohort, P3/P4 at Staffordshire University)

Friday 8th March –

Biggest Ever Girls Football Session

Need to know:



PD Day 2 letters have been sent via Edulink –

complete your consent forms on Edulink Forms via your parental homepage.



If you can't access your Edulink, please email Miss L Wilkes to reset your log in details ASAP.

Year 7 Parents Evening is also live on Edulink, please log in to get your bookings organized with subject teachers.

Assembly Overview



WB 26th Feb

Y7-10: World Book Day (Mrs Ricci)

Y10 – Royal Voluntary Service (RVS Community)

WB 4th March:

Y7 – Y10: Careers

Y11 – National Citizen Service

PSHE Overview

Year 7: Health & Personal Care

Year 8: Peer Pressure & Prescription Drugs

Year 9: Age Restrictions & Personal Property

Year 10 – Debts & Credit Cards/Loans



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Year 7

Y7 had a positive start after the Christmas holiday they have really settled and started to mature. Many have taken part in the fantastic extracurricular activities that we offer including the 'Matilda' production, sporting competitions/events and house competitions. We have another Personal Development Day to 'New Brighton Beach' to look forward to this term, hopefully the weather will be in our favour!. Parents evening is on 28th February and I am looking forward to seeing you all in the academy.

- Miss Haynes (RSL of Y7)

Year 8

Year 8 have a wonderful 2024 so far. At OHA we believe in developing the holistic student who can cope academically and thrive in society as well. It is clear when walking around the Academy, during school hours or afterwards, that our students have the opportunity to thrive as young learners and young people. This includes rehearsing for the fantastic recent Matilda performance, which a high proportion of students were a part of. We are very proud to have them onboard!

- Mr Woodcock (RSL of Y8)

Year 9

It's an exciting half term for Y9. This half term they will be focusing mainly on their options that they will specialize in for KS4. They have a lot of big events planned to help them make the correct choices.

Please ensure you and your child attend the Options Evening on Wednesday 13th March. This is a great way to get important information about options courses and through paths into college. Students will also be completing assemblies and options PSHE lessons.

- Mr Maher (RSL of Y9)

Year 10

A group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit Keele University for a STEM trip - students were able to complete activities to help them understand the importance of renewable energy in tackling climate change. Another group of students visited the Apprenticeship Bus where they were able to learn more about the various pathways they could take once they leave OHA. Year 10 students will also be receiving an assembly next week from the Royal Voluntary Service where they will learn about different ways that they can gain valuable experience helping make their local community a better place for everyone.

- Mr Williamson (RSL of Year 10)

Year 11

At the end of last half term Year 11 involved the whole school in OHA Trainer Day, this was another successful fundraiser for Year 11 Prom, raising a total of £533! The Year 11 team and all Year 11 students are all extremely grateful for those that took part and made a donation to this fundraising event.

The first two weeks of this half term are going to be a busy as the year group sit their last round of Mock Exams, we wish them the best of luck in these, we hope all their hard work and revision pays off!

- Miss Smith (RSL of Year 10)

What are we learning in.. MFL?

Y7- Mi Colegio- Describing Our School

Y8- La Comida- Talking About Food and Drink

Y9- Las películas- Film Types and the Spanish Cinema

Y10- Mis Ratos Libres- Free Time Activities

Y11- Mock Exams



Rewards



We've had an amazing start to rewards this year. Our year group celebration assemblies saw more certificates given out than in any previous years! Well done to all of our pupils who received them!

Last half term we had our first ever Year 11 Breakfast Bongo Bingo where Evie S won a signed football by Mr Millington and Brooke H won a giant inflatable whale. Years 7-11 were invited to a film afternoon P5 where they chose to watch Elemental.

We have lots more exciting opportunities coming up with the chance to go to Jumpin' fun in Derby and Alton Towers at the end of the year as well as lots more prizes to give out!



House Update

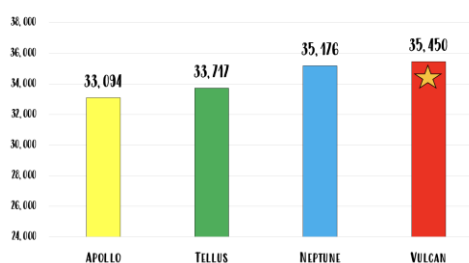
Upcoming House Quiz: Disney & Chart Music

The week prior to Half Term saw us celebrate the success of our OHA pupils over the last 5 weeks.

Last half term saw another round of our Interhouse STEM events and Miss Elson led two Pancake Day themed house event for our pupils to show off their culinary skills.

Our house Table Tennis Tournaments have begun, giving students the chance to show off their skills in another round of our sporting house events.

HOUSE POINTS - TOTAL STANDINGS - AS OF 19TH FEBRUARY



Year 11 Matilda Cast



Rewards Y11 Breakfast Bongos Bingo Winners



OHA GALLERY

Year 8 Netball Team



Year 7 Netball Team

