

THE "OHA" 'ER"

Vol 5: Friday 8th March

Principal's Update

- Pride of place this week goes to The Year 7 Football team. I really enjoyed watching them perform earlier this week in a resounding victory against a local school. Representing our school is a very important part of OHA, no matter what the activity, we want our students to be proud of being an OHA'er and I saw this in abundance on Wednesday afternoon.
- We look forward to welcoming all the parent/carers of Year 9 to the Academy on Wednesday 13th March for Options Evening.
- This is a really important slot in our school calendar and the staff are excited about informing parents/carers and students on the various different courses and qualifications available to them as they prepare to move in to Key Stage 4.
- Finally, well done to all the students in Year 10 who represented us at the city-wide Careers Fair at Stoke on Trent 6th Form College this week. Ensuring students are well informed about their next steps is something that we are really passionate about, and we will continue to provide a range of different career opportunities to motivate and inspire our students.
- ~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Wednesday 13th March -

Options Evening, in academy (5pm - 7.30pm)

Thursday 14th March -

Personal Development Day 2 (all day)

Tuesday 19th March -

Holland Passport Drop Off Evening (5pm - 6pm)

Wednesday 20th March -

Rewards Trip; Inflationation

Friday 22nd March

Academy closes for Easter

All years Inflatables Day; Academy PE Kit to be worn all day (1 period, per year group)

Need to know:



PD Day 2 letters have been sent via Edulink - complete your consent forms on Edulink Forms or email Miss Wilkes ASAP.



On Friday 22nd March, ALL students will be required to wear their full academy PE kit as part of our end of term reward - inflatables day! Each year group will have 1 hour in the sports hall.

Assembly Overview



- WB 11th March
- Y7-10: British Science Week
- Y11 - Mock Exams Review (AWF)
- WB 18th March
- Y7 - Y11: Celebration (RSLs)
- Y9/10 - Mondrem Group; Guest Speaker - Lucy Gibbs

PSHE Overview

- Year 7: Healthy Eating and Technology
- Year 8: Drugs and Online grooming
- Year 9: Drugs/Law and The Law Assembly (PCSO)
- Year 10 - Savings and gambling

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Year 7

Year 7 have returned on fine form following the half term break. Miss Haynes and I are very proud of the way they have settled back into learning.

We recently had our first face-to-face Parents Evening, and we were overwhelmed with the great turn out and all the positive feedback. We are now looking forward to our Personal Development Day at New Brighton Beach on Thursday 14th March; fingers crossed the sun shines for us.

– Mrs Milne (HOY of Y7)

Year 8

As we approach the Easter Holiday, it is exciting to watch year 8 motivate themselves to finish on a high. I have enjoyed watching the year group grow both in and outside the classroom. The involvement in extra-curricular activities is also amazing to see. It is great to see so many students participating after 3pm and shows a true connection with the school. The students will be able to test themselves in a new range of ways on PD Day, using organizational and team-building skills that will be transferable to the Duke of Edinburgh Award; not to mention adult life.

– Miss Harris (HOY of Y8)

Year 9

Year 9 had a day of the HumanUtopia workshop last week where they were challenged to break out of their 'comfort zones' and The Ten Step Stoke City intervention started last Thursday which our students engaged really well with.

Three of our year 9 girls took part in some U16's football which means the girls now qualify for the Stoke-on Trent City final! Year 9 will be visiting Manchester Science and Industry Museum for PD day and we have their options evening to look forward to next week!

– Mr Richardson (HOY of Y9)

Year 10

On the 7th March we took all the Year 10 students to a "Future Me" Fair to further help towards their career choices and what they need to get where they want to go.

Some of the Y10 Drama students had the opportunity to go to London to take part in an acting workshop and to watch the musical "Wicked".

A massive well done to OHA U16 girls football team which a large chunk of the team is made up of Year 10 girls. They have won all 3 matches so far!

– Mrs Richardson (HOY of Year 10)

Year 11

Well done to everyone who has completed their final round of mocks. P6 sessions will commence on 11th March and all students should make every effort to attend.

Easter revision sessions will also be available so please check communication messages which were sent earlier this week.

Leavers hoodies are also now available to purchase! Details have been sent via Edulink.

– Miss Sheldon (HOY of Year 11)

What are we learning in.. PE?

Y7: Fitness/Gymnastics

Y8: Football/Handball/Badminton/Fitness

Y9: Rugby/Football/Fitness/Basketball

Y10: Rugby/Fitness/Football/Basketball

Y11: Intervention/Football/Fitness



Duke of Edinburgh Award

In October 2023, 42 of our Year 9 pupils took their first steps in starting their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Since then, the pupils have completed various activities to meet the requirements for their award, such as learning to cook at home, taking part in after school sports clubs and even volunteering their own time to do some litter picking around the academy and our local area.

The pupils have been working extremely hard and since returning from the half term break, they have now began training for their expedition which takes place in June.

The expedition is a two day, one night camping retreat where the pupils will be completely self-sufficient and must set up their own camp, cook their own food and complete a long distance walk on each day. Below is an image of some of our pupils at their first expedition training session learning about the 'Countryside Code'. In the next few weeks we will be working on setting up camping equipment and using maps.



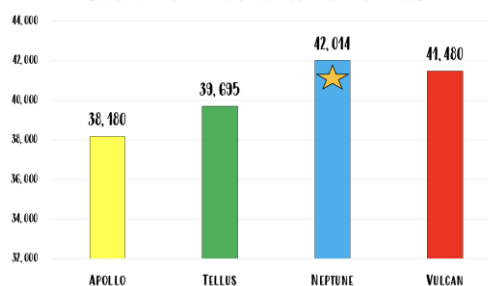
House Update

Upcoming House Quiz: Science and Easter

During the past two weeks we ran our Interhouse Table Tennis for Years 7-10. Neptune remain top of the pile after taking over from Vulcan two weeks ago, however the red house always brings in consistently high amounts of house points so the race is definitely not over yet! Despite the points gap it was a great week for Apollo and Tellus as they combined to win all of the Interhouse Table Tennis events and Tellus won the Interhouse Quiz on Wednesday which was their first quiz win of the academic year!

Next up we have our Interhouse Girls' Cross Country events which is then followed by our Interhouse Easter Egg Hunt!

HOUSE POINTS – TOTAL STANDINGS – AS OF 4TH MARCH



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Y11 netball compete in their final city meet of their academy career!



OHA GALLERY

Y7 Partnership Games



OATs Got Talent Regional Final
3rd place winners!



Y7 9-0 Football Win!



Wicked - The Musical, at the Westend!



U16 Girls Football reach City Finals