

THE "OHA" 'ER"

Vol 7: Friday 19th April

Principal's Update

A warm welcome back to all our families after the Easter holidays.

Big congratulations to our Football and Netball teams who flew the flag for OHA in Holland over the holidays. I am extremely proud of all 72 students and seven staff for their efforts and commitment. Representing our school is a really big deal and doing it on the international stage is even bigger. A massive well done to everyone involved.

As we start the summer term, it has been great that the vast majority of students have engaged back into their learning immediately. There has been a real positive feel in lessons, across all subjects, and students are focussed and eager to learn.

A reminder to all families that school begins at 8.30am each morning and that students are expected to be at their line-up point for this time. ~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Wednesday 24th April:

Year 8 Digital Futures Day - in academy (selected students only)

Year 8 Parents Evening (3pm-6.30pm) via telephone

Monday 29th April:

Year 8 Vaccinations

Monday 6th May:

Bank Holiday; Academy closed.

Monday 13th May:

Year 11 GCSEs begin.

Friday 24th May

Academy Trainer Day

Academy closes for half term at 3.10pm

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May:

Half Term

Monday 3rd June:

Academy reopens for all students.

Need to know:



Uniform: please ensure all students have academy ties, which can be purchased on Parent Pay.

Year 11 Prom Tickets; these are still available on Parent Pay to purchase. Please do this ASAP to secure your seat!

Safeguarding Update: We have a new designated safeguarding lead for this term - Mrs S Sheldon. If you have any concerns, please contact her via email.

Assembly Overview



WB 22nd April

Y7 - Y11

Managing Stress Awareness Month (RSLs)

WB 29th April

Y7 - Y10

Fundraising (A.Moran - ex student)

PSHE Overview

Year 7: Community Cohesion & Smoking

Year 8: Gangs & Coercive Control

Year 9: Mental Health & Gender Careers

Year 10 - Mental Health & Democracy

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KS3

- I hope you have all had a good Easter break as we look to continue the positive year, we have had so far into term 3.
- Year 7 are showing that they are fully settled into academy life now and enjoying taking part in the extra-curricular and the house competitions including baking, a range of sports and chess.
- There are additional sessions this term with Year 7 being involved in the Navy Engagement days on the 21st and 23rd of May, which will develop their skills in STEM and Team Building. Some of year 8 will also be involved in the Digital Futures Skills Day this week, so it will be great to see how they work together and present their ideas.
- We are looking forward to year 8 parents' evening on the 24th April with appointments being over the phone with teachers. If you have not booked your appointment times yet, please do so on the Edulink app.

~ Miss Collis - Director of Behaviour & Standards KS3

Year 9

- Year 9 have had a great start back after the Easter break, there is a real buzz around their options choices, and they can't wait to find out soon. A huge shout out for the Year 9 students who have graduated the Industrial Cadets course and all Year 9 students who attended the Holland Trip during the Easter break.

- Miss Wilkes - Director of Behaviour & Standards Y9

KS4

- There are a lot of exciting events ahead for years 10 and 11 as we begin our run up to the summer exams. We wish all year 11 students well as they begin their GCSE's. Art students begin their examination next week on Monday 22nd April, with textiles and MFL speaking exams commencing the following week. Also, a massive well done to all the year 11 students who attended the Easter Holiday booster sessions. All sessions were extremely well attended.

- Year 10 have been fortunate enough to have representatives from Positively You attend the academy to deliver a session on exam preparation and dealing with the stresses that can arise during this period. This is in preparation for their mock exams that will commence after the May half term. Also, another reminder for all year 10's to continue searching for work experience places, ready for their placement week in July.

- Mr Parkinson - Director of Behaviour & Standards KS4

What are we learning in.. History?

- Y7: Life in the Middle Ages
- Y8: Enslavement & Resistance
- Y9: WW2/The Holocaust
- Y10: Rise of the Nazis
- Y11: Norman England, 1066-1088



Careers - Guest Speakers and Alumni Students

We welcomed talented National Nail Artist and YouTuber, Kirsty Meakin, who captivated our Year 7 and Year 8 students with her career journey, they were amazed and impressed by her massive 258K social media following.

OHA also invited two alumni, Abigail and Corey, who shared their remarkable journeys during morning assemblies. Abigail, who left OHA five years ago talked to our Year 9 and Year 10 students about her career journey, in 2019 she went on to study Public Services at Newcastle College, she is now in her final months of completing her BSc Hons Policing and Criminal Investigation Degree at Staffordshire University. We wish Abigail the very best of luck with her final dissertation.

We were also joined by Corey who left OHA only last summer. Since leaving OHA with limited qualifications, he embraced an opportunity at MPCT Military Academy, his speech resonated with students considering military careers, leaving us all energized for the future.

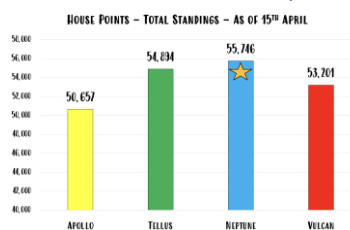
Their stories left a lasting impact on our students, highlighting diverse paths to success.



House Update

Upcoming House Quiz: Name the celebrity/Name the dish.

The first week back after the Easter break saw our pupils complete the sign-up process for the third and final term of OHA house events. This term's events are a combination of events that pupils have been asking for, and what the most popular events were from earlier in the academic year. On Monday we ran an after school Interhouse FIFA 24 Tournament; this was followed by our Year 9 and Year 7 Basketball Tournaments on Tuesday morning and Friday morning. Next Week, Year 8 and Year 10 get the chance to showcase their basketball skills and win points for their houses!



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OHA Inflatables Day



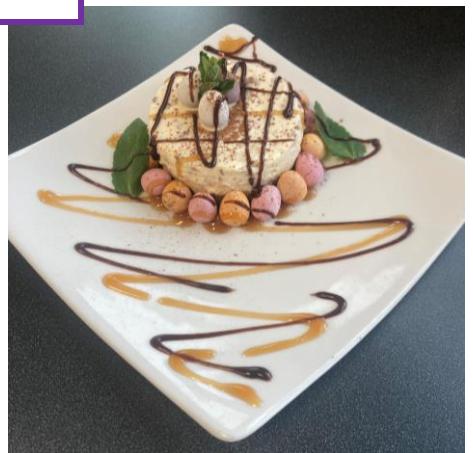
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Football vs Homophobia



Year 11 Food Technology Work



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