

# THE "OHA" 'ER"

Vol 8: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

## Principal's Update

Last week, alongside Miss Wilkes, Mrs Marsh, Mrs Ackley and Mrs Dooley, I was lucky enough to attend the presentation of the King's Award to Ruff & Ruby. They are an amazing charity who do significant work with young people and families across Stoke-On - Trent. I was thrilled that our students were heavily involved in the showpiece, and we will continue to work with Dawn and the rest of her team in the future. If you do not know much about the charity, please follow this link (<https://www.ruffandruby.com/>)

I contacted several parents / carers last week regarding morning punctuality to school. We have a small group of students in each year group who are persistently late to the academy due to waiting for friends or going to the shop. Please have a conversation with your son/daughter regarding the importance of punctuality and how lateness can be viewed by employers in the wider world. As always, if we can support in any way, please just let us know and we will work with you and your family on a one-to-one basis. ~ Mr Fitzgibbon

## Key Dates



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:**

Bank Holiday: Academy closed.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:**

Mental Health Awareness Day - **Wear Something Green**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Year 10 Parent/Student Revision Workshops (5pm - 6pm)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Academy Trainer Day **YEAR 7 - YEAR 10 ONLY** (minimum £1 donation)

Academy closes for half term at 3.10pm

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May:**

Half Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:**

Academy reopens for all students.

## Need to know:



Year 11 Prom Tickets

These are still available on Parent Pay to purchase. Please do this ASAP to secure your seat!

Wear Something Green (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May)

Students are invited to support Mental Health Awareness Day and wear a green accessory to show their support; hair bobble, clip, wrist band, socks (this should not impact their normal academy uniform)

School Nurse Drop Ins

Confidential advice for students for range of health concerns, including but not limited to; sleep patterns, diet and nutrition, weight, anxiety, relationship worries, sexual health and C Card distribution.

Available from 12pm - 1pm on the below dates:

7<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July & 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## Assembly Overview



WB 6<sup>th</sup> May

Y7 - Y11

Mental Health Awareness (LLW)

WB 13<sup>th</sup> May

Y7 - Y10

Rewards (VXM)

## PSHE Overview

Year 7: Assessment & Smoking

Year 8: County Lines & Coercive Control

Year 9: Careers & Employability

Year 10 - Democracy & The Legal System

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## Year 7

Year 7 have continued to build on their positive start to the half term. The continued high number of weekly house points; consistent attendance to extracurricular clubs and participation in academy house events have shown they are now well and truly committed to their lives as OHA-ers! Congratulations to our Y7 Boys' Football Team who were victorious in their North City Final last Friday beating Excel Academy 4-3!

~ Mr Rose (Acting RSL for Y7)

## Year 8

In subject areas, the students have been assessed and intriguing new topics have started. Also, this half term we have had 'Digital Futures' delivering a project to design a campaign positioning Stoke on Trent as the 'Silicon Valley of the UK'. The day was extremely creative and inspired those involved to learn about pathways and local opportunities in the digital and creative sector.

We are proud to have students involved in BMX, martial arts and other wonderful sports and activities outside of school - we at OHA are behind you all the way!

~ Mr Woodcock (RSL for Y8)

## Year 9

I would like to thank students for being so organised with their options choices. We are well on the way to ensuring all students get the options they would like to study in years 10 and 11. This is a key term for y9 students. Our focus in PSHE this term has seen us looking at some key mental health topics. Students are now able to recognise signs of stress and anxiety. They have also been given strategies to manage these, so it does not affect their schooling.

~ Mr Maher (RSL for Y9)

## Year 10

Year 10 have continued in their preparation for their upcoming mock exams via the delivery of a series of 'How to revise' sessions during the bulletin each Monday. So far, we have covered the DTTR approach (Diagnostic, Therapy, Testing, Revisit), The Leitner System, The Chunking Technique and Flashcards. The grades Year 10 achieve in their upcoming mocks will be what they use for their college applications in Year 11. To this end, all students have created a revision timetable during PT which they should now be following in order to ensure that they are fully prepared for their exams ~ Mr Williamson (RSL for Y10)

## Year 11

Year 11 have spent the last few weeks working hard in lesson, soaking up as much learning as possible in preparation for their GCSE exams that begin next week.

Miss Sheldon and I want to wish all students the best of luck in their exams and hope they enjoy the short time they have left with us!

- Miss Smith (RSL for Y11)

## What are we learning in.. Art?

- Y7: 'African Art', Masks and pattern
- Y8: 'Pop Art', colour shape and form
- Y9: 'Collections', applying formal skills.
- Y10: 'Natural Forms' foundation project
- Y11: 'My World' personal project



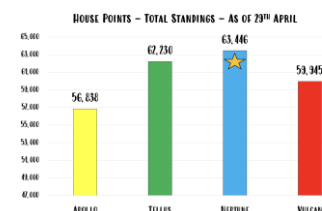
## DofE

Since returning to the academy after the February half term our Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) pupils have been working extremely hard towards their training for their expeditor which takes place of June 8th. The pupils can now see the finish line in terms of their training, as they gear up for some practice walks over the next few weeks enabling them to learn valuable navigation skills ready for their independent expedition walks. The final few sessions will focus on Basic First Aid, Emergency Procedures and another session of Pitching & Striking tents!



## House Update

Our house events are now well and truly underway in our final term of this academic year. The past couple of weeks saw us complete the rest of our Interhouse Basketball Tournaments with some great performances on show. The interest shown in this event has led to the creation of some new OHA Basketball teams which is great news for Team PE! Moving on to this week where we ran our 2nd Interhouse Spelling Bee with Years 7, 8, 9 & 10. Some very tough words that even had Mr Rose baffled and confused, but they proved no problem for some of our brightest and best OHA-ers who all performed brilliantly. Table Tennis is next on the agenda for our pupils as they look to showcase their sporting skills once again in the battle for house points. Speaking of house points, Neptune still lead the way with Tellus chasing closely behind, Vulcan and Apollo have it all to do but time is still on their side to make a comeback!



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Ruff & Ruby King Awards



Y10 Positively You Exam Stress Workshop



Community Litter Pick



Y9 Football Win against Birches 2-1



Girls Football Fixtures Continue



Digital Futures Day Winners





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