

# THE "OHA" 'ER"

Vol 9: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

## Principal's Update

Well done to our Y11 students for a very positive start to their examinations. Students have been focussed and resilient and are showing all the right qualities that we want to see from an OHA-er.

As the good weather has arrived, please remind your son/daughter to come to school with their own water bottle. They will get the opportunity to fill their bottles up over lunch to be fully prepared for afternoon lessons. Students are not permitted to leave lessons to fill their bottles up.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have spoken with their child regarding punctuality to the academy in the morning. This has had a positive impact on the vast majority, we will continue to communicate with you through our usual channels if it continues ~ Mr Fitzgibbon

## Key Dates



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

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

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

Academy Trainer Day (£1 minimum 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.

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Year 10 mock exams

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Year 10 Taster Day at NSCG

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Open Morning

## Need to know:



### OHA Toiletry Bank

If any families need support, confidentially, with toiletry/hygiene products, please contact Miss L Wilkes for further details on items we have stored in the academy from toothbrushes to showergel/soaps.

### OHA Trainer Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Students are welcome to wear any suitable footwear on this day for a £1 donation to Marie Curie. Footwear can be trainers, crocs, converse/vans etc, but should not be inappropriate to wear outdoors e.g. slippers.

### Prom - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (Crewe Hall)

Arrival time - 6.30pm

End time - 11.30pm

## Assembly Overview



WB 20<sup>th</sup> May

Y7 - Y10

Sports Day Launch (MSH)

Celebration House Assemblies (AMR)

WB 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Y7 - Y10

Welcome Back (RSLs)

## PSHE Overview

Year 7: Alcohol & British Values

Year 8: Community Cohesion & Parenting

Year 9: Cultural Diversity & Labour

Year 10 - Government Spending & The Press

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## Year 7

Another positive couple of weeks for our Year 7 cohort. I am particularly proud of their maturity during an assembly on 'Community Cohesion' where they were able to learn about the different aspects and roles within communities from a guest speaker.

A big well done to our Y7 Boys' Football Team who represented the academy brilliantly in the Stoke-on-Trent City Final last Friday; a sign of things to come as I predict that this final will not be their last in OHA colours!

~ Mrs Milne (HOY for Y7)

## Year 8

With a week to go until half term, we as a pastoral team are really pleased to see that standards are high for our Year 8 students both in and out of the classroom. This was especially evident during the hot spell last week where temperatures rose to record levels for the time of year. Year 8 were amazing as usual! It is important that this continues leading up to half term and to the summer holiday and I hope to see lots of Y8 wearing their trainers, supporting the charity next week on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> too!

~ Miss Harris (HOY for Y8)

## Year 9

Year 9 have been working hard at improving their punctuality over the last two weeks. This has been a real focus for the whole academy & Y9 are enjoying the competitive element of it. We are also working hard at reducing our lesson removals & engaging more positively with learning in preparation for moving into Options next year. Keep it up! Only 8 school weeks to go!

- Mr Richardson (HOY for Y9)

## Year 10

I've been really proud of how the Year 10's are preparing themselves for their mocks next month. Students should be accessing Tassomai to further help. Students are able to use the Library at lunch time if they want to continue to revise everyday apart from Wednesday. This is a really important time for the Year 10's and need them to remain focused and get to all lessons, so they have no gaps in their knowledge.

~ Mrs Richardson (HOY for Y10)

## Year 11

Year 11 have made a great start to their GCSE exams and have fully engaged with the early morning booster sessions. As the exams continue, I would just like to remind everyone that it is lessons as normal along with booster sessions. Please make the most of this time and revise.

I am so proud to be their Head of Year!

- Miss Sheldon (HOY for Y11)

## What are we learning in.. DT?

Y7: Creating lamps.

Y8: Structures & Building Bridges

Y9: Creating Pewter Cast Pendants

Y10: Creating mirrors.



## Marie Curie Support



The academy is supporting the Marie Curie Foundation by hosting an "alternative footwear day" on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, where students will donate a minimum of £1 to wear trainers.

This is also support for an ex-student and previous Head Boy, Ashley Moran, who will be climbing Mount Toubkal, which is the highest peak in North Africa, and even has an iconic triangular summit post!

Ashley has decided to take on this challenge for the UK's leading end of life charity. Marie Curie. Which supports people affected by any terminal illness, such as dementia (including Alzheimer's), motor neurone disease, Parkinson's, heart diseases and advanced cancer.

If you would like to donate via JustGiving, rather than bringing any cash in on the day, please see the link below:

[Just Giving - Ashley Moran](#)

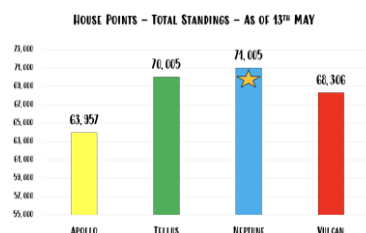


## House Update

Another two weeks have passed, but it is still Neptune out in front in the race for the OHA House Cup!

Tellus and Vulcan have managed to close the gap since our last newsletter, but Neptune still lead the pack, with Apollo needing some big performances in the next few weeks to change the story. The past couple of weeks have seen Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 compete in their year group specific Interhouse Table Tennis Tournaments with some brilliant skills on display. Mr Maher even made a surprise appearance to show the pupils what years of hard work and practice looks like!

The final week sees the return of our STEM events as we search for the best Mathematician at OHA!



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# OHA GALLERY

Primary Transition Events



U16 Girls Football League Win

Y7 football semi-finals win.



Mental Health Week



Sporting Star of the Week

**Mind** North Staffs

**TIME TO TALK**  
PARENT/CAREGIVER DROP-IN

Offering advice, guidance, resources, interventions and signposting to parents and caregivers.

Parenting isn't always easy. Although it's rewarding to watch the children in our care grow up, and learn to be independent, it is often very hard work and demanding, emotionally, financially, and physically.

3rd May - 7th June  
Every Friday  
10am - 12pm  
North Staffs Mind  
83 Marsh Street  
Hanley  
Stoke-on-Trent  
ST1 5HN

No need to book ahead, just drop on in

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STEM Competition Winners



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