



# THE "OHA" 'ER"



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## Principal's Update

- A warm welcome back to all our families after the half - term break. I can't believe we are now in the final seven weeks of the academic year; time has really flown. We have an exciting half term ahead, with a lot of great opportunities for students, including a week's work experience for Year 10 students and Transition Week for our upcoming Year 6 students.
- Mr Meakin and I have lead assemblies with every year group this week on our expectations and standards going into the final half term. Our four areas of focus have been: lesson removals, punctuality (to school and to lessons), truancy and expectations during detentions. As explained to students in assembly, the vast majority get this right on a daily basis, however, it is important that we are all fully aware of our expectations and standards. Our academy values of: Resilience, Respect and Responsibility remain at the heart of everything we do.
- The very best of luck to Year 10 who start on their mock examinations next week. They have been working really hard over the last month to ensure they are fully prepared for what will be a tough two weeks.
- Finally, the very best of luck to our Duke of Edinburgh students who head out on their bronze expedition this weekend. A big thank you to Mr Rose and Miss Robb and all the staff who are giving up their time to support and fingers crossed for some decent weather.
- ~ Mr Fitzgibbon

## Key Dates



**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 Morning at NSCG

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

Y5 Open Morning

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 10 Work Experience Week

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Horizon Sports Day at Northwood Stadium (Y7 - Y9)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Y8 STEM Day (full cohort) in academy.

## Need to know:



**Sports Day:** Please ensure students attend in their full academy PE Kit; with appropriate items for the weather (sun cream, water, coats)

**Sports Day Consent** - Please ensure you have completed the consent form for departure from Northwood via your Edulink emails.

**Year 10 Head Boy/Girls Applications** - This has been launched this morning with current Y10 students. Please have conversations with your child about this and support their applications. The deadline is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.



## Assembly Overview



- WB 10<sup>th</sup> June**
  - Y7 - Y10 (Horizon Day Launch) - LLW
- WB 17<sup>th</sup> June**
  - Y7 - Y10 (Rob Burrows Story) - AWF/DXM
  - Y7 - Y10 (Student Voice Elections 24-25) LLW
  - Y10 - (Work Experience Launch) - LTS
  - Y8 (Community Cohesion) - Iftikhar Ahmed

## PSHE Overview

- Year 7: Self Identity & Immigration
- Year 8: Antibiotic Usage & Community Cohesion
- Year 9: Cultural Diversity & Charity
- Year 10 - Government Spending & Freedom of Speech



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## Key Stage 3

It was fabulous to see all the year 7 and year 8 pupils who have had the chance to play football with the Stoke City players last half term! Also, congratulations to the Digital Futures finalists who will be going to Staffordshire University to pitch their idea in competition with other schools on the 20<sup>th</sup> June, good luck. Mrs Ackley has also taken our year 8's to take part in a community litter picking event at Whitfield Valley as part of a community project where they worked extremely hard working together as a team.

It is always great to see year 7 and year 8 achieve their house points. As we approach the end of the year and totals begin to be accumulated, there will be a real push to see which house wins this year including a focus on attendance and we all cannot wait for Sports Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. ~ Miss Collis (Director of KS3)

## Year 9

It's an exciting final half term of Key Stage 3 for our Year 9 students, as we approach their options confirmation and get ready for learning in Year 10.

We have lots to look forward too in the next 7 weeks; their first and final Sports Day is coming up in July and our DofE students are embarking on their first expedition this weekend! Good luck to everyone involved.

~ Miss Wilkes (Director of Y9)

## Year 10

We would like to welcome all the students back to the academy after a well-earned week's rest. I'm sure that many year 10 students spent some time during the break preparing for their upcoming round of GCSE mock exams which begin next Wednesday 12th June. This is a busy period for all of the year 10 students as they also embark on their work experience during the first week of July.

~ Mr Parkinson (Director of KS4)

## Year 11

A massive welcome back to year 11 students as they continue to attend the academy for their GCSE exams and their booster sessions. It was incredible to see so many happy smiling faces during their leavers day assembly and shirt signing morning. We wish the students well in their remaining examinations and more importantly wish them all the very best for the future, whichever direction they choose to take. What a fantastic year group you have been.

You've been a credit to the academy and will all be very sorely missed. ~Mr Parkinson (Director of KS4)

## What are we learning in.. Computing?

Y7: Python Turtle Computing

Y8: Networks

Y9: Computer Scientists

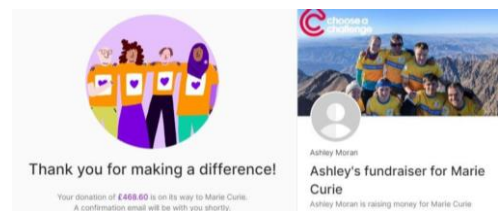


## Marie Curie Fundraising

Well done to all who took part in OHA Trainer Day today to help former student Ashley Moran's fundraising efforts for Marie Curie!

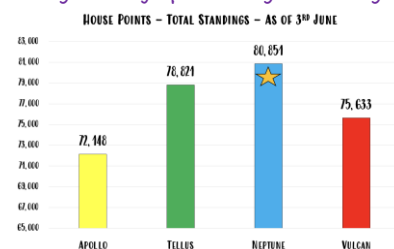
We are thrilled to announce that the academy managed to raise over **£468**. Ashley will be summiting the highest peak in North Africa, Mount Toubkal, to raise funds for Marie Curie, the UK's leading end-of-life charity. Marie Curie supports people affected by any terminal illness, such as dementia (including Alzheimer's), motor neuron disease, Parkinson's, heart diseases, and advanced cancer.

Mr. Fitzgibbon commented: "We are very proud of Ashley's achievements, and we are delighted to be able to support this fantastic cause. During his time at Ormiston Horizon Academy, Ashley was always at the centre of our school community and was involved in several social action projects. I am not surprised this passion and enthusiasm have carried on into his next chapter. We are thrilled that so many students and staff have supported the initiative, and we know the money is going to a very good place."



## House Update

The final half term of house events is here, and what an unbelievable two and a half terms it has been so far! Each and every pupil have played their part in helping to relaunch our house system. Whether it be through great behaviour during lessons; earning house points for additional displays of our values; competing in house events; or even taking part in our Wednesday House Quiz, every pupil has played their part! We still have 6 weeks left, and those weeks will be filled with the events that have been ever popular with sign-ups throughout academic year. This week and next, our Interhouse Football returns for the boys, this is followed by Mixed Dodgeball, OHA Bake Off, Interhouse STEM Event, Chess Tournament, and finally our Interhouse Football returns for our girls to round off the 2023-24 calendar. Below you can see our current House Standings and with OHA Sports Day coming up it is very much anyone's race to win!



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Sherratt Brothers Medals



Port Vale Finals Trip



Y7 Super 8 Athletics



Y11 Leavers Assembly



Mrs Johnson Snowdon Climb Success!



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