

# THE "OHA" 'ER"

Vol 2: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

## Principals Update

As we come to the close of Week 5 of the academic year, I want to start by congratulating all the pupils who have not missed a day of learning since returning after the holidays. Attendance to school on a daily basis is so important to a students' progress and just one day off over a half term can result in them missing out on crucial knowledge that they will need in an upcoming assessment.

Well done to all the families who have engaged effectively in their Tassomai homework tasks. It is really important that their daily and weekly goals are hot. Thank you to all the parents/carers for your support with this. Please continue to check in on your son/daughter's progress on a weekly basis.

Finally, as you will know, we are extremely proud of our Enrichment Programme at OHA. I have really enjoyed getting around to the different clubs and seeing the huge number of students engaged in a range of different activities. If your son/daughter has not yet been apart of these, please take a look at our extensive timetable and point them in the right direction.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

### Key Dates



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October/Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October:**

Y11 Health and Social Intervention

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:**

Academy closes for October Half Term

Paris Trip (25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Academy reopens to all students

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November:

Mental Health Workshops for Y9-Y11.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November:

Y7 PT Parents Evening via telephone

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Y11 Health and Social Intervention

### A Day in the life... of a Year 11

The start of my year 11 journey has been very different to year 10, although there is more pressure to do well, there are positives as well; teachers are more supportive, the curriculum is extended during period 6s for extra study time, the excitement buzz around prom and leavers day & most of all the idea of being an adult in 10 months' time!

One of my favourite subjects is dance and we're currently working on analyzing a dance piece called "Within her eyes" which is a contemporary dance piece based on love and loss.

~ Stephanie Nhuta (11A1)



### Assembly Overview



WB 7<sup>th</sup> October

Y7-10 - Careers (LTS)

Y11 - Walking Talking Mocks (LTS)

WB 14<sup>th</sup> October

Y7-10 - Behaviour Curriculum (RSD)

### PSHE Overview

Year 7 - Menstruation & Physical Puberty

Year 8 - Influences & Gangs

Year 9 - Body Image & Media Influences

Year 10 - Developing resilience & optimizing health

Year 11 - Loans & mortgages



## Year 7

Year 7 have had an extremely positive start to their first academic year at OHA.

Our homework platform Tassomai has been launched to students in recent weeks and I would like to encourage parents and carers to prompt and remind students to complete their daily goals. I would also like to urge parents to download the Edulink app, to keep up to date with important notices and monitor your child's behaviour and achievements. Any questions about Tassomai or Edulink please feel free to get in touch.

~ Miss Smith - RSL Y7

## Year 8

I am very proud of Year 8 and the start they have made to the academic year. They have grown up so much over the summer break and the high levels of maturity, hard work and enthusiasm they are showing is amazing to see. They have set the bar high for themselves and I am looking forward to seeing them achieve great things over the course of the year. Well done Year 8, keep it up!

~ Mr Rose - RSL Y8

## Year 9

Year 9 have started the new academic year in a promising fashion. It is great to see that lots of the year group are taking advantage of the wide range of enrichment opportunities within the academy. My personal aim this year is to ensure that we continue to make great strides towards fulfilling the clear potential in this group.

I still cannot believe that my 'little year sevens' now tower over me and have one eye on their GCSEs.

In our weekly bulletin I use the motto: 'your future starts now' so far the year group have taken this on board and I cannot wait to see how far they can go! ~ Mr Woodcock - RSL Y9

## Year 10

Year 10 have made a tremendous start to their KS4 journey. Students have been working closely on developing their revision skills to already start preparing revision resources for their GCSEs. We want to ensure they have as many different techniques as possible to enable effective revision. The year group have also been tackling some deep pastoral work on Grief and Relationships. The students have been supportive of one another while completing work on these delicate topics.

One key area I am addressing is late to lessons. Some of our students are getting numerous lates which is reducing their learning while also disturbing the start of the lesson for other students.

~ Mr Maher - RSL Y10

## Year 11

Year 11 students have continued their excellent start to their final year at OHA with continued strong attendance to P6 lessons. A reminder that a minimum of 80% attendance to P6 lessons is required in order to attend both Prom and Leavers Day.

In terms of their next steps, Year 11 have recently received several assemblies from Post 16 education providers outlining what they can offer students, and Year 11 should now be seriously considering what they plan to do be once they leave OHA.

~ Mr Williamson - Y11

## What are we learning in.. Science?

Y7: Particle Model of Matter

Y8: Breathing System

Y9: Breathing System

Y10: Atomic Structure

Y11: Rates of Reactions



## School Nurse Drop Ins

The school nurse runs a drop in every week B during lunch time in the green meeting room from 12- 1pm. This is across both lunches for Y7-Y11.

This service is for any student who requires advice with healthy eating, relationships, emotional health, bullying, self-harm, smoking, vaping, drugs and alcohol.



## House Update

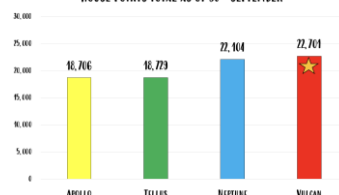
With the first round of events in the books it's Vulcan who sit top of the pile in the race for the 2025 OHA House Cup!

Over 80,000 House points have been awarded already this academic year; this just goes to show how amazing our OHA'ers are!

A huge shoutout to all of the girls from Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 who took part in their year groups Interhouse Girls' Netball. Numbers were great for all four of the events and there was some great netball on show too!

The next round of House events see's the return of the OHA Spelling Bee; the Year 9 & 10 event will take place on Tuesday (8th October) with the Year 7 and 8 event taking place on Friday (11th October).

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL AS OF 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER



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# OHA GALLERY

Y7 Football Debut, 4-3 win!



Y10 Footballers win the County Finals



Y8 Footballers in a 6-0 debut!



College Links for Mechanics



U14 Netball Team



SPOTW



U14/U16 Girls Football Debuts



Cross Country starts the term!



Y11 Boys Football Debut



## ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

### WHAT IS IT?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Odd Socks Day is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November** this year to avoid clashing with Armistice Day.



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