

# THE "OHA" 'ER"

Vol 10: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

## Principal's Update

I really can't believe that we have completed a six week half term, it only feels like yesterday that we were returning from the Christmas holidays.

Please look out for my video this week on our new mobile phone policy. Students have responded really well to this and are now in a fantastic routine and are really seeing the benefits of not having their phone on them throughout the day. As staff, we are seeing some key positives across the school:

1. Increased focus in lessons
2. Reduction in the number of students wanting to leave the classroom to use the toilet
3. Increase communication between students, particularly at lunchtime

Teaching staff are currently working on a 'Write - Pair - Share' model in lessons to ensure students have the opportunity to think hard and write their thoughts to specific questions during lessons. Ms Whiston has been leading CPD on driving thought to ensure staff move away from superficial knowledge to ensure all students are expected to think hard to fully understand the content they are being taught.

Our students have responded really well to our 'Purple Ticket' initiative which allows to recognise the students who are getting it right across the academy on a daily basis. I know the students have really enjoyed receiving their lunchtime queue jumpers, particularly on a Friday!

Our attendance has been impacted quite a bit over the last two weeks. There seems to have been lots of bugs and sickness going around. Please take half term to rest up and recover fully and we expect all students to return fit and healthy after the break.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

## Key Dates



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Academy closes for half term (1 week)

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

OAT INSET Day - Academy closed to students

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Academy reopens to all student (8.30am line up)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Y10/Y11 London Trip (Wicked)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Y10 Alison Cope Workshop (Period 1)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Tea & Talk Workshops with MHST (Invite Only)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Y11 Maths Booster Day

## Careers



14 of our Y11 students visited Reaseheath College and embarked on a tour of it's extensive facilities.

Reaseheath offers courses from Apprenticeships and T-levels in food and hospitality, construction, Florestry, Engineering, Agriculture, Animal Management, Sport and Equine, just to name a few. We were lucky enough to meet lots of their animals in their own zoo.

If you would like more information on the courses available at Reaseheath College speak to Mrs Naylor or Mr Millington in Careers.



## Assembly Overview



**WB 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Y7-Y10: World Book Day (HLR)

**WB 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Y8, Y9 & Y10: Careers Assembly (KNN)

## PSHE/WS Overview



Year 7 - Physical Activity & Equal Rights

Year 8 - Peer Pressure & Health Conditions

Year 9 - STIs & Democracy

Year 10 PSHE - Asylum Seekers & FGM/HBA

Year 10 WS - What makes us human /Why does human life have value

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## Year 7

Seeing Year 7 take part in so many extra-curricular activities has been a joy to see this half-term. I have had the opportunity to see a very busy hair and beauty club as well as our first CAD club running this term. Pupils in CAD club are having the opportunity to learn how to use software to create 3D models.

Well done to all the purple ticket winners, we have had so many in year 7. This is all down to their excellent attendance, Tassomai completion and the amount of house points they have received from staff.

~ Miss Collis

## Year 8

As well as partaking in extra-curricular activities this term, the year 8 girls netball team finished second in the city on Tuesday this week. This is such an achievement against some tough competition. The Year 8 girls football team (along with some Year 7 girls) also won their football match against Birches Head academy with an amazing 11-1 win!. Pupils have also had the opportunity to visit the Etihad stadium at Manchester City to learn about different career paths within sport.

It has also been phenomenal to see so many purple ticket winners in year 8 as they are awarded with a film afternoon this week. Keep up the great work year 8!

~ Miss Collis

## Year 9

Year 9 have an important after term approaching, as we have options evening on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. Students completed their tester option blocks a couple of weeks ago & need to be ready to choose their options before the Easter break. It's an exciting yet scary time for our Year 9s, as they start making moves into KS4 and making decisions which affect their future, but we will support them every step of the way. I look forward to seeing you all on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

~ Miss Wilkes

## Year 10

It has been great to get into year 10 lessons over the last couple of weeks and see some of the wonderful learning taking place. In maths they have been looking at angle facts and symmetry in quadrilaterals. We continue to encourage the students to begin arranging their work experience placements ready for the summer term. All materials to help open lines of communication with potential employers can be found on Unifrog.

~ Mr Parkinson

## Year 11

Year 11 are continuing to work hard as they build towards their GCSE exams. This has been evidenced by some very positive mock results. It was also fantastic to see so many of you attend the mock result and parents evening this week. There were some fantastic conversations and the smiles on students faces when opening their mock results was a great precursor to what we expect to see on results day in August!

~ Mr Parkinson

## What are we learning in.. English?

Y7 - 'Frankenstein' the play and studying Gothic Literature.

Y8 - Romeo and Juliet.

Y9 - Of Mice and Men.

Y10 - A Christmas Carol.

Y11 - We are preparing for their second set of mock exams, completing past papers from Language Paper 1 and 2 and we are recapping An Inspector Calls and the Power & Conflict poetry.

## We Will Explore – Year 7 Social Action

~ Mr Williamson

WeWillExplore is an OAT project designed to promote the importance of low intensity physical exercise, youth social action and environmental sustainability.

Year 7 students will be completing various activities throughout the year as they work towards earning their Murray Awards for completing a minimum of 20 hours of work as part of WeWillExplore. Students have now completed 6 hours of Outdoor Adventurous Activities in their PE lessons as part of their WeWillExplore programme.

I am also happy to confirm the appointment of the leadership team. There was a huge amount of interest in the roles amongst Year 7 students so well done on those students who have been chosen.

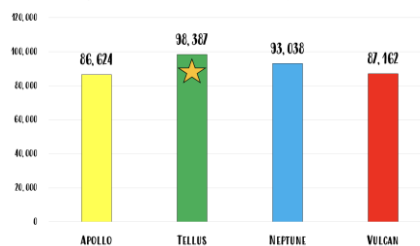
These students will now be helping to plan the next stages of WeWillExplore as we move our focus onto leadership training, fundraising activities and planning the activities that Year 7 will be completing on their residential trip to Wales.

For more information on the OAT Trust Social Action - [click here](#)

## House Update

As we reach the half way stage in our academic year I am delighted to share with you that we have officially surpassed the House Point total for the 2023-24 academic year, this amazing achievement just goes to show all of the wonderful things our pupils do each and every day inside and outside of the classroom. This half term has seen each year complete in their own Mixed Dodgeball Event alongside competing in Short Story Writing and STEM competitions. Overall, the table below shows us that Tellus remain the House to catch as they have a resounding lead over the others. We look forward to seeing what our next half of our calendar has to offer when we return after the half term break!

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL AS OF 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025



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KS4 Netball Success Continues



# OHA GALLERY

Year 10 Art Exhibition



Year 7 Netballers make their debut



The Big Apprenticeship Expo



Girls Football continues to thrive



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# ASPIRE TO BE MORE



Purple tickets are awarded weekly for:

- 100% attendance
- Every 20 house points awarded
- Completing tassomai/sparx weekly goals
- 0 behaviour points
- Y11 P6 attendance
- 1 ticket per subject on target, during assessment points (currently completed Y9/Y10)

## END OF WEEK 5 STANDINGS

( 6<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY)

YEAR 7		
W, Kirsten	7T1	23
S, Hannah	7T2	22

YEAR 8		
KNicole	8T2	23
D, Karol	8N1	23
M, Michelle	8T2	23
N, Aniela	8A1	22

YEAR 9		
I, Darcy	9V1	34
M, Zowie	9T1	34
N, Emilia	9V2	34
L, Lily	9N1	33
H, Penelope	9V1	33

YEAR 10		
C, Maddison	10A2	33
G, Libby	10T1	28
C, Freya	10N1	27
H, Lucas	10T1	27
R, Rowan	10A1	27
E, Steven	10T2	27
L, Gracie	10V2	27

YEAR 11		
K, Corey	11N1	26
F, Macey	11T2	24
G, Abbie	11V2	24
T, Cassie	11A2	24
V, Louie	11V2	24

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