

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principal's Update

On Monday 24th February, we took part in the now, annual, Ormiston Academies Trust Inset Day. We were thrilled to host our CEO - Tom Rees for the day. During the day, we focussed on some key priorities such as: Behaviour & Culture, Great Teaching, Strong Reading and Academic Outcomes. Ms Whiston led a number of interactive sessions with staff on a Write - Pair - Share activity that we want to implement into our classroom routines. Please take a bit of time to speak to your son / daughter about what this looks like in lessons and which subjects are implementing this successfully. The idea behind this is to work on how hard students have to think in lessons and move towards remembering deeper, more challenging knowledge on a regular basis.

Our Enrichment Programme continues to go from strength to strength as we build up to our second Personal Development Day of the academic year. Over the last two weeks we have seen some amazing netball performances, a range of excellent sport leadership opportunities and Mrs Rushton and Miss Jones lead a theatre trip to London for Y10 and Y10 students.

Well done to the targeted group of y11 students who attended their Saturday Booster session for English or Maths over the last two weeks. All their hard work will without doubt pay off in the summer when they collect their results.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Tuesday 18th March

Y11 Maths Booster Day at Staffordshire University

Wednesday 19th March

Year 9 Options Evening (5pm-7pm) In Academy

Thursday 20th March

Y11 English Booster Day at Staffordshire University

Friday 21st March

Y7-Y10 Rewards Trip (Ninja Warrior)

Monday 24th March

UTH Phone App Release - Assemblies for all students from Ruff & Ruby

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th March

Year 7 Residential at Conwy

Thursday 27th March

Personal Development Day 2

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 7 Parents Evening

Personal Development Day 2



Year 7 (non-residential students)

In academy - Disability Sports Day (PE Kit)

Year 8 - Delamere Forest

PE kit + spare shoes and a carrier bag

Year 9 - Science and Industry Museum, Manchester
Academy Uniform

Year 10 - Wrexham University
Academy Uniform

Year 11 - Intervention & Inflatables
Academy PE Kit

Y8-10 parents/carers - please complete your up-to-date information on EduLink Forms.

Assembly Overview



WB 10th March

Y7-Y10: Student Voice Sessions

WB 3rd March

Y8, Y9 & Y10: Being OHA'ers (RSLs)

PSHE/WS Overview



Year 7 - Stereotypes & Disabilities

Year 8 - CPR and First Aid

Year 9 - Running a country & The Cabinet

Year 10 PSHE - The legal system & Sentencing

Year 10 WS - Life & Contraception

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Year 7

I just wanted to take a moment to say a huge well done for settling back into the academy so well! It's amazing to see how much progress you've all made already, and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you.

Our upcoming residential in March is something I'm particularly looking forward too, building the foundation of a family of OHA'ers is something we're very excited about!

As we approach spring, remember to keep shining like the sun! Just like the flowers that will soon bloom, your potential is limitless!

~ Miss Betley

Year 8

As a year group they continue to show great maturity and engagement in their PSHE lessons; taking part in numerous discussions regarding the effects of drugs and alcohol.

It has also been amazing to see the continued commitment of our Year 8 students to their different extracurricular clubs and activities. None more so than our Year 8 Cadet students! Myself and Mr Rose have really enjoyed seeing the students taking part in a range of activities including working on their organisational and problem solving skills!

Overall, we hope that Year 8 can continue to build on the positive reputation they have in the academy and give 100% in an attempt to achieving beyond their Horizons! ~ Mrs Milne

Year 9

I am proud that the majority of year 9s have come back from half term refreshed and ready to learn! I've been getting a lot of questions about options, it is so nice to see so many students excited as they approach their important milestone of selecting their options for the next stage of their education.

I hope our options evening on the 19th of March will be able to answer all their questions and help guide them all to chose the right subjects for them. After the options evening if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

~ Miss Harris

Year 10

This week we had an assembly on Knife Crime delivered by Alison Cope. The students showed respect and listened intently as she delivered a very powerful and emotive assembly. If you have not already spoken to your child regarding this please speak with them and ask their thoughts.

Students are continuing to familiarise themselves with Unifrog and researching careers. However a big push on students securing placements is required. Please encourage and support your child in looking and applying for placements. Should they need any further guidance around this please speak with their PT, HOY, RSL or Mrs Naylor who are happy to support. ~ Miss Sheldon

Year 11

Year 11 are truly working hard to get the results they need to get into college/apprenticeship. I have been very grateful to be able to get to know the year 11's and helping them achieve and overcome their final hurdle. We are currently holding extra intervention sessions on the next three Saturdays which is 9am - 12am. We had a brilliant turn out for parents/result evening where we had students celebrating their results. For those who aren't quite where they want/need to be this is last push to get where they need to.

Keep up all the hard work Year 11.

~Miss Wood

What are we learning in.. MFL?



Y7 - Describing People

Y8 - Describing holidays

Y9 - Film/Television/Cinema

Y10 - Essays in GCSE about experiences

Y11 - GCSE Speaking preparation about lifestyle.

Careers Update

National Careers Week

To promote National Careers Week, we have been helping students explore future career pathways and the importance of key skills for employment.

Year 8 took part in an engaging assembly, reflecting on careers of the past, how jobs have evolved, and the skills they will need in the future.

Year 10 were inspired by former student Matthew Timmis, who shared his career journey since leaving OHA in 2015, highlighting the value of work experience ahead of their own placements in the summer term.

Year 9 will hear from a Stoke 6th Form College speaker about how studying languages can lead to diverse job opportunities in international business, tourism, and beyond. We continue to promote career awareness across all year groups, ensuring students consider their aspirations and future opportunities in an ever-changing job market. We welcome and encourage you to have conversations with your child about their future prospects.

Year 10 Work Experience

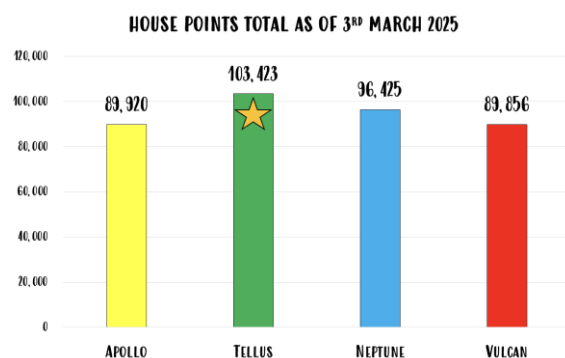
A reminder to all parents and carers of Year 10 students of the dates of Work Experience - **Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July, 2025**. Please support your child in securing a work placement, if you need any guidance or support please contact your child's Personal Tutor in the first instance and Mrs Naylor on knaylor@horizoncoat.co.uk.

Mrs Naylor will be available every Monday after school for Unifrog sessions to support students logging their placement. Please encourage your child to attend if they are unsure on how to log in.

House Update

The new half term means a whole new set of House Events for pupils to get involved in! Over the next 6 weeks we have Geography Skills Events, Spelling Bees, Easter Egg Hunts, Basketball Tournaments, Football Tournaments, Baking Events and multi-week afterschool Chess Tournament! Long story short, we have A LOT going on, and we cannot wait to see so many of our OHA-ers involved in these events!

The House Standings as of Monday this week can be seen below. I set all of our OHA Houses a challenge at the start of the year, and that was to amass a total of over 100,000 House Points per house... I am delighted to say that Tellus have managed to reach that milestone with just under half of the year left to go. This only goes to show just how brilliant our students are, and we are so glad that this is being highlighted each and every day! The question is... can anyone catch Tellus?!



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OHA GALLERY

Rewards Bingo & Movie for HT 3



Girls Netball Season continues



Year 11 GCSE Food Pieces



London Show Trip



11-0 win for the Y7 footballers



Sports Leaders



International Book Giving Day



Y7 PL Kicks at Stoke City



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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 7 STANDINGS

YEAR 7		
Whitefoot, K	7T1	33
Sharman, H	7T2	31
Davies, O	7T1	31
Condliffe, M	7N2	31

YEAR 8		
Kendrick, N	8T2	36
Muomah, M	8T2	35
Niedzwiecka, A	8A1	32
Meredith, A	8T2	31
Lockett, O	8T2	31

YEAR 10		
Carter, M	10A2	41
Murphy, J	10T1	38
Redfern, R	10A1	36
Gray, L	10T1	36
Hassall, L	10T1	36

YEAR 9		
Ingram, D	9V1	43
Mufandaedza, Z	9T1	43
Niedzwiecka, A	9V2	42
O,Leary, I	9A2	41
Evans, H	9N1	41
Lewis, L	9N1	41

YEAR 11		
Kirkham, C	11N1	40
Frost, G	11N1	37
Popko, V	11N1	36
Ford, M	11T2	35
Golinski, A	11V2	35
Meredith, C	11N2	35

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