

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principal's Update

Well done to our Year 9 students who had their Options Evening on Wednesday this week. As always, lots of difficult decisions to be made, however, it was really pleasing to hear how confident and informed the students were in their discussions with staff and parents. If your son/daughter is still a little unsure, please encourage them to speak to their Personal Tutor in the first instance.

I am thrilled to inform you that once again, we have filled our 210 places for upcoming Year 7 cohort. A huge thank you to Miss Collis and Mrs Douglas for their tireless work on transition and developing excellent relationships with our primary schools. We are exciting to meet our new students over the coming weeks as they start their OHA journey.

Our academy wide attendance has dipped over the last three weeks, with a notable decrease taking place every Friday. We are keen to address this and put some specific support in place for individual families who might be struggling with consistent attendance. Please keep an eye out for our attendance initiatives over the next week.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th March
Year 7 Residential at Conwy

Thursday 27th March
Personal Development Day 2

Wednesday 2nd April
Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday 7th April
UTH Phone App Launch with Ruff & Ruby

Wednesday 9th April
Y8 HPV vaccines

Thursday 10th April
DofE Practice Walk with AMR

Friday 11th April
Academy closes for Easter at 3.10pm (2 weeks)

Monday 28th April
Academy reopens for all students at 8.30am

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 24th March

Y7-Y11: PD Day Reminders (LLW)

WB 31st March

Y7-Y11: Equipment Refresher/Academy Recycling (RSD)

PSHE/WS Overview



Year 7 – Racism

Year 8 – Vaccinations

Year 9 – Holding people in power to account

Year 10 PSHE – The United Nations

Year 10 WS – Contraception & Christians views on contraception

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Year 7

Next week brings exciting opportunities for our Year 7 students. Many will be heading off on the residential trip, where they'll take part in a variety of activities, develop new skills, and create lasting memories with peers and staff. We can't wait to hear all about their experience!

For those staying at school, they have a fulfilling PD Day to look forward to, focused on disability awareness. Students will take part in a range of inclusive sports, gaining a valuable insight and appreciation for different abilities. Enjoy all the opportunities next week has to offer and keep up the good work! . ~ Miss Smith

Year 8

The pupils recently completed their AP1 assessments and are now acting on the feedback they have been given in those assessments to better themselves in their areas for development.

A huge congratulations to the pupils who have been invited to attend this half terms rewards event. I know that we have many pupils that get it right a lot of the time and it is brilliant to see some of them being recognised. Our Purple Ticket rewards system also allows ourselves and the pupils to see exactly where pupils are working hard and doing right. I love seeing our PT's go through the Purple Ticket totals of our pupils and sharing so much positive during our Wednesday morning PT sessions.

~ Mr Rose

Year 9

So far, we have had a very positive year, and this is about to continue with the trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, Options Evening and of course the Options choices.

The year group have almost transformed into young adults overnight and have been making excellent progress both in and outside of the classroom. The hard work begins here though, as the students need to continue to put themselves in the best position to make the best Option choices.

The key to this is quite simple: turn up and work as hard as they possibly can in lessons- It will all be worth it in the Summer of 2027 when they collect their GCSE results. ~ Mr Woodcock

Year 10

Our Y10 focus now is their AP2 assessments and work experience. These are two vital points in their school careers. Work experience gives them a chance to experience the wonderful world of work and gain valuable life skills. AP2 is a valuable point as well as students can see how well they have progressed over the year. Students have been busy preparing for these assessments, and I have been very proud to see the preparation taking place. Please remind your child there are lot's of revision materials available to prepare for these assessment. Classes have been given revision materials from teachers and there are always online sites like Sparx maths and BBC Bitesize. ~ Mr Maher

Year 11

The majority of Year 11 have visited Staffordshire University on two occasions to take part in Maths and English booster days designed to help them achieve their potential in their rapidly approaching exams.

A polite reminder that Easter booster sessions will be taking place over the upcoming half term, and I would encourage all students to sign up to as many sessions as possible.

Finally, the deadline for purchasing a leavers hoody is 28.03.25. Once this deadline passes it will no longer be possible to purchase a hoody. The deadline to purchase a Yearbook is 17.06.25. Please send any photos of students that you feel would be appropriate for the Yearbook to swilliamson@horizontoat.co.uk

~ Mr Williamson

What are we learning in.. PE?



Y7 - Gymnastics & Fitness

Y8 - Rugby, Badminton, Fitness & Handball

Y9 - Football, Badminton, Fitness & Handball

Y10 - Badminton, Fitness & Football

Y11 - Badminton, Fitness & Football

Work Experience Support Needed!

**Calling All OHA Parents!
Can You Help with Year 10 Work Experience?**

We are reaching out to our OHA community to help our Year 10 students find valuable work experience placements for the week of **30th June - 4th July, 2025**.

Do you have any contacts in **Retail, Hospitality, Healthcare, Health & Beauty, Ceramics, Art, Sport & Leisure, or Construction** who could offer one of our students a placement?

These opportunities are crucial for helping our students develop skills and gain insight into the world of work.

If you or someone you know can help, please contact our Work Experience Coordinator, Mrs. Naylor, at knaylor@horizontoat.co.uk.

Your support could make a huge difference!
Thank you.

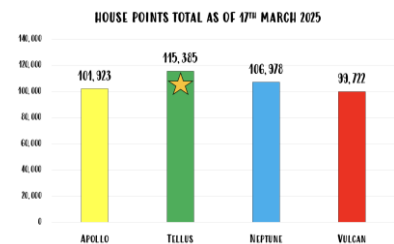


House Update

We have had an academic start to House Events this half term as our Spelling Bee and Geography Skills competitions have taken centre stage for the first couple of weeks which once again saw some amazing talent and knowledge on display in the form of spelling, flags and grid references!

The past two weeks has seen sport return to the forefront of the House calendar as we held our Interhouse Mixed Basketball events, which as always was very well attended by all year groups! This past week we also held our re-scheduled Y10 Interhouse Football event which is always a popular event on the calendar. We are merely days away from reaching an incredible milestone that will see every House achieve of 100,000 House Points for the academic year. This means that all House would have met the target I set them back in September, and we're only in the middle of March! Tellus still lead the way, but it is amazing to see all 4 House's amassing such high totals with loads of points still left to play for!

I'm looking forward to see what our upcoming Baking and Easter Egg hunt events bring to the table later this half term as well as seeing just how many points we can get before we break up for Easter. The question still remains however... can anyone catch Tellus?!



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OAT

Ormiston Academies Trust

An OAT Academy

Badminton Trip



OATs Got Talent Finals



Table Tennis Tournament




TALKING TEENS
 FAMILY HUB
 FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF TEENAGER FROM 11-17 YEARS
 This group is for parents of teenagers who would like to learn more about how the teenage brain develops, strategies for maintaining boundaries, motivating and supporting young people and learning how to keep young people safe.
DAY, TIME AND LOCATION
 Starts Wednesday 28th March 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Ormiston Horizon Academy
 To book a place please email agreen@horizonoat.co.uk
 For more information or to book email familygroups@stoke.gov.uk
 stoke.gov.uk

OHA GALLERY

Options Evening Speakers



World Book Day



Football at OHA



Halle Orchestra Trip



Year 8 and Year 9 Student Voice



Aldi UK 20h

Yep, we said it. When 41% of people who menstruate are unable to afford period products, someone has to.

That's why, from today, we're providing access to free pads and tampons in Aldi toilets*. No code words. Just making sure period products are available to the people who need them.

Oh, and we're donating 1M period products to UK charity [Bloody Good Period](#), too.

*Free period products available in all stores by the end of May 2025.

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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		
Sharman, H	7T2	42
Austin-Broomhall, F	7T2	41
Whitefoot, K	7T1	40
Davies, O	7T1	40
Condliffe, M	7N2	40
Lichfield, B	7T2	40
Charlesworth, S	7T2	40

YEAR 8		
Kendrick, N	8T2	62
Muomah, M	8T2	61
Niedzwiecka, A	8A1	57
Meredith, A	8T2	56
Worrall, C	8T2	56

YEAR 9		
Ingram, D	9V1	53
Mufandaedza, Z	9T1	52
Niedzwiecka, E	9V2	52
O'Leary, I	9A2	51
Espley, E	9N1	50
Lewis, L	9N1	50

YEAR 10		
Carter, M	10A2	49
Murphy, J	10T1	49
Gray, L	10T1	46
Hassall, L	10T1	46
Redfern, R	10A1	45

YEAR 11		
Kirkham, C	11V2	57
Popko, V	11V2	53
Ankers, C	11V2	53
Watson, E	11N1	53
Cawley, M	11N1	52

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