

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principal's Update

Attendance will be a key priority for all students over the next two weeks leading up to the Easter holidays. It is really important that all students are in school right up to Friday 11th April. I fully realise that students will be tired after a long half term, however, please encourage your son/daughter to be in school and actively engaging in their learning.

I'd like to draw your attention to the recent Netflix drama - 'Adolescence'. I'm sure you will have picked up a lot of information about it in the media over recent weeks. Despite it being a difficult watch at times, I think it is a must watch for all parents and carers. After watching, I'd encourage you to have a discussion with your child about any online groups or chats that they are engaging in. As always, if you feel like you need further support or information, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our team.

Finally, a huge well done to all our students and staff for a wonderful Personal Development Day last week. Providing all our students with rich opportunities outside of the classroom is something that we care deeply about. If that is a trip to a university or a trip to a museum, we fully believe that all students will benefit from it. A big shout out to the wonderful 121 Year 7 students who took part in our first residential in Wales, it was real pleasure to join them on Thursday and Friday and see them challenge themselves in so many different ways.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



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

Year 11 GCSEs begin

Monday 5th May

Academy closed for Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th May

Year 10 Parents Evening

Equipment Reminders - RSD



This week all student received an assembly reminding them of the equipment expectations to be ready for learning in all lessons.

Please support your child with ensuring they are equipped with the following items, every day.

- Black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Pencil case
- Schoolbag

If you require any support with these items, please contact your Head of Year/Raising Standards Leader

Assembly Overview



WB 7th April

Y7-Y11: Celebration Assembly (RSLs)

Y7-Y11: UTH Mobile Phone App Launch (Ruff & Ruby)

WB 28th April

Y7-Y11: Welcome Back (RSLs)

PSHE/WS Overview



Year 7 - Road & Trainline Safety

Year 8 - Healthy romantic relationships

Year 9 - Difference protected by laws

Year 10 PSHE - Government Spending

Year 10 WS - Abortion

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Year 7

I have had the opportunity to do a shout out each week for those pupils in year 7 who have been receiving; the most achievement points, 100% attendance, completing their homework and making sure they do not get any behaviour points. Year 7 are certainly achieving the most purple tickets, and it is great to be able to shout out so many names in line up each week.

Resilience is a big focus for us as a year group, as we overcome challenges, we are encouraging all pupils to be determined and make sure they believe in themselves. This was evidently shown with those that attended the residential and on the personal development day for those that stayed in the academy.

Well done Year 7!

~ Miss Collis

Year 8

Year 8 had a great Personal Development Day at Delamere Forest last week where they were set the challenge of developing their navigational skills around the beautiful woodland. The trip served as an Introduction to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This was an opportunity to explore the grounds and nature, and I am looking forward to seeing who will take part in our bronze programme next year.

We have a few more shout outs for this half term, including the year 8 football team who competed and won against the year 7 in the house competition and the cadets for completing swimming tests. We also have new Anti-bullying ambassadors in year 8 who have recently taken up a very important role in our school. ~ Miss Collis

Year 9

Year 9 have made me so proud this term! They have matured and come on leaps and bounds since Y8, and they are really shining in the academy at the moment.

Their behaviour on the last PD Day was impeccable, including two staff from the Museum commenting on our students & they are the nicest students they've met in years. This feedback was so lovely to receive!

A reminder to prompt all students to complete their options forms, and make sure they've opted for the correct subjects - so take some time to fill this in and do it right.

Have a great easter break! ~ Miss Wilkes

Year 10

Last week, Year 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Wrexham University - the academy's first ever trip there! It was great to see so many of them engaging with the forensics activity and considering their future options. It was a lovely night for Year 10 girls' prom fundraising football match against Year 11 this week. We hope lots of you came to support the students!

Also, if your child hasn't yet arranged their work experience placement, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

~ Mr Parkinson

Year 11

With GCSE exams fast approaching, we are really pleased with Year 11's dedication to their studies. P6 attendance remains strong, and many students have signed up for Easter holiday booster sessions - keep up the hard work!

In other news, the highly anticipated boys' Packmoor vs. Chell prom fundraising football match is set for next Monday evening. We encourage everyone to come along and support the students in what promises to be a great match.

~ Mr Parkinson

What are we learning in.. Science?



Y7 - Types of reactions

Y8 - Cellular respiration

Y9 - The periodic table

Y10 - Particle model of matter

Y11 - Revision

Y7 Residential

Last week our Y7 had the opportunity to visit Anglesey for three days at the Conway Centre, on our first organised residential. The pupils were truly amazing, and they thrived when taking part in all of the activities.

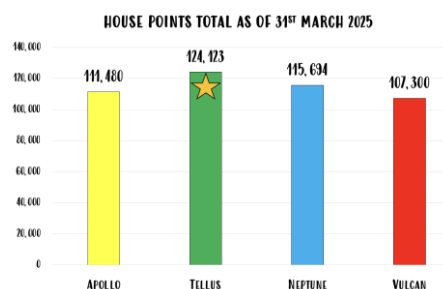
We had orienteering, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, ferrata, high ropes and biking on offer for all the pupils to take part in. Mr Maher was our exceptional bingo master in the evening followed by pupils opting for activities such as darts and a disco!

I would like to thank all the staff and pupils for making this such a great experience and hope they will always cherish their time here when looking back.

House Update

The past two weeks have seen us hold our two most unique House Events on the calendar. Last week 32 pupils from years 7, 8, 9 & 10 took part in our Interhouse Baking Competition. A huge thank you to Miss Elson and Miss Ridgeway for leading on these events. Vulcan showed they were clearly the Chefs and Bakers of the future, as they pick up maximum points in both events!

This week we have ran our Interhouse Easter Egg Hunts, pitting students from all years against each other in a battle of resilience and exploration! The gap between Tellus and Neptune has closed ever so slightly, but it is still a commanding lead held by the Green House going into the final week of Term 2.



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Personal Development Day 2

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Year 7 Residential



Rewards Trip

MMA Fighter visits the MFL Team



Interhouse Competitions

Badminton Tournament

U15 Netball

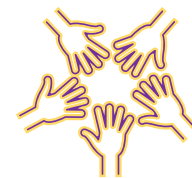


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ASPIRE TO BE MORE

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 11 STANDINGS

Year 7

Austin-Broomhall, F	41
Whitefoot, K	40
Davies, O	40
Condliffe, M	40
Lichfield, B	40

Year 8

Muomah, M	74
Kendrick, N	73
Meredith, A	68
Niedzwiecka, A	65
Lockett, O	65

YEAR 9

O'Leary, I	64
Ingram, D	63
Espley, E	62
Mufandaedza, Z	61
Niedzwiecka, E	59

YEAR 10

Carter, M	59
Murphy, J	58
Hassall, L	56
Clowes, F	55
Redfern, R	55

YEAR 11

Kirkham, C	66
Watson, E	62
Golinski, A	62
Ankers, C	61
Cawley, M	61