

# THE "OHA" 'ER"

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## Principal's Update

A warm welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope all our families had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some quality time together. By now, you will be aware of our 19 Day Attendance Challenge that will run throughout this half term. There will be weekly prize draws for all students and a live Teams draw on the final Friday of half term for all the students who have attended all 19 days this half term, with one student from each year group winning a McDonalds lunch of their choice for them and two friends! As always, attendance is a continuous priority at our school and we need your support to ensure that all students are in and engaging in their learning on a daily basis.

This week I have led assemblies with all year groups and shared our foci for this half term; be on time, use our manners, engage in every lesson, house points & be in every day. These are very achievable targets that every student can achieve. Please have a conversation with your son/daughter about how they are going to engage positively with these really important targets.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish our Year 11 cohort the very best of luck over the next six weeks as they begin their GCSE examinations. As a year group, they have worked really hard over the last eight months and are now in a strong position to fulfil their potential. Mr Williamson, Miss Wood and the team are extremely proud of their dedication and work ethic.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

## Key Dates



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Academy closed for Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 10 Parents Evening (face-face)

3pm - 6.30pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 10 Mock Revision Evening

5pm - 6pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

OHA Awards Evening - Invite Only

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Academy closes for half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Academy reopens for all students (8.30am)

## Equipment Reminders - RSD



Before half term, all students 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 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Y7 only - WeWill Explore Fundraising

**WB 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Mental Health Week - LLW

## PSHE/WS Overview



Year 7 - Water Safety & Online Safety

Year 8 - Consent & Sharing Content Online

Year 9 - Attitudes towards gender and sexual orientation

Year 10 PSHE - Stress & Disappointment

Year 10 WS - The Death Penalty & Religious Views

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## Year 7

We hope you've had a lovely Easter half term and are feeling refreshed. Let's start this term strong—remember, there are fantastic prizes to be won for great attendance, so make everyday count!

The students have their second round of assessments coming up in all lessons, so it's important everyone is in lessons and engaging – please discuss revision techniques with your child and wish them luck for an important week ahead!

~ Miss Betley

## Year 8

I hope everyone has had a fabulous Easter break. This week has seen Y8 commence it's GL Assessments and I can say, without a shadow of doubt, that I was incredibly impressed and proud with the maturity and resilience the year group demonstrated throughout. Well done Team!

Just before we broke up for Easter our Y8 Cadets had an excellent day sailing in Southport. The weather was perfect, no one capsized and they all returned to the Academy safely having had a fabulous time on the water.

Finally, House Events also begin again week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, and I would encourage as many students as possible to sign up as quickly as possible. Events include both girls and boys Interhouse Football Tournaments, Netball and Rounders.

~ Mrs Milne

## Year 9

What a great start the Year 9s have had! I hope you all had a restful half term! I'm so proud of how they have approached their GL assessments so far!

They have shown maturity and resilience that will aid their progress as they prepare for their GCSE's. Please encourage your child to join an enrichment club, they all start on Monday with lots of options that suit everyone.

Keep it up year 9s!

~ Miss Harris

## Year 10

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy a well-earned break. Parents evening is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 3:30 - 6:30 in the academy. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any concerns that you may have. Please book your appointments through Edulink any problems please let us know.

Finally, we still have a large amount of students who have not yet secured their work experience placement. Mrs Naylor is speaking to lots of students however your support is vital! if you have any family members or friends who can provide your child with a placement. All placements should be completed through Unifrog any problems please reach out.

~ Miss Sheldon

## Year 11

Well done to all of the year 11's who attended the academy during the easter holidays. As year 11 approach the final stretch of Year 11, we want to take a moment to recognise their hard work and determination. They have shown great resilience, and we are proud of the progress they have made. With just a short time left before they complete their school journey, we encourage them to stay motivated and continue giving their best. The finish line is in sight, and their efforts now will truly shape the opportunities ahead. Good Luck in your GCSE's!

~ Miss Taylor

## What are we learning in.. Geography?

Y7 – Rivers

Y8 – Migration

Y9 – Natural Resources

Y10 – Ecosystems

Y11 – Exam Revision



## Cadets Celebrations

This has been one of the busiest half terms the cadets have had and it has been fantastic.

Before the Easter break Libby successfully completed the Junior Leadership course down at HMS Raleigh in Plymouth, a phenomenal achievement. Then we sent seven cadets to our first Easter Camp at Waterside Lodge in Southport. The camp offered different courses including Windsurfing, RYA Powerboat Level 2 and RYA Dinghy sailing level 2 qualifications. Y11 Jack completed the windsurfing course, Y11s Gina and Ashley and Y9 Isabella completed the Powerboat course and Y9s Liam, Aaron and Ben completed their Dinghy Level 2.

We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and are hopeful that these cadets will inspire others to complete other courses too. I would also like to thank Chief Phillips, without whose organisation, the cadets would not be getting out on courses and thanks to our friendly neighbourhood CPO, Taff, whose efforts have meant that we now have these courses available a little closer to home.

Congratulations cadets!



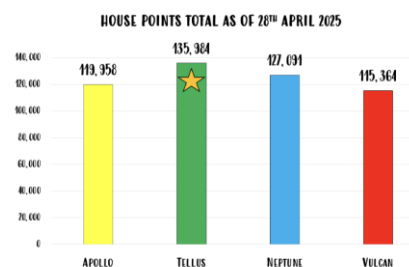
## House Update

And just like that we are into our third and final term of house events!

We have lots of events coming up, including lots of sports events now that we are seeing a real positive upturn in the weather!

This half term see's both our girls' and boys' Cross Country events taking place alongside our Interhouse Quiz at the end of the half term. Then our final half term of the year sees a return of our most popular house events including our Interhouse Football, Netball & Rounders tournaments!

Our house point totals continue to rise week-by-week as we approach 500,000 House Points as an academy. I have set all pupils a whole academy target of 700,000 House Points before the end of the academic year and I have no doubt that the brilliant things our pupils do each and every day can help to reach this goal before we reach the summer break. Tellus still hold a commanding lead, but with 11 weeks left, it is still all to play for!



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## OHA GALLERY

"Soak A Teacher" Fundraisers for the Year 11 Prom



Football Fundraisers for the Year 11 Prom



### ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Be present in school every day from Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April until Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May!

Join our 19-day challenge for your chance to win one of three LED Bluetooth Speakers every day! Also, if you're in every day you'll be put into the draw to win a McDonald's lunch for you and two friends in school!

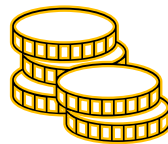
Just be in to WIN! I'm Lovin' it!



Year 11 Pre-Exam Postcards



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Year 7 Football Success Continues



Cadets Trip to Southport



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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 13 STANDINGS

### Year 7

Austin-Broomhall, F	69
Bailey, C	69
Whitefoot, K	68
Sharman, H	68
Condliffe, M	68

### Year 8

Muomah, M	86
Kendrick, N	85
Meredith, A	79
Lockett, O	75
Tschubenko, L	73

### YEAR 9

O'Leary, I	75
Espley, E	75
Ingram, D	74
Mufandaedza, Z	72
Evans, H	69

### YEAR 10

Murphy, J	68
Hassall, L	67
Carter, M	67
Clowes, F	64
Jackson, A	64

### YEAR 11

Kirkham, C	80
Khan, E	75
Ankers, C	74
Cawley, M	72
Johnson, D	72

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