

# THE "OHA" 'ER"

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## Principal's Update

- And just like that, half term is almost upon us.
- A huge well done to all the students who are still involved in the Attendance challenge. Only five days to go now, please make sure your son/daughter is in school every day over the next week. Friday continues to be the weakest day of our week, as a parent / carer, please be really vigilant about this at home and as always, reach out to us if you need any support.
- Year 11 have been amazing over the last two weeks. As a cohort, they have really embraced their exam season and are showing incredible resilience and responsibility in their preparation and attitude. If your family member is in Year 11, please give them a huge pat on the back, and ensure they rested and motivated over the coming weeks.
- Earlier this week, four of ex-students visited Buckingham Palace to celebrate achieve their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Even though they left us a few years ago now, we are still incredibly proud of them and are really pleased that we have played such a positive part in shaping their future. Please join me in congratulating them all - Ashley Moran, Thomas Turrell, Georgia Timbey and George Nash.
- Finally, pride of place this week goes to our Y10 Football Team who were crowned North Stoke Champions on Monday evening. A huge well done to Mr Millington and all the team for their efforts.
- ~ Mr Fitzgibbon

## Key Dates



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

OHA Awards Evening - Invite Only

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

Trainer Day - £1 required (Y7-Y10 only)

Academy closes for half term

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

Academy reopens for all students (8.30am)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Y10 Mock Exam Week

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June/Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Maccas Project Workshops (Y8/Y9)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 8 Parents Evening (3pm - 6.30pm)

## We Will Explore Fundraising



Year 7 Sponsored Stepathon which is raising money for charity.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Complete as many steps a possible (before and after school) and track them on your phone/watch - bring any money raised in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Wear your own shoes day - **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Year 7-10

Donate £1

All money raised with go to charity.



## Assembly Overview



**WB 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Sports Day Launch - MSH

House Celebration - AMR

Attendance Challenge Winners - AWF

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

Sports Day Banners - PE

## PSHE/WS Overview



Year 7 - Young Carers & Social Action

Year 8 - Domestic Abuse & Consumer Rights

Year 9 - Attitudes towards race & Contraception

Year 10 PSHE - Exams & Ending Relationships

Year 10 WS - Nature vs Nurture & Media Literacy

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## Year 7

Over the past few weeks, I've been incredibly impressed with our Year 7 students. Each morning, Year 7 have been lining up beautifully, setting the tone for a calm and respectful start to the day. Their consistency has not gone unnoticed! We've also seen a fantastic example of student leadership and care for the environment, with several Year 7 volunteers stepping up to help with litter picking during lunchtimes. Their efforts have played a big role in keeping our yard clean and litter free. On top of that, Year 7 have been working hard to maintain excellent attendance. With the attendance prize draw at the end of the half term just around the corner, the excitement is building—and many of our Year 7 students are still in the running! ~ Miss Smith

## Year 8

This half term the students continue to develop and grow on an academic and personal level with a high level of majority being shown during their current assessment period (Assessment Period 2). I am pleased to announce that Miss Haynes has returned to the academy during this half term, and has been a valuable additional to helping support the year group through their final term in Year 8. With lots to look forward to in the coming weeks and months ahead, including some more warm weather (I hope!), I am really excited to see Year 8 finish off the academic year in style! Keep up the good work! ~ Mr Rose

## Year 9

We are now approaching a half term that feels as though it has only just begun. Despite such a quick turnaround there has been the usual phenomenal array of first-class teaching, learning and extra-curricular activities. This half-term also signals the end of my time at OHA. I would like to thank all of you for your support over the past 3 years I have enjoyed as RSL with this year group. The year group are in fine shape and most certainly on course for huge success over the next few years. Have a great half term and all the best for the future ~ Mr Woodcock

## Year 10

The Y10 cohort is entering a really important time in their education journey. Over the last few weeks many of our vocational subjects have been completing coursework elements which go towards their final grade. I have visited many of the lessons and the standard of work has been excellent. All students have mock exams coming up and should be revising for these. There is a revision workshop on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 5-6pm which would be useful to attend. The year group are having a real focus on attendance, and we currently have 132 left in the 100% attendance prize draw. Our motto is "In it to win it" and we are competing against other y10 students across the OAT family. ~ Mr Maher

## Year 11

Year 11 have made a really strong start to their final exam period and I am incredibly proud of all the work that they have put in over the last few weeks as they make their final push towards achieving their GCSEs. A reminder that student timetables have been updated both on paper and via Edulink to show some small timetable changes as Year 11 finish some option groups and take part in subject boosters for different classes. It is therefore important that all students check their timetable, so they know where they need to be. Finally, period 6 sessions are continuing during the exam period, and it has again been excellent to see attendance so high at these. Keep up the good work Year 11, you can do it! ~ Mr Williamson



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## What are we learning in.. DT?

- Y7 - Making lamps
- Y8 - Making sweet dispensers
- Y9 - Making pendants
- Y10 - Making mirrors
- Y11 - Revision for exams



## UTH City App

Ruff & Ruby have created a brand-new app, which is designed to improve lives, provide access and information to local youth services and prevent suicide in young people, aged between 11 -18 years, is set to launch in Stoke-on-Trent.

The 'UTH City' app has been created following one year of extensive research by Ruff & Ruby Urban Youth Charity [based in Hanley] and Stoke-on-Trent Youth Collective (SOTYC), to provide a digital space for youth engagement, activities, and support all in one place.

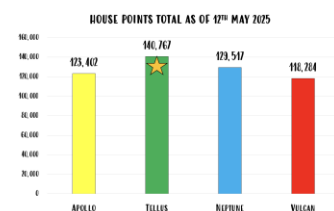
The unique app features such local events, youth activities and clubs, education, training, jobs, apprenticeships, and support services, along with volunteering opportunities, newcomer talent spotlight and a Youth voice platform with contacts to local MP's.

The app also has its own unique suicide prevention button, which is linked to under 18s crisis care team and Staffordshire Police. Users can also access a 'talk to support' feature which directs a 'please check in on me' feature to your child's personal 'safe' contacts adding an extra layer of support for if they are ever struggling.

## House Update

As we enter the summer term of House Events we want to take advantage of the lovely recent weather and therefore our sports events have taken over! The past couple of weeks saw us complete our Interhouse Cross Country events, with the girls events providing to be very well attended, and therefore extremely competitive. Well done to Darcie (Y8), Ruby (Y9) and Ava-Mae (Y7) for winning their year group events. Our Boys Cross Country events took place this week with some more great displays in some intense heat! Well done to Bailey (Y9) and Tobi (Y10) for winning their year group events.

We finish off our short half term with our Interhouse Quiz event, a previous pupil favourite from past Wednesday mornings. As we move into single digit weeks left in the academic year, it is still all to play for, but it seems a case of when and not if for Tellus as they continue to go from strength-to-strength in terms of their lead in the race for the OHA House Cup!



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# OHA GALLERY

North Stoke Champions!



## UTHCITY

A youth-facing Phone App for Android & iPhone, providing a counter-culture digital offer for young people.

The APP is an on-trend resource, co-designed by young people, for young people **11-18yrs** to **engage, energise, educate, & elevate.**



STEM Project



Year 10 Art Photography Workshop



Chess competition success continues



Interhouse Cross Country Athletes



5-a-side football tournament success



Ex students celebrating completing their Gold DoFE at Buckingham Palace



### 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!

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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

## END OF WEEK 15 STANDINGS

### YEAR 7

Austin-Broomhall, F

Whitefoot, K

Bailey, C

Sharman, H

Condliffe, M

### YEAR 8

Muomah, M

Kendrick, N

Meredith, A

Worrall, C

Lockett, O

### YEAR 9

O'Leary, I

Mufandaedza, Z

Ingram, D

Espley, E

Evans, H

### YEAR 10

Murphy, J

Jackson, A

Hassall, L

Carter, M

Clowes, F

### YEAR 11

Kirkham, C

Khan, E

Cawley, M

Johnson, D

Watson, E