

THE "OHA" 'ER"

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Principal's Update

- To start with, I wanted to congratulate our Y11 cohort for officially finishing their GCSE examinations - what a feeling! After a pretty gruelling six weeks, full of boosters, sub zeros, high-fives and tears, they have finally made it to the end. Well done to all involved! A special mentioned to Mr Williamson, Miss Wood and Mrs Richardson for their support and patience over their time at OHA.
- Hopefully by now you will have read my letter and seen the video regarding our new 3G Astro Pitch. If you know of any local companies who would be willing to support our fundraising campaign, please do get in touch. As mentioned, the benefits for the school and the wider community are incredible and we will need everyone involved in supporting over the coming months. We currently have 23 staff signed up for the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge, with 17 staff taking part in the walk and 5 staff as part of the support team.
- Well done to Mr Rose and the Duke of Edinburgh team for their hard work and resilience last weekend. It sounds like the students and staff had a wonderful time during their expedition.
- Finally, we need to continue to drive out attendance over the remaining four weeks of term. At the time of writing, our attendance has increased by 0.5% from this point last year, however, it is important that we continue to work together to ensure all students are in school on a daily basis between now and July 18th.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Saturday 21st June

Year 5 Open Morning

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July

Year 10 Work Experience Week

Monday 30th June

Y7-Y9 Sports Day @ Northwood

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th July

Y6 Transition Days

Friday 4th July

Year 11 Prom

Monday 7th July

Year 7 STEM Day (in academy)

Friday 11th July

Academy Rewards Trip @ Alton Towers (invite only)

Sports Day



11 days until Sports Day!

Here are a few reminders ahead of the biggest day in the school calendar:

- Students need to arrive on time for 8.30am.
- Attendance to Sports Day is compulsory as this is registered as a normal school day.
- Please ensure students are in full academy PE kit.
- Weather dependent, students will need to bring waterproof coat, suncream and a hat.
- Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them unless they are FSM, which lunch will then be provided for them.
- All students who have not filled in the departure form will be returning back to the academy after Sports Day has finished.

We look forward to seeing all students at Sports Day.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to email Mr Millington or Mrs Smith.

Assembly Overview



WB 23rd June

Sports Day Banners (Y7-Y9)

International Trip Opportunities (EDD)

WB 30th June

Ruff & Ruby: UTH City App (Y7-Y9)

PSHE/As Overview



Year 7 – General Election & MP Roles

Year 8 – Bank Accounts & Gambling

Year 9 – Pregnancy & Parenting

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Year 7

As we near the end of the academic year, I just have to say—Year 7, you've absolutely smashed it! Watching you all settle into secondary life has been like watching a bunch of caterpillars turn into confident, colourful butterflies (with blazers). From nervous first day faces to the mature, responsible, and brilliantly resilient young people you've become, it's been a joy to witness. You've brought our academy values to life in the most authentic and inspiring ways—respectful in the corridors, resilient in lessons, and responsible when it truly matters.

And now... Sports Day is just around the corner—and I am buzzing! I can't wait to see all of you out there, giving it your all. I know the day will be packed with energy, laughter, and good team spirit. Let's end the year with a bang—and a few medals, if we're lucky!

~ Miss Betley (Head of Year)

Year 8

As we near the end of another academic year it's hard to believe we have nearly completed two years in high school and will soon be Y9. Time absolutely flies by!

It was wonderful to see the great turnout for parents evening to acknowledge the achievements of our year group.

Coming up we have our OHA Sports Day at Northwood Stadium which is all set to be an amazing event.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our Y8 parents, carers and grandparents for your continued support, which is always very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer!

~ Mrs Milne (Head of Year)

Year 9

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge all your hard work and dedication.

It's been a year filled with challenges, successes, and growth, and I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of you. We have sports day coming up, I hope you have all put in for an event!

This is your last sport days before the exciting opportunities that await you in Year 10. Make the most of it!

I hope you're all happy with your options please contact me with any concerns! Come on Year 9s! The home stretch until summer break!

~ Miss Harris (Head of Year)

Year 10

It is a busy term for Year 10 with mock exams, work experience, PD Day, Horizon Day, and applications for Head Boy and Girl and prefects.

Their first full cohort English exam was last Friday, and I am so proud at how they conducted themselves throughout the process. They have a busy two weeks ahead of them with mock exams most days. Please encourage your child to revise and to do their best.

Work experience is nearly upon us and most students have all successfully secured a placement, if there are any students who still require support please contact Mrs K Naylor who will gladly help.

Let's have an amazing end to the year!

~ Miss Sheldon (Head of Year)

What are we learning in.. Maths?

Y7 - working and calculating with fractions

Y8 - transformations

Y9 - proportionality relationships

Y10 - mock preparation and feedback



Duke of Edinburgh Award 2025

This past weekend we took 30 of our Y9 pupils to Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre to allow them to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition.

To say the weekend was a great success would be an understatement! Over the last 16 weeks these pupils have all been working towards this weekend by attending after school training sessions, developing their navigational, camping and even, cooking skills! During the expedition the pupils were tasked with pitching their own tents, cooking their own tea and navigating 2 different routes around the local area of Stanley. There were some great examples of resilience on show as pupils tackled the long walks, steep hills and hot weather.

All-in-all the feedback from pupils and parents has all been positive, even if we did have a few tired and miserable teenagers towards the Sunday afternoon! Overall, the students were simply fantastic and showed great commitment to this section of their award. I must also thank the amazing staff that helped to support the expedition weekend, they were simply amazing and without them we would not be able to provide this opportunity to our pupils.

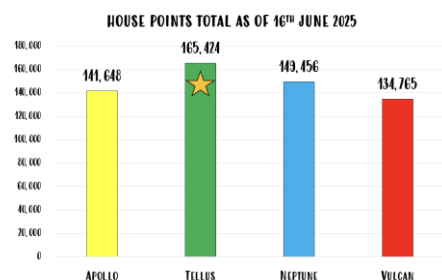
The task for all of our DofE pupils now will be to focus on completing the other sections of their award so that they can achieve their overall Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Roll on Expedition 2026!

House Update

Our House System is well and truly thriving as we are quickly approaching the end of our academic year. As expected, our sports related house events bring in a large number of pupils which is amazing to see.

All of our Girls' Netball events were well attended and saw Vulcan, Tellus and Neptune take away the maximum points from our 4-year group specific events. This week our ever-popular Boys' football events began with 28 of our Year 9 pupils kicking things off on Tuesday; Apollo took home maximum points with Neptune, Tellus and Vulcan finishing off the ordering. We have our Year 7 event taking place on Friday, and our Year 8 & 10 events taking place next week. Then it's on to our Interhouse Mixed Rounders events to 'round' off the academic year in style!

Tellus still lead the way in the race for the 2025 OHA House Cup as we approach the penultimate weeks in our House Calendar!



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Duke of Edinburgh 2025

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Sports Leaders run Primary Athletics



Y9/10 Athletics at Northwood



Football City Finals - Year 11 Crowned the Champions!



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Purple tickets are awarded weekly for:

- 100% attendance
- Every 20 house points awarded
- Completing tassomai/sparx weekly goals
- 0 behaviour points
- 1 ticket per subject on target, during assessment points

END OF WEEK 19 STANDINGS

YEAR 7

Austin-Broomhall, F

Bailey, C

Lally, M

Bagguley, E

Lally, G

YEAR 8

Kendrick, N

French, M

Seymour, S

Riley, L

YEAR 9

Espley, L

Ingram, D

Bentley, C

Roberts, O

Burrows, B

YEAR 10

Hassall, L

Murphy, J

Hegarty, L

Redfern, R

Hudson, L