

THE "OHA" 'ER"

Vol 2: Friday 3rd October

Principal's Update

As we head in to October, I wanted to take a moment to raise the profile of attendance across the school. Since coming back to school after the summer holidays, we have been a little disappointed with the amount of students missing school for different reasons. As mentioned previously, if your son or daughter is not in school, they are not learning and if they are not learning, they are missing out on important knowledge that they will need for assessments and examinations. Please take all the necessary precautions to ensure that your son/daughter is well prepared for the winter months. If you feel that we can support with attendance, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Miss Green or Mrs Stevens.

We have two INSET Days coming up on Friday 17th October and Friday 24th October. As communicated at the end of last academic year, Ormiston Academies Trust have embarked on a new shared curriculum model and tasked schools with creating sufficient planning time to work on these specific priorities. The academy will not be open to students on either of these two days.

On the third week of term, we had our annual academy review, and I'm delighted to share with you some of the feedback below:

- Morning routine was well organised, and students had a calm and purposeful start to the day, despite the poor weather
- Mobile phone routine is excellent - students and staff respond positively to this routine
- Student voice was really strong. They spoke positively about student / teacher relationships, purple tickets and the positive impact of mobile phones across the academy
- Learning routines were very clear and were well rehearsed across the academy
- No low level behaviour was evident in any lessons
- Students with SEND spoke positively about the support they receive
- Personal Development is a real positive across the school. Students really enjoy house points and purple tickets, alongside student leadership opportunities
- Students spoke positively about careers and had very high ambitions for their future careers
- Isolation rooms were calm and focussed. Strong relationships between staff and students
- Culture around the school feels very strong, it is clear that a strong start has been made

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Monday 13th October

Y7 - Y11 Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 15th October

Year 9 Parents Evening via telephone (2.45pm - 5.30pm)

Friday 17th October

Academy closed for INSET Day

Tuesday 21st October

Year 10 Work Experience Parent Information Evening

5pm - 5.45pm (In Academy)

Thursday 23rd October

Bonkers Bingo Rewards Breakfast (selected students only)

Friday 24th October

Academy closed

Monday 3rd November

Academy reopens for all students

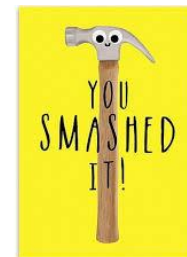
OHA hits the 10k!

Since the summer, staff at OHA have been rallying the community to support the £10,000 target of funds towards the bid of our new 3G pitch.

We are delighted to announce that we had hit the 10k!

The fundraising we have all taken part in over the past few months has been a real community effort, and we thank each and every person who has donated and/or taken part in some amazing events!

- Fashion Show
- Staff Lottery
- Sports Day
- Trainer Day
- Penalty Shoot Out
- Year 11 Football Match
- Staff 3 Peaks Challenge



Assembly Overview



WB 6th October

School Nurse - Y10

Procedures - Y7/Y8/Y10

WB 13th October

Cadets - Y8

NULC - Y11

PSHE/AS Overview



Year 7 - Stereotypes and Disabilities

Year 8 - Courtrooms and Influences

Year 9 - Body Image and Social Media

Year 10 - Physical Health and First Aid

Year 10 - Islamophobia and Immigration

Year 11 - Voting Policies and Electoral Systems

Year 11 - Lies and consequences

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Year 7

As the first term of the year gets underway, it's been fantastic to see our new Year 7 students settling in so well. From the very first day, they've shown enthusiasm, OHA Values, and a real eagerness to learn – a brilliant start to their OHA journey! Staff have praised Year 7 for their positive attitude in lessons, their respectful behaviour around school, and their willingness to get involved in clubs and activities. It's clear that they're already becoming a valued part of our school community.

To all our Year 7s: keep up the great work! Stay organised, ask for help when you need it, and continue to support one another. The habits you build now will help you succeed throughout the year and beyond. Let's make this a year to remember!

~ Miss Marriott (RSL)

Year 8

We've been incredibly impressed with the fantastic start Year 8 have made this term. Their consistent and calm, orderly line-ups each morning set a brilliant tone for the day. Uniform standards have been excellent, and it's been great to see so many students taking pride in their appearance and representing the academy brilliantly.

In lessons, Year 8 are showing real focus and determination, working hard and engaging positively with their learning. Most impressively, we're seeing our academy values demonstrated every day—through respect, resilience, and responsibility.

~ Miss Smith (RSL)

Year 9

Year 9 have made a fantastic start to the year, showing great enthusiasm, maturity, and a positive attitude towards their learning. It's been wonderful to see students settling back into routines and embracing new challenges with focus and determination.

A small group of students recently took part in a valuable workshop with the local fire brigade, where they explored important messages around safety and community responsibility.

A reminder that our Year 9 Parents' Evening will take place on Friday 15th October, between 2:45pm and 5:30pm, and will be held via telephone appointments. Bookings are now live on Edulink, so please take the opportunity to arrange your meetings with teachers.

~ Miss Haynes (RSL)

Year 10

A warm welcome back to all of our Year 10 pupils, parents and carers! It has been great to see how the year group have settled back in and have adjusted to life in Key Stage 4! The pupils have taken brilliantly to our morning intervention sessions which help to bridge any gaps in knowledge in either Geography, History or Science. It is also great to see so many pupils settling well into their option subjects and working towards subjects that they are so very passionate about!

Overall, a really positive start for the majority of the year group; I'm hoping that this will continue and we can make this our best academic year yet!

~ Mr Rose (RSL)

Year 11

Year 11 have been working extremely well in lessons, showing real focus and determination as they prepare for their upcoming exams. It is important that we continue to maintain these high standards, especially during Period 6, which provides a valuable opportunity for additional learning and revision.

Attendance and effort in these sessions make a real difference, and we are pleased to see so many students making the most of them. We encourage all students to keep working hard, stay organised, and support each other as we move closer to the exam season.

~ Miss McGowan (RSL)

Purple Tickets started this week!

Students will be awarded purple tickets (virtually) each week if they meet the following criteria:

- 100% attendance
- 0 Behaviour points
- Completing SPARX goals (Maths, English and Science) *1 ticket per subject*
- Achieving 20 House Points *(1 ticket for every 20HP)*

Students will also receive purple tickets during assessment points; *1 ticket per subject on or above target.*

Rewards Trips and In Academy Events will now all be based on Purple Tickets – the students with the most amount of purple tickets will be selected each time, which allows us to recognize and reward students who are thriving both academically and personally around the academy.

Our schedule of events for this academic term is below:

- In academy – October – Bonkers Breakfast Bingo
- External Trip – December – Chester Zoo (Y7-Y10), Trafford Centre (Y11)



House Update

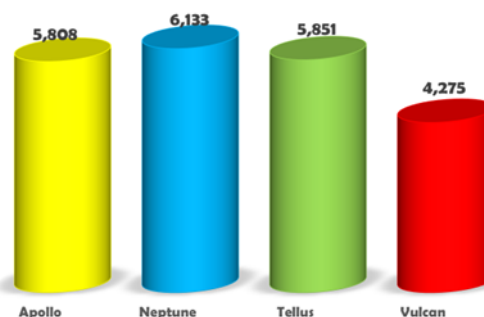
We have had a jam packed Week 4 and 5 with so many House points being earned, cracking eggs, goals galore and lego towers toppled.

Neptune continued where they had finished off in week 3 but Tellus have risen to the challenge, especially in the house events and certainly seem determined that they will not relinquish their title of house of the year easily.

We've had some of the best football ever, especially in the year 7 competitions with Tellus taking the bragging rights in the boy's tournament after a last second goal against Vulcan earning them the points to take the title.

The year 7 girls was an equally enthralling encounter with Neptune taking the title earlier in the week.

House Points Leaderboard - Week 4



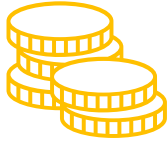
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Raised over £600!



OHA GALLERY

Y11 Football Match Fundraiser



Y11 Girls Futsal – Second Place!



Y10 student leads community careers meeting at ST6Hub



Girls Cross Country



Y9 Peer Mentors leading assemblies to recruit new students



Y7 Pathways to University Workshops with Higher Horizons



Y10 Saturday Club Launch with Higher Horizons



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT OHA

Student Voice brings together students from every year group to represent their peers, discuss key issues, and take action. Students collaborate with others from across the academy and other OAT schools to actively participate in decisions that affect their education and school community.

This year, our goal is to improve existing feedback mechanisms within every school. This will create a powerful tool where schools can seek the opinions of their whole student body and children can feed into high level decisions. Throughout the year, Student Voice participants will represent their peers by consulting with leaders who are responsible for trustwide priorities such as behaviour and culture, inclusion, and wellbeing.

PT Student Representatives

7	Sienna B	8	Reggie D	9	Aniela N	10	Ruby M	11	Leo H
	Alexis H		Ella A		Zac J		Elliot B		Mitchell P
	Eve W		Taylor D		Ben J		Liam T		Harvey E
	Kian N		Tyler H		Lennon M		Ruby H		Amy J
	Zeb W		Alex G		Kyle R		Olivia P		Liam H
	Maria G		Hannah S		Michelle M		Holly E		Lily K
	Marcus M		Ivy D		Hannelore M		Archie H		Sienna K
			Ella T		Olivia P		Riley		

Year Group Representatives



Y7 – Maria



Y8 – Ella



Y9 – Aniela



Y10 – Liam



Y11 – Mitchell

OAT Student Representatives

**KS3
Lennon**



**KS4
Ruby**



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