

Vol 12: Friday 20th March

Principal's Update

Dear OHA Community,

Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of watching our U14 Girls' football team in the last 16 of the County Cup. I was really impressed with the quality on show from both teams in what was an extremely fast and physical game. With OHA in the lead and under some pressure from the opposition, the girls displayed incredible bravery and resilience to ensure they progressed to the quarter final of the cup. A special shout out to Holly, Poppy and Hannah, three of our talented year seven students who played excellently throughout the game.

Over the last month, we have been focussing heavily on 'Silent & Solo' in the classroom. All the staff have received quite a bit of CPD on how it should be executed in the classroom and all students have had an assembly from me or Mrs Somerfield on the importance of thinking hard, struggling with the work and ensuring they use the allocated time to work independently on the task in hand. We have been really impressed with how well students have responded to this in all lessons. We will continue to focus heavily on this over the coming weeks and we will feedback on our progress.

As we approach the final week of term, I want to ensure all students show their resilience and ensure they are in for the full five days next week and make sure they are eligible for their creme egg on Friday.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Tuesday 23rd March – Wednesday 25th March
Year 7 Residential

Monday 23rd March
Year 10 Careers Challenge (In Academy) *Selected classes only*

Tuesday 24th March
Personal Development Day 2

Thursday 26th March
Rewards Trip: Cineworld/Bowling (200 students invited from Y7-Y10)

Friday 27th March – Tuesday 31st March
MFL Trip to Barcelona

Friday 27th March
Trainer/Hoody Day - £1 donation towards Y11 Prom
Academy closes for Easter at 3.10pm

Sunday 5th April – Saturday 11th April
Sports Tour to Barcelona

Monday 13th April
Academy reopens for all students (8.30am start)

PD Day 2: Tuesday 24th March Final Reminders



Year 7 – Inclusive Sports Day (Academy PE Kit)

Year 8 – Introduction to DofE Day @ Delamere Forest (Academy PE Kit, a spare pair of shoes, plus a packed lunch)

Year 9 – Natwest Careers Challenge (Academy Uniform)

Year 10 – Careers in Science, Forensics Day (Academy PE Kit)

Year 11 – Intervention (Academy Uniform)

All years are required at their normal start time of 8.30am, at their normal line up.

Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 will be staying on site for their activities.

Parents of **Year 8** have an Edulink form for up to date contact information to fill in, this is only available via the parental page – not through a student log in.

All year 8 students who receive FSM, will have a packed lunch provided as well.

Assembly Overview

WB 23rd March
Y7, Y8, Y9, 11 – Celebration Assembly
Y11 – Mock Exam Results

WB 13th April
Y7-Y11 – Welcome Back
Y10 – Celebration Assembly
Y10 – Mock Exam Routines



PSHE/WS Overview

Year 7 – Risks
Year 8 – Vaccinations
Year 9 – Cabinet (Assessment)
Year 10 – United Nations / Religious Views



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Year 7

It's hard to believe that we are already over halfway through Year 7, and what an incredible journey it has been so far. You are sporty, energetic, and always willing to get involved. Whether it's taking part in competitions, representing the academy in fixtures and events, or simply showing kindness and respect around school, you continue to impress every single day. You represent OHA in such a positive way, and that is something to celebrate. After Easter, we have lots of exciting opportunities and activities waiting for you as we head into the summer term. There is so much to look forward to, but as always, you have to be here to experience it! ~ Miss Marriott (RSL)

Year 8

Year 8 have had a really positive few weeks, and we're keen to see this continue as we head towards Easter. A group of Year 8 girls enjoyed a fantastic morning last week at the Partnership Games, run by Together Active, where they took part in a range of inclusive sports and activities. The whole year group also has an exciting PD day to look forward to next Tuesday, with a trip to Delamere Forest. We hope everyone is looking forward to it and has a brilliant day! On the last day before half term (Friday 27th), students are invited to take part in a "wear your own trainers and hoodie" day. Those participating should bring £1, which will go towards Year 11 prom fundraising. ~ Miss Smith (RSL)

Year 9

It was wonderful to see so many of you in the academy recently to support students with their option choices. A huge well done to Kiara, who was crowned overall champion in the Creative Writing House Competition, and to Gia, who was our year group winner. Both students demonstrated fantastic creativity and effort. We are now looking ahead to our PD day on 24th March. Students will be taking part in the NatWest Careers Challenge for entrepreneurs, where they will have the opportunity to develop their ideas, build key skills, and explore the world of business and enterprise. ~ Miss Haynes (RSL)

Year 10

The pupils have recently received their current working grades for each of their subjects. It is important that they use these as a guide to understand their areas of success and areas for improvement as we approach our upcoming mock exam. Our PD Day 2 is coming up next week, and I have no doubt that it will be a great experience for our pupils. A reminder that pupils will need to be in full OHA PE kit, please see the letter sent by Miss Wikes via EduLink/email for more information about the day, please feel free to get in touch with myself or Miss Harris with any questions ~ Mr Rose (RSL)

Year 11

Year 11 students have done exceptionally well during their recent mock examinations. I am incredibly proud of the maturity, focus and preparation they showed throughout the exam period. Their positive attitude and commitment to their studies did not go unnoticed, and it was great to see so many students taking the mocks seriously as an important step in their GCSE journey. I am looking forward to celebrating their efforts on Mock Results Day on 24th March, when students will be able to see the outcomes of all their hard work. ~ Miss McGowan (RSL)

Easter Rewards Trip – Thursday 26th March

Next week is our end of term rewards trip to Cineworld and Tenpin bowling!

The top 50 students from Y7-Y10 for purple tickets have had invitations sent out via email; however, we have had quite a few emails bounce back as undeliverable.

If you have changed any of your contact details, please can you contact our amazing reception team and update your contact details.

Students invited will also require to bring a packed lunch for the day – please see further information from Mr Salt regarding specific details.

Any questions – go directly to Mr Salt!



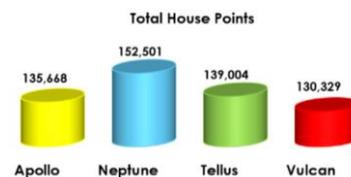
House Update

Our events keep on proving, not that it's needed, how amazing our students are. Take Fridays event, the Pi challenge, not Wrights pie, this is the Maths Pi. To compete, each student took turn reciting from memory as many digits of Pi they could remember. Susanna, year 7, was volunteered to go first and amazed/shocked everyone by reciting 72 digits with no mistakes. Alex G, year 8, came a close second remembering 71 digits with only 3 mistakes. Imagen R, Yr8, in third place. The other contents were, Craig M Yr7, Finnley H Yr7, Joshua W Yr7, Maise H Yr7, Rocco M Yr7, Imogen R Yr8, Deacon P Yr9 and Lillie-Mae T Yr9, And to help understand an amazing feat remembering 72 digits of Pi is, here are the first 72 digits of Pi that Susanna recited: 3.1415926535897932384626433832795028841971693993751058209749445923078164

The first ever escape room challenge drew to a close with Vulcan finishing the competition solving the puzzles and clues almost taking the top spot but stumbled on finding final clue "I'm full of pins and interesting stuff, hanging on the wall where people stare, just because it appears blank, does not mean that it is blank."

Dodgeball resumed with a tight contest between Neptune and Vulcan ended up with an even split of the points.

As we come to the end of the term the focus switches to our Easter Egg hunt, with this year's event completely revamped to allow every student and member of staff to enter. I can't wait to share more details of this, and how it went.



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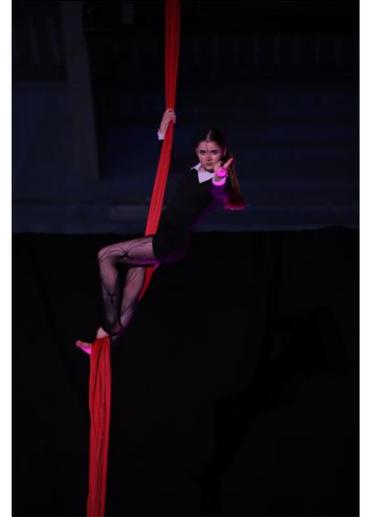
Options Evening Speakers



World Book Day



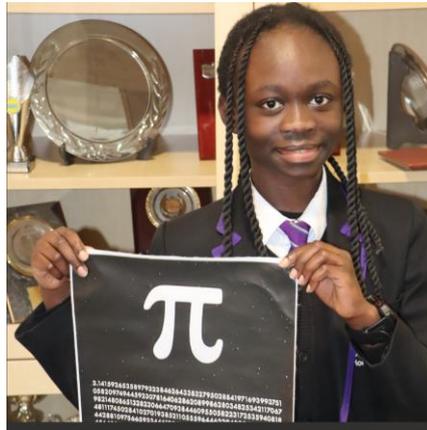
Y10 Student Aerial Success



Y10 Aspiring Pharmacy Day



House Pi Challenge Winner



Amaya has been doing Aerial for 2 half years, but started competing around 12 months ago. She won 1st at Liverpool's "Can you dance" and claimed 3rd place at junior Aerial Art in Hereford last year. She is due to compete in Birmingham and North West Aerial in April.

OGT Host



ACE Padel Careers Trip



Rugby World Cup Trophy Event



Badminton Fixture



Sports Leaders at a Primary Event



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Labour Market Information

LMI tells us about:

- What jobs are available in in your local area
- What qualifications are needed for these jobs
- What salaries are offered for jobs

All data below is specific for Stoke-on-Trent:

Top Posted Occupations

Occupation (SOC)	Total/Unique (Jan 2025 - Jan 2026)
Care Workers and Home Carers	2,761 / 1,229
Sales Related Occupations n.e.c.	2,107 / 1,126
Secondary Education Teaching Professionals	1,927 / 962
Cleaners and Domestic	1,862 / 900
Teaching Assistants	1,496 / 709
Teaching Professionals n.e.c.	1,182 / 695
Large Goods Vehicle Drivers	1,507 / 646
Kitchen and Catering Assistants	1,261 / 623
Special and Additional Needs Education Teaching Professionals	1,207 / 567
Customer Service Occupations n.e.c.	1,048 / 542

Top Companies Posting

Company	Total/Unique (Jan 2025 - Jan 2026)
NHS	6,747 / 1,688
Academics	1,578 / 693
Hays	1,428 / 495
Stoke-On-Trent City Council	791 / 450
Aspire People	942 / 424
Kpi Recruiting Limited	473 / 308
Sodexo	1,203 / 307
Adecco	540 / 284
Bet365 Group Limited	598 / 265
Randstad	556 / 233
Appointments Personnel Limited	441 / 219
Ethero Ltd	691 / 209
Brampton Recruitment Limited	369 / 208

Industry	2024 Jobs	2026 Jobs	Change in Jobs (2024-2026)	% Change	2024 Wages Per Worker
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	6,471	7,009	538	8%	£27,210
Information and Communication	6,257	6,686	429	7%	£54,645
Human Health and Social Work Activities	26,564	26,922	358	1%	£30,935
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	6,041	6,320	279	5%	£19,418
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	5,102	5,358	256	5%	£40,698
Administrative and Support Service Activities	8,660	8,860	200	2%	£25,994
Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,162	5,345	183	4%	£35,762
Education	8,986	9,120	134	1%	£31,977
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	18,515	18,573	58	0%	£28,602
Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	973	1,013	40	4%	£41,196

For any further support, visit our website page or speak to Mrs Naylor:

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PURPLE TICKET STANDINGS

Virtual Purple Tickets are awarded weekly for:

- 100% attendance
- Behaviour Points
- Per 20 House Points (running total)
- Homework completion – Sparx Maths
- Homework completion – Sparx Reader/GCSE POD
- Homework completion – Sparx Science

Current No.1 Ranking in the Academy:

Luna Y7 and Oliver Y10

Purple tickets earn rewards for:

- Weekly queue jumps/prizes
- Half termly "in academy" rewards event invites
- Termly external reward trips invites
- Termly raffle prizes – shopping voucher (1 raffle ticket per purple ticket)
- Y11 prom ticket/leavers hoodies

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Gibson, L	Whitefoot, K	Smart, L	Roberts, O	Ashley, L
Harrison, M	Bailey, C	Rajhman, H	Lewis, L	Carter, M
Adshead, E	Lahillonne,	Allin, L	Twardochleb, L	Gray, L
Arifaj, E	Bagguley, E	Shaw, E	Allcock, I	Brayford, A
Williams, E	Marsden, F	Gallimore, A	Moores, R	Bryan, S
Folorunso, S	Tate, E	Wain, J	Grosiak, J	Clowes, F
Howell, H	Davies, B	Hughes, M	Hussain, N	Jackson, A
Stephens, R	Glenn, A	Weaver, L	Melenciuc, A	Robinson, Y
Ecclestone, F	Davies, O	Hanks, R	Menzies, L	Cartwright, S
Wozny, A	Winfrow, S	Arthur, M	Moisoiu, A	Leech, G



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24th February - 27th March

24 DAYS!

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CRÈME EGG!

