

## Principal's Update

Dear OHA Community,

Despite the wet and windy rain conditions, we are moving very quickly towards the final half term of the year. The summer term is always action packed with lots of events taking place across all year groups.

On Saturday we welcome our Y6 cohort for their first Saturday Academy. It will be great to have them in the building and start to build relationships. There will be two more Saturday Academy sessions taking place in June before we welcome the 220 strong cohort in for three days at the start of July.

Our Y5 Open Morning will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please make sure you share the date with any family or friends who might be interested in attending OHA. I am really looking forward to visiting a range of primary schools over the coming weeks to speak to their Y5 cohorts about secondary school life.

Last Saturday we welcomed 102 Y11 students into the academy for English and maths revision in preparation for their GCSE examinations. This weekend, we hope to have similar numbers as we make sure full preparations are in place for their English Language examination. If your son or daughter is in Y11, they have done fantastically well over the last two weeks, they just need one more big push before the half term break.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

### Key Dates

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Celebration Evening – Invited Students Only

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Rewards Afternoon – Selected Students Only  
Academy closes for half term

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Academy re opens for all students – 8.30am start

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Year 10 Parents Evening (In Academy)

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Bronze DofE Expedition Weekend

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Y5 Open Morning (9am – 11am)

### Prom Final Fundraiser Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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HORIZON  
ACADEMY  
PROM  
FUNDRAISER

2 GAMES

YEAR 11 BOYS MATCH | YEAR 11 GIRLS MATCH

DATE: FRIDAY 22ND MAY

KICK OFF: 3:45PM

LOCATION: SCHOOL FIELD

£3 ENTRY (INCLUDES A DRINK OR SNACK)

£1 BEAT THE KEEPER CHALLENGE

SUPPORT OUR YEAR 11 - LET'S MAKE IT A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

### Assembly Overview

#### WB 18<sup>th</sup> May

Y7-Y10 – House Celebrations  
Y7-Y10 – Principals Assembly

#### WB 1<sup>st</sup> June

Y7-Y9 – Sports Day  
Y10 – Student Leadership Y11 Team Launch (LLW)

### PSHE/WS Overview

Year 7 – Young Carers & Making Changes  
Year 8 – Personal Boundaries & News  
Year 9 – Managing Stress & disappointment  
Year 10 – Developing resilience  
Year 10 – Surrogacy

## Year 7

It has been truly fantastic to see the progress Year 7 students have made this year. It's hard to believe that we are now approaching the final half term of the year. Time has flown, and in that time, we have seen so much growth—not just academically, but personally too. You've developed confidence, resilience, and stronger friendships, all of which will support you as you continue your journey through school. There is plenty to look forward to in the summer, including exciting events like sports day, PD Day 3 and your first Horizon Day. As we head into the final weeks, keep standards high, stay focused, and continue being the amazing students you are!

~ Miss Marriot (RSL)

## Year 8

Year 8 Career Industry days have been really exciting for the students to take part in, Mrs Naylor has done a fabulous job of organising lots of experiences for students at places such as Network rail, Portmeirion Pottery and much more – students should take advantage of these experiences for practical careers choices as they get older.

Congratulations to all students who took part in the athletics competition at Northwood last night, it was amazing to see you all show such resilience in your events!

The students selected for the rewards trip will be announced by Mr Salt next week, our top 50 has been working so hard to get their invites by attending every day, completing all homework and getting recognised with achievement points. Well done!

~ Miss Smith (RSL)

## Year 9

Year 9 students recently competed in the athletics championships at Northwood on 12th May, showing excellent determination and sportsmanship. We are delighted that a number of students have received county letters inviting them to compete at the next level. Well done!

As we move into the final full term of Year 9, it is important that students begin preparing for the transition into Year 10 and their GCSE courses. Any students who have not yet selected their options should contact either myself or Ms Whiston as soon as possible to select their choices. A big thank you to all who have already competed this process.

~ Miss Haynes (RSL)

## Year 10

Year 10 have come through their mock and option assessment period brilliantly. It has been great to see the hard work that the pupils have put into trying to close the gaps in their knowledge, and work to improve where they can. It is important that the pupils start to build good habits in terms of working to improve their outcomes. This starts will being on time for lesson, followed by engaging fully in lessons and working to their best.

A huge reminder to pupils about the importance of homework, if pupils are having any issues with logging on to SPARX or GCSE Pod, please come and speak to myself or Miss Harris as soon as possible. Finally, work experience week is fast approaching, if pupils are struggling to find a placement please speak to myself or Mrs Naylor and we can support you!

~ Mir Rose (RSL)

## Summer Rewards Trip Invites

Our summer rewards trip is approaching, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Alton Towers.

Students have been working hard for their purple tickets since we returned from Easter.

The 5 week challenge period finishes today and the top 50 students from each year group will have their invites sent out next week – keep your eyes peeled in your emails/Edulink inboxes!

Got a question? Contact Mr Salt ([asalt@horizonoat.co.uk](mailto:asalt@horizonoat.co.uk))



## House Update

Our last house update I said it had been a while since Neptune had won and it looked like I lifted their recent run of bad luck when they finished week 29 head and shoulders above the other houses, but last week they slipped back down the pecking order. Apollo continued their recent run of form to finish top yet again for another week.

Our latest madcap quiz was the Doughnut Quiz, 20 questions all related to doughnuts, not donuts, with Tellus taking the win for year 7 and Apollo for year 8.

Some of the questions were:

Which cartoon character is famous for saying "Mmm... doughnuts"?

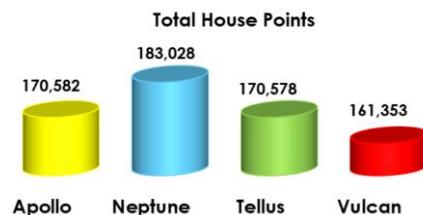
What country is credited with early doughnut-like treats called "olykoeks"?

What is a ring doughnut missing?

Year 9 & 10 had their second Spelling Bee, with Tellus taking the win by a single point. Apollo and Vulcan sharing the spoils after an epic battle between Tyler T and Paul Q finished in a draw.

Some of the harder words included Proletariat, Denouement, and Triskaidekaphobia.

Our students, as always, continue to collect as many Purple Tickets as possible through achievement points, homework completion, and attendance.



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# OHA GALLERY

Y11s receive their motivational message ahead of the exams starting



Y7 Footballers at their tournament



OHA Alumni Celebrations – Once an OHA 'er, always an OHA 'er!



Y9/Y10 Athletics Success



Y11 Booster Sessions for exams



## CAREERS

# YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 29<sup>TH</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July



### Year 10 Students

**Have you got your work experience sorted yet?**

Just six weeks to go.

Speak to your Personal Tutor or Mrs Naylor for support with this.

Year 7 students recently enjoyed a fantastic visit to Holmes Chapel Zoo, where they encountered a variety of animals including skunks, snakes, owls and hedgehogs.

Students took part in a guided tour and learned about the different careers available within zoos and animal care, as well as the pathways needed to work in the industry. It was a fun and informative day that inspired many of our budding animal enthusiasts.

HOLMES CHAPEL  
**ZOO**

### Career of the Week:

#### CINEMA HOST

##### DEFINITION

A person who greets, serves customers and sells and checks tickets

##### FUN FACT

★ Sylvester Stallone, whilst struggling to break into the film industry in the 1970's, worked at a movie theatre. Although he did get the sack from reselling tickets!



## OHA Alumni

We recently dropped in to see former student Dez Bull at his new venture, Dez's Kitchen, based in the Whitfield Valley Centre. At just 18, Dez has already made the leap from the classroom to the professional kitchen, launching his own business while completing his final year at Reaseheath College.

Dez has built a space that is all about quality food at prices that keep the local community in mind. Dez is a fantastic example for our current students of what can be achieved with a clear goal and the willingness to work for it.

If you're in the area, make sure to stop by the Whitfield Valley Centre and support a local success story



We recently caught up with Holly who left OHA in 2016 to learn more about her career journey since leaving us. Holly is now a **Learning and Development Specialist** at **Steelite International** in Burslem, and her path is a great example of how careers can evolve over time. After leaving school, Holly studied **A-Levels** in English Language, Media Studies and Textile Design at **Newcastle College**.

She then chose to take a different route, completing a **Level 3 Apprenticeship** in Business Administration with Steelite before going on to achieve a **first-class degree** from **Keele University**. In 2021, she returned to Steelite, where she has continued to grow and has since progressed into a management role.

It's been fantastic to reconnect with Holly, who has been working closely with the OHA careers team to inspire our current Year 8 students. Through her role, she has supported visits to Steelite's factory, giving students a valuable insight into the manufacturing process and the wide range of careers available locally.

We love keeping in touch with all of our former students, and hearing what they have been up to since leaving OHA - So, if you're an OHA alumni with a story to share, we'd love to hear from you—your journey could inspire our next generation.

Get in touch, contact Mrs Naylor on [knaylor@horizonoat.co.uk](mailto:knaylor@horizonoat.co.uk) or follow the link on our Alumni page [Ormiston Horizon Academy | An ambitious school at the heart of our community - Alumni](#)

You could be the next face on our Alumni wall of fame.

## 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:**

**Kirsten W (Year 8)**

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
Maisie H	Kirsten W	Ella-Mae S	Nadia H	Amy J
Lola S	Elisa B	Lilly-Mae S	Liam T	Lucas H
Susanna F	Chloe-L	Rebecca B	Julia G	Liam H
Eve W	Gracie M	Aurora-Jae G	Ana-Maria M	Jacob W
Luna-Rae G	Ella T	Ryley H	Lydia M	Mitchell P
Charlie O	Stephanie L	Luke R	Imsaal K	Yasmyne R
Aaron W	Florrie B-A	Oliver T	Paul Q	Annabelle B
Oliver W	Beau D	Millie H	Oliver R	Rowan R
Mary O	Christabel K	Jacob W	Casper S	Libby G
Evie A	Sophie W	Lottie W	Lucie E	Jessica T

