

The "OHA'er"

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Principal's Update

Dear OHA Community,

Welcome back after what turned out to be an incredibly sunny half term. I hope you all managed to enjoy some well-deserved rest and spend some quality time together as families.

A huge highlight this week was our wonderful OHA Celebration Evening on Tuesday 19th May. It was a joy to come together with students, families and staff to recognise the achievements of our young people. A heartfelt congratulations to all our award winners — you truly earned your moment in the spotlight, and we are all so proud of you.

Our Year 8 students have also been out and about recently, taking part in a range of workplace visits across the local area. It has been fantastic to see so many of them engaging with enthusiasm and curiosity. Experiences like these really do help shape aspirations for the future. A big thank you to Mrs Naylor for leading this work with such care and commitment.

As always, attendance remains a key priority for us. Being in school every day makes a huge difference to learning, wellbeing and long-term success. We know that sometimes families may need support, so if you have any concerns or would like to talk to someone, please reach out to your child's personal tutor or year team — we're here to help.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Rushton back from maternity leave. It has been lovely having her energy and warmth back in the building this week.

Wishing you all a positive and productive week ahead.

Mr Fitzgibbon (Principal)

Key Dates



Wednesday 10th June

Year 10 Parents Evening (In Academy)

Friday 12th June – Sunday 14th June

Bronze DofE Expedition Weekend

Saturday 20th June

Y5 Open Morning (9am – 11am)

Monday 22nd June

Y10 NSCG Visit – *Whole Cohort* (11am – 3pm)

Thursday 25th June

Y10 Step into 6th Form – *Selected Students Only*

Friday 26th June

Year 11 Prom

Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July

Y10 Work Experience Week

Monday 29th June

Y7 – Y9 Sports Day At Northwood Stadium

Year 5 Open Morning Saturday 20th June 9am – 11am



We look forward to welcoming our new Y5 students into the academy for our open morning on Sat 20th June!

Our amazing student leaders will be attending to take the families on tour of the academy, and answer any questions you might have – from a student OHA'ers point of view.

Please feel free to pass the message on to an prospective parents/students who may want to come and see what it means to become an OHA'er.

Assembly Overview



WB 8th June

Y7/Y8 – RSL Assembly

Y9 – Berlin Trip Launch

Y10 – WEX Updates

WB 15th June

Y7 – Y10 – RSL Assembly

PSHE/WS Overview

Year 7 – Parliament and Political Parties

Year 8 – News and Verifying information

Year 9 – Coping with grief and Mental Health

Year 10 – Zoroastrism & Paganism



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Year 7

As we approach our final half-term of the year, I would like to highlight how well-settled Year 7 are and how smartly they are dressed. It has been wonderful to see pupils being recognised during the celebration evening before the break.

Well done to those who have been rewarded for their attendance, achievement points and Sparx participation with a trip to Alton Towers and those participating at Northwood. We are very much looking forward to our first sports day as a year group this July, and we can't wait to see all the banners being made for each house.

Well done Year 7
~ Miss Collis (BD)

Year 8

This half term, Year 8 said goodbye to Miss Betley as their Head of Year, as she moves on to an exciting new role within OHA. I know the whole year group will be grateful for the hard work and support Miss Betley has given them since the start of Year 7, and we wish her well in what comes next.

Year 8 are currently being supported by Miss Lowe and Mrs Richardson, and I have no doubt the year group will continue to thrive with that support around them. If you need anything, please check the website for their contact email addresses.

~ Mr Williamson (BD)

Year 9

Year 9 are now in their final half term before beginning their GCSEs in Year 10, and it is important that they finish KS3 in the strongest possible way. The groundwork they lay now will directly shape how prepared and settled they feel when September arrives, so consistent effort and the right habits matter more than ever at this stage. On a practical note, I want to remind all Year 9 students to ensure they have a working whiteboard pen in their equipment every day. These are used regularly in lessons for starter activities and checking for understanding, and students without one are immediately at a disadvantage from the moment they walk through the classroom door.

~ Mr Williamson (BD)

Year 10

Year 10 have a really busy half term. We have parents evening on Wednesday 10th June. Please make sure you have made appointments to see teachers. This is a great opportunity to find out how well your child is progressing in their GCSEs.

Year 10s are also completing Mock Exams over the next few weeks. These are important as it gives our students the opportunity to sit GCSE past papers and test their knowledge on what they will be tested on next year.

Work experience is fast approaching - most have placements but if your child is still struggling please contact us. Well done to those students who were invited on the Alton Towers trip. This is a great achievement and something to look forward to at the end of term.

~ Mir Maher (BD)

Year 10 NSCG Afternoon Monday 22nd June

On Monday 22nd June, we will be taking the whole year group to NSCG for a subject taster afternoon.

Please look out for communication from Mrs Naylor.

Students will complete the phone routine as normal in the morning and be given phones back at the end of day when they return to the academy.

Students will leave the academy at 11.30am, and travel via coach to NSCG, and return around 2.45 – 3pm.

Normal academy uniform is required and lunch is provided from the college for all students.



House Update

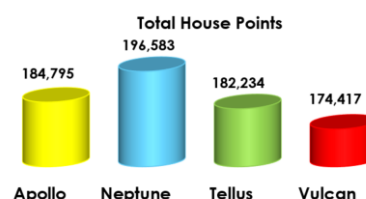
Answer to the Doughnut Quiz questions in OHA'er 15
Which cartoon character is famous for saying "Mmm... doughnuts"? **Homer Simpson**

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

What is a ring doughnut missing? **The middle**

1,238 points. That was the difference between 1st and 4th placed houses. It might sound a lot, but shared between 1060 students it really is close and shows how the competition is for the house cup with so much left to compete for.

Apollo once again proved to be the inform House beating the rest of the houses to first place once again on the back of impressive performance in both year 9 and 10 streetball competitions. However, we now change pace with our events as we gear up for Sports day most of house events move to lunchtimes now the warm rainy weather has arrived with numerous fun and varied football World Cup themed competitions from kit design to goal celebrations and much much more.



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OHA GALLERY

Final prom fundraiser raised over £400!



Army Careers Day



Y8 Industry Days at Black Onyx



KS4 Netball continues



Y8 Industry Days at JCB



KS3 Football aiming for the finals



Y7 Bikeability Sessions



Y10 Football Careers Tournaments



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Celebration Evening

On Tuesday 19th May, we welcomed and celebrated 55 students and their families for our annual Celebration Evening. This prestigious event is to recognize and celebrate the students hardwork and dedication throughout the year. We thank everyone for attending and hope you had an enjoyable evening! Please see our highlights below.

KS3 Awards

English	S.Pandelea
Maths	J. Samuel
Science	S. Lowe
Computing	A.Selaru
DT	P.Hancock
Food	L.Tschubenko
Textiles	S.Winfrow
Spanish	M.Arthur
Performing Arts	D. Bagnall
Music	N.Amison
History	S. Pandelea
Geography	V.Petrychenko
World Studies	V.Petrychenko
PE	F.Vincent
Art	H. Nasau

Special Awards

Respect	C.Brownsword
Resilience	L.Gibson
Responsibility	S.Tolos
Role Model Y7	I.Routledge
Role Model Y8	K.Whitefoot
Role Model Y9	E.Shaw
Role Model Y10	L.Cooke
Role Model Y11	A.Mountford
Student Leader Champion	R.Moores
Enrichment Champion	M.Gheorghiu
Outstanding Progress	Z.Asim
Academic Achievement	L.Vyse
Angela Clacher	L.Twardochleb
Prinicpal	H.Bentley

KS4

Maths	J. Newell
Statistics	E.Rapi
English Lit	L.Gray
English Lang	G.Leech
Science	L.Vyse
Creative lmedia	A.Jackson
DT	O.Surtees
Construction	L.Martin
Hospitality/Catering	S.Cartwright
Business	L.Cotterill
History	R.Malbon
Geography	I.Khan
Spanish	H.Evans
Dance	L.Cooke
Drama	A.Findler
Music	O.Parker
World Studies	K.Cartlidge
Sociology	C.Hansbury
Psychology	M.Mellor
Health & Social	S.Cartwright
Art	L.Mason
Photography	J.Grosiak
GCSE PE	A.Mountford
Sport Studies	H.Bentley



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PURPLE TICKET STANDINGS

Current No.1 Ranking in the Academy:
Kirsten – Y8

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

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	Maisie H
Lola S	Elisa B	Lilly-Mae S	Liam T	Lola S
Susanna F	Gracie M	Aurora-Jae G	Lydia M	Susanna F
Eve W	Ella T	Ryley H	Julia G	Eve W
Luna-Rae G	Chloe-Lea B	Rebecca B	Lucie E	Luna-Rae G
Michelle Ad	Beau D	Luke R	Oliver R	Michelle Ad
Aaron W	Stephanie L	Oliver T	Paul Q	Aaron W
Hollie C	Florrie B	Jacob W	Ana-Maria M	Hollie C
Oliver W	Christabel K	Millie H	Imsaal K	Oliver W
Mary O	Sophie W	Lexy A	Andreea M	Mary O



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