

The "OHA'er"

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Principal's Update

Dear OHA Community,

I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to all our Year 11 students for the tremendous hard work, resilience, and determination they have shown throughout the exam period. Their commitment over these past weeks — and indeed over their entire five-year journey with us — has been truly inspiring. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to their families, whose encouragement, patience, and unwavering support have played such an important role in helping our students reach this milestone. Have an amazing summer, we look forward to seeing you at prom and on results day.

As our Year 11s complete this chapter, our Year 10 students are stepping into an important phase of their own. We wish them the very best of luck as they begin their mock exam period and embark on their work-experience placements. These opportunities are invaluable in helping students build confidence, develop new skills, and gain a clearer sense of their future pathways. We are still seeking placements for a small number of students, and we would be grateful for support from any local businesses who may be able to offer a placement. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Naylor - knaylor@horizonoat.co.uk

The next four weeks also bring a number of exciting whole-school events that we are very much looking forward to. Sports Day will give our students the chance to showcase their teamwork, determination, and school spirit. Personal Development Day and Horizon Day will provide enriching opportunities for students to explore new ideas, build essential life skills, and broaden their understanding of the world around them. We will round off the term with our Rewards Day, a celebration of the effort, progress, and positive contributions our students have made throughout the year. A big shout out to all the staff who are leading on the different events taking place.

As we approach this busy and rewarding period, it is more important than ever that students maintain strong attendance. Being in school every day ensures they can fully participate in these opportunities, continue making progress, and finish the term on a high. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep attendance strong.

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

Key Dates



Saturday 20th June

Y5 Open Morning (9am – 11am)

Monday 22nd June

Y10 NSCG Visit – *Whole Cohort* (11.30am – 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

Wednesday 1st July – Friday 3rd July

Y6 Transition Days

Tuesday 7th July

Sports Personality of The Year - Awards Evening (*invited students only*)

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.

Assembly Overview



WB 22nd June

Y7- Y9 Sports Day Reminders
Y7 – Y10 Principals Assembly

WB 29th June

N/A

PSHE/WS Overview

Year 7 – General Elections & MPs

Year 8 – Manipulating and reviewing the news

Year 9 – Building Resilience

Year 10 – Jehovah's Witnesses & Scientology



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Year 7

It's hard to believe there are only 5 weeks left until the end of the year, where has the time gone?

You have all grown into fantastic OHA'ers, and we're so proud of everything you've achieved.

A special well done to all the pupils who have competed at Northwood. We're really excited for Sports Day on 29th June and can't wait to see you all competing in different events and proudly representing your houses.

We have so many exciting opportunities coming up; Sports Day, PD Day 3, Rewards Trip, Horizon Day and the Pizza Afternoon – I can't wait to see as many of you involved as possible.

Keep going, Year 7—you're doing brilliantly!

~ Miss Wood (HOY)

Year 8

I'm so excited to be joining the Year 8 team as Head of Year. I've got some big shoes to fill but I've enjoyed getting to know them so far! If you need any support, please direct all communication to me at nrichardson@horizonoat.co.uk

I look forward to seeing them in full action for the next few weeks, as it's jam packed at the academy as we approach the end of term. We have the rewards trip and pizza afternoon – celebrating our top purple ticket students and then we have Personal Development 3 and Horizon Day to round off the term.

I can't wait for Sports Day and seeing all the successes – I know last year was really good!

~ Mrs Richardson (HOY)

Year 9

We are almost at the end of another school year. This year has been filled with challenges, opportunities, successes and memories that we will carry with us for years to come. Our students have grown not only academically, but also as individuals learning valuable lessons both inside and outside of the classroom.

On behalf of the Year 9 team, I would like to thank our families for their support and encouragement throughout the year. Your support has helped us reach our goals and overcome obstacles along the way.

To our students, every achievement big or small has contributed to making our year group something to be proud of! Have a lovely summer.

~ Mrs Milne (HOY)

Year 10

As we're quickly approaching the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for each and every one of you.

You've all put in an incredible amount of hard work this year, and I'm really looking forward to tackling our final year together!

I've been genuinely impressed with how you've approached the mock exams – you've truly risen to the challenge. Just a quick reminder that work experience is coming up fast, starting the week of June 29th.

If you need any help at all with finding or logging your placements, please don't hesitate to reach out.

~ Miss Harris (HOY)

Sports Day: Monday 29th June

Get ready for an exciting day of energy, teamwork, and school spirit! Sports Day is your chance to challenge yourself, cheer on your friends, and represent your house with pride.

All students must wear full OHA PE kit - any issues please inform the PE team immediately. Please also bring water, sunscreen, and a coat to stay prepared for the day.

Departure forms are now completed! If you have NOT completed the departure form, students will not be allowed to leave Northwood Stadium and will go back to the academy on the coaches provided.

Give it your all, support each other, and make it a day to remember. Let's bring the enthusiasm, positivity, and determination!

On your marks... get set... go!



House Update

The race for the House Cup remains as tense as ever! While the leaderboard hasn't seen a massive shake-up just yet, every single point matters as we head into the final stretch of the year.

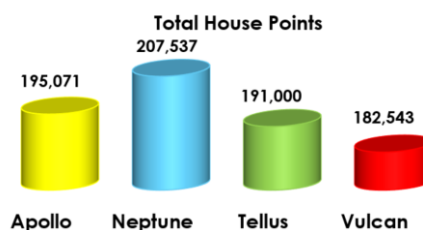
Neptune continues to hold strong at the very top of the overall leaderboard, but they can't rest easy just yet. Apollo has proven to be the absolute in-form House lately, clinching a few more weekly wins to keep the pressure dialled all the way up. Meanwhile, Tellus is holding steady in third place, with Vulcan currently sitting in fourth and looking for that spark to ignite a late-season comeback.

We have just launched a brand-new wave of FIFA World Cup-themed events to get everyone involved! Whether you are a master tactician on the pitch or a creative genius off it, there is a way for you to win vital points for your house.

The events are:

Best Goal Celebration, Kit design competition, Creative Writing Journalism, Match Commentary, the PT Sweepstake, Guess the Flag, and The Crossbar Challenge - Staff v Students.

Our students, as always, continue to collect as many Purple Tickets as possible through daily excellence in achievement points, homework completion, and stellar attendance. Keep pushing—your house needs you!



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OHA GALLERY

Y8 Industry Days at JCB



Year 11 Leavers



Female Football Careers Day



Netball Games continue



Final Football Prom Fundraiser



Sports Leaders



Y7 Super 8 Athletics



Y6 Saturday Academy Sessions continue



Y9/Y10 Super 8 Athletics



U16 Final Football Game



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PURPLE TICKET STANDINGS

Current No.1 Ranking in the Academy:
Kirsten W (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
Maisie H	Kirsten W	Aniela N	Amaya K
Lola S	Elisa B	Ayda M	Amy P
Susanna F	Chloe-Lea B	Blake J	Andre H
Eve W	Gracie M	Codee T	Ashley S
Luna-Rae G	Florrie B	Cooper W	Atlantica M
Michelle A	Beau D	Ebonie K	Carla I
Aaron W	Stephanie L	Elliot L	Ellie-Mae P
Hollie C	Sophie W	Elsie A	Harvey M
Oliver W	Ella T	Erin S	Imam M
Mary O	Christabel K	Ethan L	Katie P



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