

# The "OHA'er"

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## Principal's Update

Dear OHA Community,

As per my communications sent out via email, I wanted to ensure you are aware that the academy will be opening at our normal time on Monday 6th July.

We are aware that the England V Mexico game kicks off 1.00am and we might have a few tired faces (students and staff) in the morning, however, we are sure we can all manage with a little bit of tiredness for one day and we can get to bed early on Monday evening.

A couple of points below that we want to make everyone aware of:

- Students are welcome to wear their England jerseys / t-shirts over their shirts on Monday.
- Highlights of the game will be showed during Personal Tutor time on Monday and PT's are excited to conduct an in-depth, Gary Neville level of analysis, of the game with their PT group.
- Mr Salt has organised a number of World Cup themed house events throughout the day for different year groups to get involved with.
- The Catering Team have put together an England Football themed menu for Monday with 'Chip Shop Chip Baps' and 'The Great English Curry' on sale.

Come on England!

~ Mr Fitzgibbon

### Key Dates



#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

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

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Pizza Rewards Afternoon – Selected Students Only

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Y7-Y10 Rewards Trip x200 students

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Personal Development Day 3 - All students in Academy PE Kit

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Horizon Enrichment Day - All students in Academy PE Kit

**Academy closes at 12.20pm**

#### Summer Holidays

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Academy opens for Y7 and Y11 only

*\*Communication coming out soon\**

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Academy reopens for all year groups

### Personal Development Day 3 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July



Our final PD Day arrangements are below:

**Year 7** - In Academy STEM Day (Academy PE Kit)

**Year 8** – Offsite *(next to the academy)* MPCT Day (Academy PE Kit)

**Year 9** – Offsite National War Arboretum Trip (Academy PE Kit)

**Year 10** – In Academy Sports Careers Day (Academy PE Kit)

All students will have elements outside, so please send them prepared for the weather (coats/hats/suncream/water)

All students should arrive for 8.30am, for line up as normal.

Letters have been sent to all parents via emails/Edulink.

**Parents/Carers of Year 9** – please complete the Edulink forms with the most up to date medical information.

## Assembly Overview

#### WB 6<sup>th</sup> July

Y7 - Cadets Launch

Y8 – DofE Launch

Y9 – Celebration Assembly

Y7-Y10 – PD Day Schedules

#### WB 13<sup>th</sup> July

Y7, Y8 and Y10 – Celebration Assembly



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## Year 7

It's hard to believe how quickly this year has gone—Year 7 have done exceptionally well and should be incredibly proud as they prepare to move up to Year 8.

They have shown great progress, resilience, and enthusiasm in all areas of school life, with Sports Day being a particular highlight. It was fantastic to see so many students taking part, winning medals, and supporting one another with such positive energy.

Their first Sports Day was an amazing one – with lots of stand out performances but in particular from Luna in the 1500m – what a run that was to watch!

With only a few weeks left, it's important that we make one final push, keeping our standards high and continuing to demonstrate what it means to be excellent OHA'ers.

We have a busy time coming up before we finish – so enjoy it all and keep standards high

~ Miss Marriot (RSL)

## Year 8

As this is my final newsletter piece as Y8 RSL, I wanted to take a moment to say what a genuine pleasure it has been working with this year group over the past two years. It has been a privilege to support them through the highs and lows, the challenges and the successes, and to watch them grow along the way.

My hope is that they move into Year 9 with a positive attitude and the confidence to continue developing into the wonderful young adults I know they will be.

We had an amazing day on Sports day, and the year group have more things to look forward too over the final two weeks – Rewards Trip, Personal Development Day and Horizon Day.

I will always be around and I look forward to seeing all that they achieve in the years ahead.

~ Miss Smith (RSL)

## Year 9

As we reach the end of a successful Year 9, I would like to congratulate students on their hard work, creativity and progress throughout the year.

They have demonstrated our academy values of respect, responsibility and resilience, and produced some fantastic work and should be proud of their achievements.

I am looking forward to continuing our journey together as they move into Year 10 and begin their GCSE option subjects.

Their final Sports Day was an amazing one – with lots of stand out performances and it was a great day to spend with the year group.

We have a busy time coming up before we finish – so enjoy it all and keep standards high - I wish them all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing what they achieve next year.

~ Mrs Haynes (RSL)

## Year 10

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to say a huge well done to our Year 10 pupils for all you have done this year. You've had a lot of firsts this year including your first Mock Exams, University/College trips, Period 6's and Work Experience placements to name a few!

Your recent mock results will provide you with a great idea of where you are currently at. It is important that you take these results and learn where you have done well and where you need to improve. Only you can make a positive change or keep the positive results going. We will of course be there to support you at every step, but it all starts with you!

Well done again on a brilliant year, let's finish it strong in these last two weeks before we break for the summer and Year 11 begins! ~ Mr Rose (RSL)

## Horizon Enrichment Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

On the final day of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, students will take part in our annual "Horizon" Day which is a day filled with enrichment activities for students to choose from.

Students have had the choice from over 30 different workshops, with lots of sports and arts & crafts activities available.

Students are required to wear their full academy PE kit on the day, as per the normal PE lesson guidelines - Academy logo PE top, shorts/skort/leggings but no cycling/Nike pro shorts and suitable trainers, no pump style shoes or crocs.

Students will take part in two sessions across the morning, before finishing at 12.20pm for the Summer Holidays.

## House Update

A Storm is brewing in the race for the House Cup as it remains as tense as ever, and while the overall leaderboard hasn't suffered a massive shake-up just yet, we are officially entering "every single point matter's" territory as we head into the final stretch of the year.

Neptune continues to hold strong at the absolute summit, but they shouldn't get too comfortable in the clouds. The ground beneath them is shifting rapidly thanks to Sports Day, which took place a few days ago. The official house points from the tracks and fields are currently being tallied by our resident mathematical wizards, and rumour has it they are about to unleash absolute chaos upon the leaderboard.

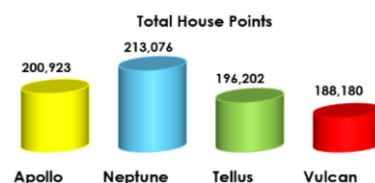
Here is how the land lies ahead of the big reveal:

Apollo: Still breathing down Neptune's neck, maintaining their fierce pursuit of the top spot.

Tellus: Holding steady in third, though they have been uncharacteristically quiet on the point-scoring front lately. However, form is temporary and class is permanent: they reminded everyone of their pedigree by clinching a brilliant victory in the Year 8 Lunchtime Netball.

Vulcan: Currently sitting in fourth, but do not look down on them. They are officially the in-form House of the moment, playing with absolute fire. Not only are they hunting for that late-season comeback, but they also dominated the courts to take the crown in the Year 7 Lunchtime Streetball competition and following calls for a rematch they may well double their tally to put further pressure on Tellus.

Are Neptune about to be dethroned? Can Vulcan complete a legendary late-season surge? Keep your eyes peeled for the updates, the post Sports Day leaderboard update is going to be spectacular.



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# OHA GALLERY

Y5 Open Morning



Rounders Teams



Sports Day 2026 – Vulcan Winners!



Y10 Work Experience Highlights



Rounders Finals: 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City



Y11 Prom Highlights



Sports Leaders



Y10 Step Into 6<sup>th</sup> Form Day



Y10 Leadership Conference



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# PURPLE TICKET STANDINGS

**Current No.1 Ranking in the Academy:**  
Maisie H (Year 7)

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



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