



Principal's Update

*Together
we go further*

Dear OHA Community,

As we reach the end of the first half term, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents and carers for helping make it such a positive and successful start to the academic year. The first seven weeks have flown by, and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, commitment and pride that our students bring to the academy each day. I am particularly proud of our new Year 7 cohort, who have settled into life at OHA exceptionally well. They have adapted quickly to new routines, embraced the opportunities available to them, and have made a fantastic start to their secondary school journey. Most importantly, they appear to be enjoying their lessons and becoming valued members of our academy community.

Improving attendance remains one of our key priorities, and I am delighted that attendance is currently 1.3% higher than at the same point last year. This is a positive reflection of the collective efforts of students, families and staff, and demonstrates the difference that regular attendance makes to learning and achievement. While we are pleased with this progress, we remain ambitious and know there is still more to do. To further strengthen our work in this area, I am pleased to introduce Mrs Bailey, our new Attendance Officer, who will be working closely with Mrs Stephens and our pastoral teams to support students and families in ensuring every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Alongside attendance, punctuality is equally important. Every lesson matters and a positive start to the day helps students maximise their learning and develop strong habits for the future. I would therefore like to remind families that our Late Gate closes at 9:00am, after which students will be recorded as late after registers have closed. Your support in ensuring students arrive on time each morning is greatly appreciated and plays a significant role in helping them achieve their full potential.

Finally, I would like to celebrate the wide range of student achievements that have taken place during the first half term. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, through enrichment activities, leadership opportunities or in the way students demonstrate our values each day, there is much to be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish all members of our community a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Mr Fitzgibbon
Principal

**A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW
TOGETHER**



Key Dates

Monday 19th October-
Y11 Dance Component 1

Tuesday 20th October-
Y11 Music Exam

Friday 23rd October-
Paris Trip Departs

Monday 26th October-
October Half Term Begins

Monday 2nd November-
School Re-opens for all students

Monday 2nd November-
Y11 Core Exam Walk Through



Save the date!



Assembly Overview

Tuesday 20th October-
Y9 Principals Assembly

Tuesday 3rd November-
Terrific Tuesday

Friday 6th November-
Y11 RSL Assembly



*Be informed
Be involved*



PSHE Overview

Y7- Relationships, Parliament and Politics

Y8- Mind and Mood, Health and Help

Y9- Mind and Mood, Spending and Saving

Y10- Physical Health

Y11- Relationship Realities



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OHA in Pictures

*Our Community
In Action*



Meet the Staff

*People
Make OHA*



Hello, I'm Mr Charlesworth Head of MFL. I love languages and learning the grammar and structures of how they work, I also love travelling.

Random fact about me: I am very nerdy, I run the D&D and TCG club at school.



House and Student Rewards

*Four Houses
One OHA*

Final House Standings			
Position		House	Total Points
1st		 Neptune	9544
2nd		 Tellus	8569
3rd		 Apollo	8494
4th		 Vulcan	6320



RSL Spotlight

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Y7

I am so proud of our Year 7 students as they have almost made it through their first half term at OHA! They have made such a strong and positive start, and it has been fantastic to see them settling into school life, embracing new challenges.

As we approach the end of term, we need to make sure we finish as strongly as we started by aiming for 100% attendance and making every school day count.

One area we can improve on is punctuality to lessons. Now that we are familiar with the school and know where we need to be, it is important that we arrive at every lesson on time, ready to learn. Being late can result in a C2 sanction for late to learning, so let's make sure we are organised, moving promptly between lessons and showing that we are ready to give 100% every day.

Keep up the fantastic work, Year 7, I am incredibly proud of you!

Miss McGowan



Y9

I am incredibly proud of my Year 9s this half term, and the resilience they have shown. Many have demonstrated real determination with their attendance, persevering and giving their best even on days when they haven't been feeling their best. I have also been really pleased with the effort many have put into their homework and the kindness they continue to show towards one another. It has been lovely to see these positive attitudes and small everyday successes, and I am proud of the way they continue to support each other and keep going!

Miss Taylor



Y10

Year 10 have made an amazing start to the year, showing real maturity and a fantastic attitude towards their GCSE options and the beginning of their GCSE courses. It has been wonderful to see so many students taking their learning seriously and embracing the challenges ahead. We have also enjoyed an inspiring visit to Staffordshire University for a Females in Technology event, encouraging students to explore future opportunities in the world of technology. Well done, Year 10 – keep up the brilliant work!

Miss Haynes



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SPORTING SUCCESS



Year 7 Boys Football

Another great result for our Year 7 boys football team!

A fantastic 2-0 win over The Co-op Academy sees them book their place in the City North final. A brilliant team performance from start to finish, with Dougie M getting both goals to seal the victory.

Onto the final...



Partnership Games

A huge well done to all of our students who competed at the Partnership Games at Northwood last week.

We had some fantastic results across the board, and everyone who took part represented the academy brilliantly with great attitude and effort throughout the day.



Girls Football

Hard luck to our girls football team, who just missed out in a 4-3 thriller against Ormiston Shelfield in the ESFA Cup.

After finding themselves 2-0 down at half time, the girls showed incredible character and determination to rally in the second half, pushing right to the final whistle and making a fantastic game of it.



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Alumni Spotlight

*Once an OHA student,
always part of our community*



Recklyn – Class of 2025

2nd Year Studying at the City of Stoke-on-Trent
Sixth Form College

T-Level Technical Laboratory Sciences

It is wonderful to see Recklyn returning to OHA to undertake her placement within the Science Department whilst studying a T Level at college.

As part of the T Level qualification, students must complete 20% of the course in a work placement so we're so grateful that Recklyn chose to come back to OHA. Her enthusiasm, positive attitude and willingness to get involved have already made a brilliant impact, and it has been fantastic to welcome her back as part of our team.



"It is wonderful to see our former students return to OHA and continue to inspire our current students."



MADE Training Workshops

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We were delighted to welcome MADE Training into school on the 5th and 6th October, where they delivered a fantastic programme of revision workshops for students across Years 7, 10 and 11.



Year 7 – Mind Maps

Students developed effective techniques to organise knowledge and make revision more memorable.



Year 10 – Independent Learning

Students explored strategies to help them become more confident and successful independent learners.



Year 11 – Rapid Revision

Students explored practical strategies to make their revision more focused, effective and manageable as they prepared for their exams.

A massive thank you to all of our Year 10 and 11 parents and students who joined us for our evening workshop on Tuesday 6th. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic atmosphere, with so many parents and students working together and revising side-by-side.

