

Students of the Week

These students have been chosen because they have made an outstanding contribution to academy life. This week's star students are:

Year 7 - Rik Banks (7P1)

Year 8 - Jack Stonehouse (8D1)

Year 9 - Joseph Bailes (9A2)

Year 10 - Kyle Nicholls-Ferriday (10C2)

Year 11 - Alexander Birkin (11A1)

Year 13 - Gregor Davis (MRR)

Well done! We are very proud of you.



Library Competition

This month's competition is to write what your New Year's resolution is and to explain why you intend to keep it!

The winning entry will receive a copy of *The Meltdown* by Jeff Kinney and a box of chocolates.

Hand your entry to Mrs Porter-Nash in the Library by Friday 25th January. Good Luck!

STEM Club

A successful first meeting for our STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) club ran by Miss Ryan every Wednesday 3-4pm, for Year 7 and 8 students. The first topic was: 'Is there witchcraft and wizardry in the real world?; Students pictured with authentic dragon blood!



School Chef

Gail Carr, from Ormiston Horizon Academy in Stoke-on-Trent, saw her culinary talents recognised this week as she took part in the search for Britain's School Chef of the Year. Up against four other local finalists, Gail was the only in-house school chef competing in the West Midlands regional finals



of the national contest on Thursday (10th January), held by the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA). At Ormiston Horizon Academy, which is sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), Gail's food has long made her a famous face. Having worked at the academy for over 13 years, her passion has seen her become Catering Manager whilst leading on developing nutritious and tasty food for its students. After being encouraged to apply by the academy's Director of Catering, John Whittle, Gail took part in the contest for the second time after entering several years ago. This time around, she was selected by judges after submitting a school compliant menu suitable for serving up to 11-year-old pupils. At the event in Leicestershire, Gail had 90 minutes to prepare, cook and serve her main course of pulled chicken flatbread with roasted vegetables, sweet potato wedges and a Mexican slaw, followed by a chocolate cake infused with mandarin puree for dessert. Although she may not have progressed to the next round, the academy was delighted to see Gail's efforts impress catering industry professionals and are looking forward to continuing to enjoy her cooking. Gail Carr, Chef at Ormiston Horizon Academy, said: "I was so excited to make it through to the regional finals and had such a fun time taking part. Food really is my passion and I worked hard to put together an imaginative menu. "It makes me so happy to see students and staff at Ormiston Horizon enjoy my food and I can't wait to continue serving up nourishing school dinners for everyone to tuck into." John Whittle, Director of Catering at Ormiston Horizon Academy, said: "We are all so proud of Gail for doing so well. It is a massive achievement to be selected for the regional finals of such a huge competition, especially because she was the only in-house academy caterer competing. "I look forward to seeing Gail's talents only continue to go from strength to strength." Mick Hollywood, maths teacher at Ormiston Horizon Academy, said: "Gail's roast dinner day is the best meal of the week bar none. The best cauliflower cheese in the world blends with the gravy to leave a fantastic and unique 'sauce like gravy,' which simply calls out for bread and butter to wipe the plate clean. "Congratulations to Gail and a huge thank you for everything she does." Charlotte Cook, Prefect at Ormiston Horizon Academy, said: "I have school dinners twice a week – but I absolutely make sure I have one on a Wednesday because it's roast dinner day. It's the best! "I love school dinners at Horizon – thank you Gail."

**'Only I can change my life, no one else can do it for me'
(Carol Burnett - American Actress)**

The Head's Lines

A Happy New Year to all. I hope you have had a restful break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Year 10 have been on Work Experience this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Heath for her fantastic organisational skills and for ensuring so many students got a placement to suit their interests. I visited our students who were working at Packmoor Primary earlier in the week and they were having a wonderful experience; hopefully we are creating some teachers of the future. I will update you next week when I have had more feedback from the students.

Well done to all the Y11 students who received their VCert Craft and Health & Fitness examination results on Wednesday. A lot of time and effort has been invested by students and staff into the process and it was very pleasing to see the students celebrate their results.

This evening (Thursday 17th January) our Debating Team are competing in the final of the SASCAL Youth Speaking Competition. I look forward to updating you on the event next week.

We have also had some excellent sporting results in recent weeks. The Year 7 Basketball Team under the watchful eye of Mr Gardner had an emphatic 32-02 win against King Edward VI School and now progress to the next round of the County Cup. The Year 7 Netball Team continue to go from strength to strength. They won two and drew three of their games in a recent local tournament. Well done to Miss Wilkes and all the girls involved.

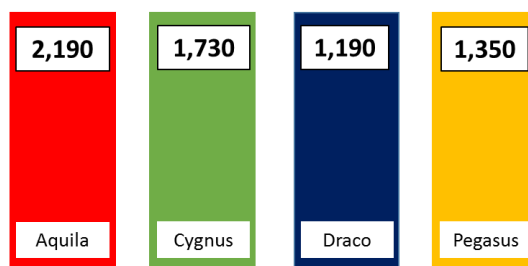
Finally, at the end of last term, we said goodbye to the following staff as they move on to pastures new: Mr Walker, Mr Davies, Mrs Hughes and Mr Myatt. We would like to wish them the very best of luck in the future.

Mr A Fitzgibbon

Commitment . Pride . Caring . Manners . Effort . Respect

Citizen . Team Work . Helpful . Attendance . Honesty

HALF TERMLY HOUSE POINTS



★ Year Total ★

Aquila	23,623
Cygnus	24,881
Draco	22,415
Pegasus	24,650

Dates for your diary

7th February
Year 10 parents evening

15th February
Curriculum Enrichment Day &
Academy closes at 15:00pm to students

25th February
Academy re-opens to students

25th February
Year 11 & 13 mocks

7th March
World Book Day

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