

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 - Emma Davis (7P2)

Year 8 - Bryn Ridgway (8D1)

Year 9 - Noah Bates Draper (9A2)

Year 10 - Georgia Timbey (10P1)

Year 11 - Lauren Brittain (11C1)

Year 13 - Zoe Sterling (MRR)

Well done! We are very proud of you.



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is in school from Thursday 13th to Wednesday 19th December. It will be open 3-4pm on Thursday, then 12.30-1pm and 3-4pm Friday to Wednesday. Come and visit the Library to purchase your books, stationary and posters!



Accelerated Reader

It has been 'Accelerated Reader Rewards Week' here at Ormiston Horizon Academy this week. To celebrate the students' reading achievements, there have been lots of initiatives launched to reward these students for their efforts and



progress in the reading programme. On Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December, Miss Gardner, the Director of Literacy, led AR rewards assemblies for Year 7 and Year 8 in which students received certificates and prizes, including chocolates and books; our top 20 readers were invited to a 'Christmas Tales & Teapots' event which was held on Tuesday afternoon, in which students took part in Christmas/book-related games whilst indulging in some beautifully delicious Christmas tree gingerbread biscuits and hot chocolate; Draco was the overall winning house for Year 7 and Pegasus was the overall winning house for Year 8 for reading the most number of words this year - these students were invited to a rewards breakfast which took place on Thursday and Friday morning. Well done to all our KS3 readers; keep calm and carry on reading into the New Year!

Theatre Performance

On Tuesday 4th December, the Year 11s had quite the performance. A very talented theatre company (MANACTO) came to Ormiston Horizon Academy to give the Year 11s an amazing performance of Dickens' infamous novella, A Christmas Carol. Not only was the performance an enjoyable experience, it was also extremely beneficial for the students' Literature Paper 1 revision. The students seemed to respond very positively to the performance and expressed their praise accordingly. The performance itself was very engaging and the students were also able to ask the actors some useful questions after the show about hints and tips they had for learning key quotes - again, an essential skill required for the Literature exam in the summer. The theatre group did very well indeed: they delivered their lines impeccably and they also incorporated some amazing choreography into the show to excite not only the audience but the teachers as well. The theatre group have helped the Year 11s to understand the novella more and have got them well and truly into the Christmas spirit!



Christmas Show

On Wednesday 12th December, over 70 students performed for Watermill, Packmoor Primary School, Star Academy, family and friends. Students showcased some amazing Christmas numbers such as 'Last Christmas' and 'What Christmas means to me' as well as some stunning dance pieces from GCSE Dance classes. Students really out-did themselves and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive! Well done all!



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

The Head's Lines

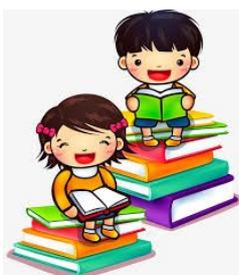
Pride of place this week goes to all the students who performed at the Christmas Concert on Wednesday. It was a truly wonderful show and all students did themselves, their family and their teachers proud. A huge thank you to all the staff for their significant contribution, ensuring students were prepared to the best of their ability. Nights like that, make me feel like I'm going to burst with pride and I'm sure all members of the audience felt the same.



A big thank you to all parents, students and staff who supported the Christmas Fayre on Tuesday. A particular thank you to Mrs Marshall for her fantastic organisational skills and for ensuring everything went smoothly on the evening. Thank you to all the parents who contributed with prizes for the tombola; as always, your support is hugely appreciated.



Well done to all the students who have been recognised in the Accelerated Reader assemblies this week. Many of our students have made significant improvement in their reading skills which will be of great benefit to them in the future.



On Wednesday next week, we have our annual Christmas lunch. I know the kitchen staff are excited about feeding all 1009 students... it should be an interesting day!



Mr A Fitzgibbon

Confidential Advice from your School Nurse
Students can arrange a confidential meeting with the School Nurse via their designated Head of Year.

NSPCC Contact Numbers
Help for adults concerned about a child
Call us on 0808 800 5000
Help for children and young people
Call ChildLine on 0800 1111
Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Safeguarding (Child Protection Information)
Designated member of staff responsible for Safeguarding: **Mrs D Bolton**
Deputy: **Mrs J Adams, Mr P Shufflebotham**
Tel: 01782 883333
Governor: **Mrs J Barley**

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Citizen . Team Work . Helpful . Attendance . Honesty

HALF TERMLY HOUSE POINTS



★ Year Total ★

Aquila	18,753
Cygnus	20,761
Draco	18,935
Pegasus	21,100

Dates for your diary



21st December

Academy closes to students at 12:15

8th January

Academy opens to students

10th January

Year 9 Parents Evening

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