

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 - Sophie Duncan (7A1)

Year 8 - Lily Faith (8D1)

Year 9 - Paul Thorley (9D1)

Year 10 - Lewis Jackson (10D1)

Year 11 - Connor Ribbans (11P3)

Year 13 - Charlotte Turner-Johnson
(MRR)

Well done! We are very proud of you.



ASSIST

32 Year 8 students were selected to take part in the 'Assist Programme' due to their skills as good role models and leaders and because they are individuals who are well-respected by their peers.

The students went to Longton Rugby Club for two days training:

Day 1 – The students learnt all about smoking and how it can have a detrimental impact on your health and environment as well as your family and friends. They partook in a 'Ready, Steady, Cook!' task which showed some of the harmful ingredients contained in cigarettes. The students were shocked to find out there are over 4,000 chemicals in cigarettes and that a staggering 69 of those chemicals can cause cancer related diseases.

Day 2 – The students had to look at the skills they need to become good peer mentors. These skills were identified as: friendly, positively influential, patient, good communicator and listener. They then put these skills to good use by acting out different scenarios whereby they could talk to their peers about the impact of smoking. The students then evaluated the two days training and signed up to become peer mentors.

Here are some quotes from the students who attended the training:

"It was really interesting; the people were very welcoming. We learnt stuff we wouldn't learn about in school."

"It was fun to be around people you don't normally talk to!"

"It was influential!"

"It persuaded me to have conversations about smoking."

"It made me aware of all the bad chemicals in cigarettes!"

"It increased our knowledge of what is inside a cigarette—it is disgusting!"

"It's definitely changed my mind about starting to smoke."

The Big Bang Fair

The Science department took some Year 7 and Year 8 students to The Big Bang Fair in Birmingham.

The students had a great time looking at investigations by students from other schools and participating in



the huge variety of Science activities available. A brilliant time was had by all.

Competition Winners

April's library competition is to answer the following question:

If you could meet any character from a book, who would you choose and why?

The winning entry will receive a £10 Lifestyles voucher and a box of chocolates.

Hand your entry to Mrs Porter-Nash in the library by Thursday 11th April.

Good luck!

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

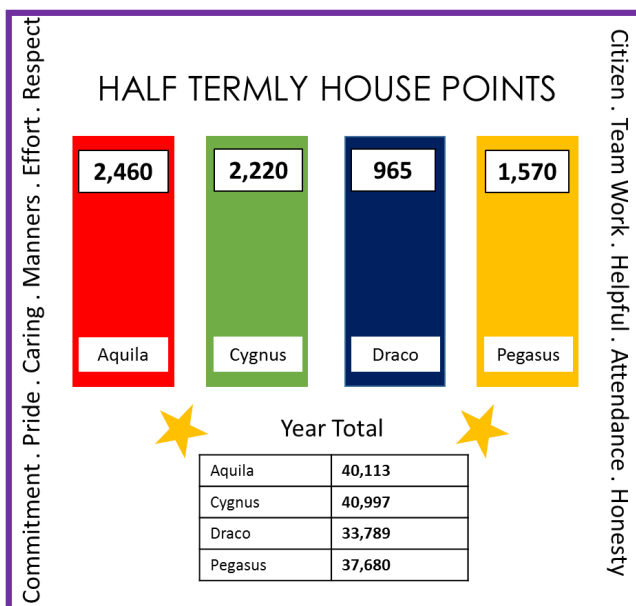
The Head's Lines

Saturday 6th April was the beginning of our inaugural Y6 Saturday Academy. We welcomed 140 students who all have secured their places at OHA for September as part of a new initiative to support academy transition. Students took part in a range of activities including: creative writing, Drama and Product Design. There was a fantastic 'buzz' around the building as students and staff got to know each other and started to form those positive relationships that will make September a little easier for all.

As we come to the end of another term, we say goodbye to Mr Staley from the English department, Miss Ryan from the Science department and our Vice Principal Miss McManus. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them the very best of luck in their future careers and thank them for their hard work and efforts during their time at OHA.

We made two excellent internal appointments last week: Miss Gardner, our current Director of Literacy, will take on the role of Director of Communications Faculty from September and Mr Adamczyk (PE teacher) has been successfully appointed as the Director of KS4 Behaviour and Welfare (he will take on the position after the Easter break).

Well done to all the students who have managed to succeed on the '30 Day Attendance Challenge'. I'm sure you will enjoy your reward!



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