

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 - CJ Bourne (8A1)

Year 9 - Michael Ciurea (9C1)

Year 10 - Nathan Davis (10P1)

Year 11 - Connor Loach (11A1)

Year 13 - Zoe Sterling (MRR)

Well done! We are very proud of you.



BTEC Music Course

Our Music BTEC course here at Ormiston can only be described as the pinpoint of all development. Throughout this course and its units, we develop our social skills, communicational skills, performance skills, organisational skills and confidence as well as an endless list of skills relevant to all our futures regardless of the path we decide to take. Unit 2: Managing A Music Product, is one of the CORE units on this course and is where we really rake in all our developed skills to produce a music product, alongside merchandise, promotional material and hosting an event to promote our CD (music product) for all the other Music BTEC's. Admittedly, it is a lot of work, therefore it is a group assignment and everyone in a group gets their own individual tasks to complete to ultimately create the music product. However, in recent times, I have begun writing and composing my own songs in which I am delighted to share with the people around me. As a way of promoting my own music and me as an artist/individual, I made the decision to go solo for this unit. This means taking on 8-15 people's job roles such as: recording engineer; mastering engineer; promoter; designer; accountant; merchandise and many other tasks that are all equally important to the quality of the product. Some may know me by now as I have visited Mr Johnson's PT and a Year 8 lesson to discuss the process of composing and writing a song to help them with their current assignment. I have also held a raffle here at school a few weeks ago to help fund the creation of my CD.

So, I would like to say a huge thank you to those who have participated. In total, I raised £56 which has enabled me to buy the CDs, CD cases, merchandise and ink to print off invitations, CD covers and so much more. The support I have received from teachers and students has been phenomenal and I cannot thank them all enough!

The CD is almost complete; all I have to do now is master my tracks. You can keep tabs on everything I am doing by following my BTEC Instagram page: @unit2_year11_btcc_music_jess where I will share links to my website for this unit. You will also be able to access digital copies of my songs.

Article written by: Jessica Connor (11C1)

Easter Competition

Thank you for all the entries for the Easter House Craft competition; Miss Elson was really pleased with the variety of crafts done by the students. The results of competition are as follows:

- 1st Place – Hannah Keeling – 7C1
- 2nd Place – Summer Lowe – 7C2
- 3rd Place – Eleanor Green – 7D1
- 4th Place – Francesca Oldcorn and Isabelle Dalgarno – 7C1



Public Health Issues

A group of Y9 students collaborated with Stoke-on-Trent City Council on a project about a public health issue: smoking. Day one took place in a classroom in the Academy and day two involved visiting Staffordshire University. Students learnt about the dangers and negative social impact of smoking; they created their own video which will be shown in a presentation evening at the University in May. Students had the opportunity to experience the life of a Film and Media student for the day to gain an insight into further education.



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

The Head's Lines

Happy Easter everyone!

Well done to all the students and staff for a fantastic half term. As always, we have managed to fit an awful lot in to such a short space of time.



There is still lots going on in the Academy over Easter. Saturday Academy for Year 6 students continues on Saturday 13th April.



There is a comprehensive revision programme in place for our Year 11 students and Miss Haynes leads the Textiles trip to Paris.



A big push for all the Year 11 students to attend the extra sessions over the holidays. They have been set a 20 Hour Revision Challenge over the two week period. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support on the final run in to the exams.



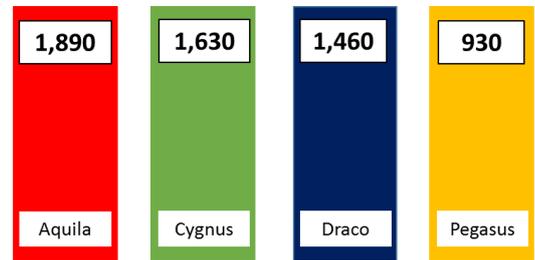
I am already looking forward to next term and the range of opportunities that will be in place to support and engage students.



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HALF TERMLY HOUSE POINTS



★ Year Total ★

Aquila	42,003
Cygnus	42,627
Draco	35,249
Pegasus	38,610

Dates for your diary

29th April
Academy re-opens to students

2nd May
Year 7 parents evening

24th May
Academy closes to students

3rd June
Academy re-opens to students

19th July
Academy closes to students at 12:15pm

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