



# The Orme Academy

## Spring Term Highlights

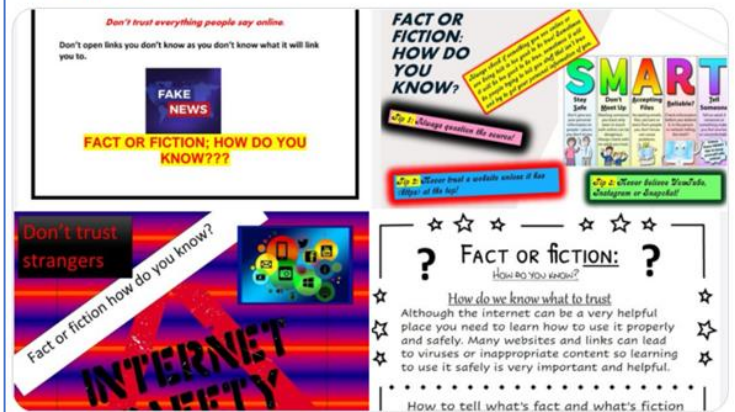
Easter 2021



During Children's Mental Health Week, we challenged all of our students to be creative during their enrichment time. Ruby has certainly done that - well done, these are fantastic! 🌟 #healthandwellbeing #empoweringlearnersforlife @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



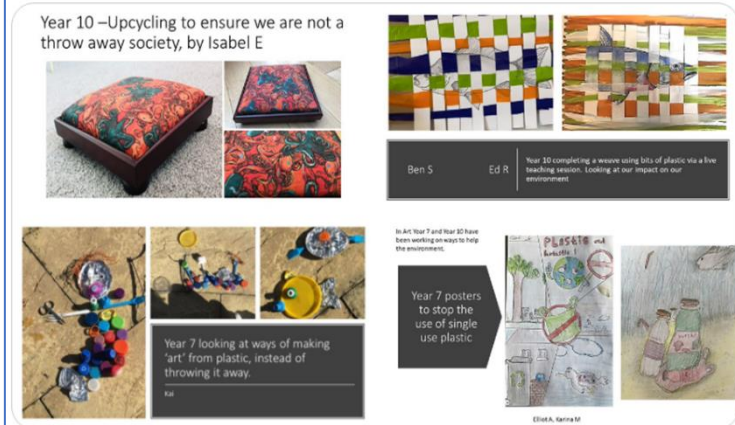
Well done to all students who entered our internet safety competition and congratulations to our winners! 🌟 All winning designs have now been entered into the @ShawEduTrust competition. Excellent work Finley, Lydia, Matilda and Ruby -good luck in the next round! @TheOrmeAcademy



We have been busy in our food bank this week. Parcels made up ready to donate to local families in need. #community #workingtogether #ProudtobeTOA @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



Amazing work from our Art Department - students have been discovering ways that we can help the environment. #artwork #ProudtobeTOA #empoweringlearnersforlife @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



*"The Academy has transformed the home learning offer since the first lockdown. The quality of the lessons that staff are delivering are very high. I am confident that my child is making 'good progress' as a consequence."*  
Year 11 Parent



# National Careers Week 2021

Thank you to @CareerReadyUK for organising some virtual workplace visits for our students as part of our National Careers Week programme of activities. #NCW2021 #careers @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



Y10 Business Studies students have been exploring their strengths and the subject choices available to them by taking the 'Buzz Quiz'. Follow the link to start thinking about your future and discover your personality type. [icould.com/buzz-quiz/](https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/)

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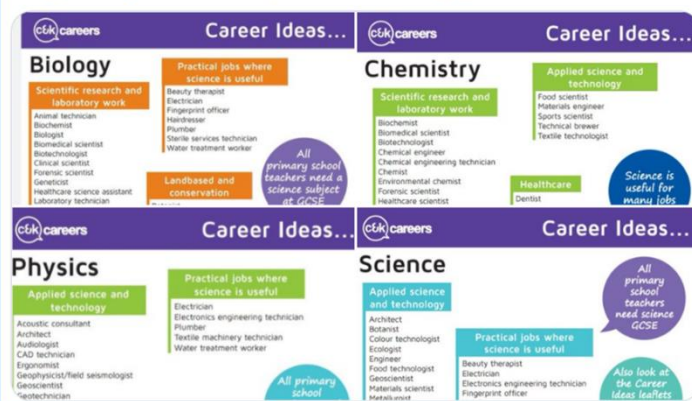
Our Year 10 students have been finding out more about careers in the Army. Thank you to Sgt Hall and cSgt Robinson for delivering a live careers session to our students! #NCW2021 @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



*"It was a great opportunity to find out more about careers. I am considering a career in finance and found the session really useful"*

*Year 7 student*

Are you interested in a science related career? #NCW2021 #ProudtobeTOA #empoweringlearnersforlife @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



Thank you to @MoodyslvSvc and @CareerReadyUK for providing our Year 10 students with a virtual workplace visit and the opportunity to find out more about the different careers within your company. #NCW2021 #empoweringlearnersforlife @ShawEduTrust @TheOrmeAcademy



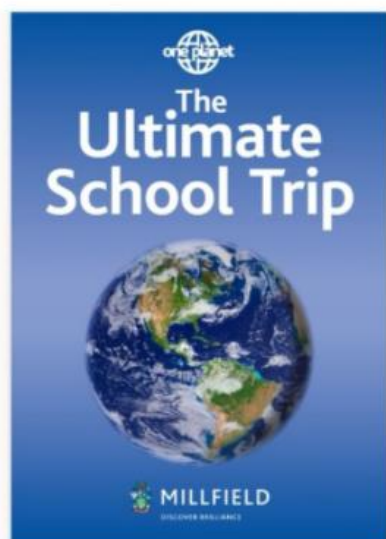
#virtualworkplacevisit  
#careerready  
#empoweringlearnersforlife  
#NCW2021

As part of National Careers Week, our Year 7 students had a Virtual Workplace Visit at Primera. They found out more about their organisation and had the opportunity to ask questions about the career opportunities available. #NCW2021 @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust @CareerReadyUK





On Friday, nearly 150 students from The Orme Academy accessed a Virtual School Trip to Italy. Experiencing the history, art and culture of a very popular tourist attraction. They even had the opportunity to follow a live Italian cuisine cookery lesson. 🇮🇹 #virtualschooltrip #ProudtobeTOA @Shaw Education Trust



Year 10 students have been looking at food preservation and the use of microorganisms in food production. Here is our homemade soft cheese and tomato chutney! #delicious #empoweringlearnersforlife Shaw Education Trust



Our Y10 students have been doing acid/base titrations to determine the unknown concentration of hydrochloride acid. This is a very new and difficult technique, but they did brilliantly and were so happy to be back in the lab. #ProudtobeTOA @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



Fantastic work from our Year 7 students who have joined the online live cook along lessons. #remoteteaching #ProudtobeTOA #empoweringlearnersforlife @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



Year 7 have been making pasta salad. They have used a variety of useful equipment and practised the bridge and claw grips to prepare vegetables. #ProudtobeTOA @TheOrmeAcademy @ShawEduTrust



*"I like it at this school, and I have settled in really well. The teachers are kind."*

*Beth*

It's been great to have Y9 back in History. They've been studying the importance of the Islamic world toward the progress of medicine in the medieval period, where the students took on the role of doctors to try and come up with creative ideas to treat infections. #welcomeback #history #empoweringlearnersforlife Shaw Education Trust The Orme Academy





An exciting day for Year 7, back in the laboratory experimenting with acids to make salts. [#welcomeback](#) [#science](#) [#empoweringlearnersforlife](#) [@TheOrmeAcademy](#) [@ShawEduTrust](#)



Our Year 10 students working with World Champion Inline Skater Jenna Downing as part of the [#AQAUnlockingPotentialProgramme](#). Proud to be working in partnership with Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. [#ProudtobeTOA](#) [#empoweringlearnersforlife](#) The Orme Academy Shaw Education Trust



Great work from our Y7 students! They are creating a wildlife and sensory garden as an on site enrichment project. Thank you to Mr Boughey for helping out with the saw. [#watchthisspace](#) [#ProudtobeTOA](#) [#enrichment](#) [#empoweringlearnersforlife](#) [@TheOrmeAcademy](#) [@ShawEduTrust](#)



Our Year 10 students have recently studied food safety. We teamed this with [#nationalcareersweek2021](#) and a pastry practical. The students made some beautiful looking sausage plait's and discussed career options and post 16 pathways.

Reaseheath College offers a popular course on bakery-patisserie-and-confectionery so we discussed the potential careers and future options linked to this fun practical.

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/.../bakery-patisserie-and...>

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We are extremely proud to announce that 2 of our wonderful Year 10 students have made it to the finals of Staffordshire University 'Young Journalist' competition. This is an incredible achievement as hundreds of entries are made each year from students throughout Staffordshire. The awards night, when the winners will be revealed, will be held on Thursday 25th March at 6pm on the following YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC0jDNOvcqkPQ9buiU1CIX0w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0jDNOvcqkPQ9buiU1CIX0w) [#goodluck](#) [#ProudtobeTOA](#) [#empoweringlearnersforlife](#) Shaw Education Trust The Orme Academy

### Health over Fame

Is social media actually a positive thing for the 21<sup>st</sup> century? It's not. Look at how many young peoples minds are taken over by this devil in disguise. 7/10 people have stated that social media has affected their mental health and that there is a reason for social media to be a thing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Like Instagram for example, it promotes a perfect life and perfect bodies for both men and women. This leads to anxiety and eating disorders because we are basically told to look a certain way when in actual fact nobody looks that 'picture perfect' - it's not real life. In three teenagers admitted social media often lowers their self-esteem, we have to ask ourselves is fame really worth happiness?

Many of these social platforms have an easy access for evil predators. They can manipulate and bully anyone over the internet, making the victim feel scared and possibly lead to a mental illness - they could even end up being the bully themselves. These social medias 'pry' on you, ads come up with anything you might have searched previously.

Social media is a bear-like creature, it has a short temper, but it also has a soft side. It allows us to keep in touch with your loved ones and you can connect with new people - with caution of course. However, it influences young people to do dangerous things, for example: one in four teenagers are involved in gang violence due to the glamorisation of drugs over social media. Take TikTok as an example for this, it promoted suicide with 188 million young viewers world-wide. Also the 'Blue Whale' challenge promoted suicide aimed at vulnerable children, it trapped young children into thinking they had to do the challenge. Its 'game' included staying up late watching scary movies, carving a whale into their arm and ended with suicide. This challenge caused 130 teen deaths across Russia and the UK. His goes shows that social media is very dangerous, especially towards young people and teenagers.

From an educational point of view, there is nothing to be learned from social media. My argument is not about the internet, the internet is a great learning source and offers a lot more than what social media does. All that these platforms produce is a lot of fake news and the majority of people choose to believe it.

A friend of mine was hacked on social media it spread from her Instagram, to her Facebook, to her e-bay, the list goes on. She soon deleted the accounts and after doing so she stated that it felt like a huge weight was lifted off of her. She still uses the internet for educational purposes but won't use social media again. She realised after the impact it was having on her mental health. In conclusion, I cannot find any benefit for anyone using social media, it is simply a torturous contraption for those using it and I hope future generations look back on social media as an utter waste of time.

🌟 Fantastic news!! 🌟 Charlotte is the runner up of the [@StaffsUni](#) Future Journalist competition. Very well deserved - well done Charlotte, we are proud of you! [#proudtobeTOA](#) [#empoweringlearnersforlife](#) [@TheOrmeAcademy](#) [@ShawEduTrust](#)

★ Congratulations to Josh, who is the winner of the [@StaffsUni](#) Future Journalist competition. ★ This is an amazing achievement and we are really proud of you! [#proudtobeTOA](#) [#empoweringlearnersforlife](#) [@TheOrmeAcademy](#) [@ShawEduTrust](#)

*#ProudtobeTOA*



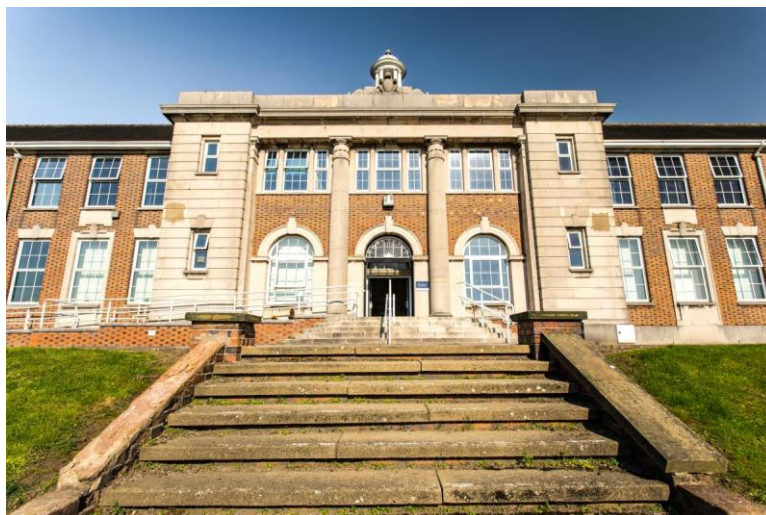
## A BIG thank you on behalf of the The Orme Academy, Academy Council

As we head into the Easter Break, as Chair of the Academy Council, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone involved with the school for all their hard work, dedication, and resilience throughout the last challenging year. Everyone, from the teaching staff, the support teams and, most importantly, parents, carers and supporters have played a vital role in ensuring that The Orme Academy students are able to thrive during this most unusual time.

As you are probably aware, all UK schools are required to have an independent “governing body” to provide independent oversight of the management, governance, and performance of the school. As The Orme Academy is an academy school, this body is known as the “Academy Council”. The Academy Council comprises of volunteer staff and parent/carers representatives from the school community and also a number of external individuals who bring a diverse range of expertise relevant to supporting and challenging the school. Academy Councillors work with the school in a number of ways. For example, we attend a range of formal meetings and committees each year scrutinizing different aspects of the schools’ processes and performance and also we take on a range of “link roles” providing more in depth engagement with the life of the school.

Over the last few months, Academy Council members have been very impressed with how the whole school community has responded to Covid -19. From maintaining very high levels of participation in remote lessons through to continuing to remotely engage in a range of extra- curricular activities, The Orme Academy has continued to demonstrate its commitment to ensuring the success of all its students. So, once again, THANK YOU to everyone to the work you do to provide the best opportunities to allow all young people to achieve their potential.

Dr Helen Chapman [on behalf of the Orme Academy Council]



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