

Character Education 2020-21

At OPHS success is not just measured by academic achievement but by the character of an individual.

Our aim is to make every child in our care the very best version of themselves through channelling integrity, nurturing excellence, encouraging collaboration and working with drive.

Students will experience a rich tapestry of opportunities that will shape choices, develop pride and confidence as well as prepare students for their next steps in life.

Building on our school values of Integrity, Excellence, Collaboration and Drive, we have created opportunities for our students in the following 6 areas: Academic, Aspiration, Community, Culture, Leadership and Physical. Students can earn points and badges which identify their progress and achievements in these vital areas.

We have 6 staff members who are leading on these 6 key areas:



We have also recruited Student Ambassadors via an application process – these students will drive their area. Here are some of our Year 8 representatives.



During this lockdown period, students are challenged to try new activities to develop their own character across our 6 key strengths, with Character Education points, badges and prizes awarded! Some are weekly, some are one-off challenges set by different teachers and departments. Students should click on the links provided or go to their year group stream on Google Classroom to access the events.

Here are some of the activities on offer.

Activity start date	CE strength	Department	Details
Weekly	Academic	VON	Extended Project
Weekly	Academic	English	Y7 Poetry Challenge
Weekly	Academic	English	Y8 Creative Writing Challenge
Weekly	Aspirational	English	Y9 Debating Club
Weekly	Aspiration	GSM	Speakers for schools
Weekly	Aspiration	RSH	Ivy League Lectures
Weekly	Culture	D of Fun	Fun Friday
Weekly	Culture	P Arts	Various challenges each week
Weekly	Culture	Computer Science	Y7 & 8 Coding Club
Weekly	Culture	Canteen	Cooking with Linda
Weekly	Culture	AWA	Art Wellbeing
Weekly	Physical	PE	Tik Tok Challenge
25.1.21	Culture	Geography	Favourite place
1.2.21	Culture	History	Virtual museum trip
8.2.21	Culture	Science	Problem solving challenge
8.2.21	Aspiration	Business Studies	Lockdown Apprentice
22.2.21	Culture	Art and Photo	An Afternoon in Paris
22.2.21	Culture	MFL	Various (poem or song)

We would also like to invite members of our local community to join in. Perhaps send us some information or a video describing your job or career – with the aim of encouraging our students to look ahead to the world of work and explore different careers.

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