Mary Poppins a Spellbinding Performance

Students and staff from the Performing and Production Arts faculty proudly presented their latest musical production of Mary Poppins from Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th February. Every night the students performed to a full house and they delighted their audiences by taking them on a magical journey through charmed lands with enchanted animals and objects, which were all based on the Disney film.

Since September, a hundred and one students from Years 7 to 11 have been working fastidiously on the production, making the most of their time in extracurricular clubs after school by planning and rehearsing. In January, students and staff involved in the show went on a residential course to Ingestre Hall in Staffordshire, where they embarked on a rigorous weekend of rehearsals and fine-tuning in preparation for their performance.

Students from every age group ran the entire production, managing the smooth running of backstage, lighting and sound as well as the actual performance on stage.

This was a fantastic show and a spectacular required piece of evidence for our Key Stage 4 students as they work towards their BTEC qualifications in Drama, Musical Theatre and Music.

Professor Shaun Donnelly Visits OSCA

Year 11 students and staff at OSCA were delighted to welcome You Tube Science legend, Professor Shaun Donnelly to the academy on Wednesday 8th March. The Professor, who is the man behind ‘freesciencelesson.com’, was invited to share his knowledge and advice with the students.

The Professor’s website has helped thousands and thousands of GCSE students to succeed with their exams and our students were eager to meet him.

The visit was a total success, empowering our students with helpful techniques and helpful advice in preparation for their exams.
Principal's Award for Outstanding Citizenship and Safeguarding of Younger Students

Well done to Chloe in S6, who was presented with the Principal’s Award for outstanding citizenship and safeguarding of younger students on the 6th March.

Chloe’s quick thinking and brave actions helped a younger student.

National Careers Week and International Women’s Day

The PE department hosted a fantastic careers event for Year 8 students on Friday 15th March. The students heard from the following specialists from the world of sport: A Psychologist at West Bromwich Albion, a University student athlete, a Martial Art Instructor/Entrepreneur, a Strength and Conditioning Coach and the Nutritionist for the British Triathlon (all of whom are outstanding female role models).

The overarching message to the students was that if you work hard, take the opportunities that come your way, volunteer your time and gain experience of work, then you have an increased chance of being successful in any endeavour you do.

This was a very enjoyable event and our visitors were very complimentary about our students, who were fully engaged throughout with excellent behaviour.

World Book Day 07.03.19

World Book Day was a fantastic opportunity for children (and adults!) to allow their creativity and passion for reading to be explored. The English department teachers at OSCA find it so important to help keep the art of reading and books alive. So what’s the best way to showcase how wonderful and wacky their favourite characters are? By being wonderful and wacky themselves!

They didn’t have a theme this year, except to just have fun and be original – as that’s what the best books often are!

Pi Day at OSCA

Mathematic Pi Day was celebrated all around the world on Thursday 14th March and OSCA was no exception. The Maths department set a very challenging House Pi quiz, which was a lot of fun for the students and the staff to take part in.

There were lots of tutor groups that qualified to win the quiz, so all the names went into a winners hat. Many congratulations to the House of Da Vinci and their winning tutor group V7.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the Student Hub. Please be aware, due to limited space that we can only keep it for three months before it is donated to a local charity.

Please remind your child to check the Student Hub if they have lost any items in school.

School Ties are available to buy at OSCA, from the Finance Office and the Student Hub @ £4.50 each
40@40 Challenge Update

On Sunday 24th March, OSCA’s Connexions Adviser Mr Lee Groucutt, took part in his twelfth run in his 40@40 fundraising challenge at the prestigious London Landmarks Half Marathon.

The weather conditions were perfect on the day and he was in good company as he met and ran a mile with celebrities, Amanda Holden and Michelle Heaton.

We wish Mr Groucutt all the best with his remaining twenty-eight races.

UKMT Challenge

The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in Mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school students. Over 250,000 students from more than 3,000 schools and colleges across the UK participated in the Intermediate Challenge on the 7th February, which included some of OSCA’s Year 9 and Year 10 students who participated in the challenge.

Congratulations to all the students who took part and well done to those who obtained Silver or Bronze. OSCA’s Silver winner was; Kelsey (S7) and the nine Bronze winners were; Ayden (V7) Dan (S1), Amar (V10), Jamie (S6), Aman (V9), Jack (S1), Alyssa (V4), Steve (P2) and James (D2).

Well done to Harley (S8) and Favour (P5) in Year 8 and Dannii (S4) and Ayden (V7) in Year 9, who took part in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge at the Wolverhampton Girls’ High School on the 26th of March.

Good luck to all our Year 8 students that are taking part in the Junior UKMT challenge on Tuesday 30th April.

World Theatre Day

World Theatre Day is celebrated internationally on March 27th and OSCA decided to dedicate a whole week to the occasion!

OSCA’s students and staff celebrated ‘World Theatre Day’ in L4S sessions with quizzes and activities focussed on all things theatre. Students watched and reviewed theatrical performances and heard recommendations from staff on what they should go to see. Staff also shared why they love performance and why they believe it is such an important part of our curriculum.

As part of an inter house competition, students had to guess which musicals were staff favourites and tackle a myriad of theatre related trivia! Staff were also encouraged to share their positive experiences of theatre, music and dance with students. Senior leaders, teaching staff and support staff, also donned costumes in tribute to their favourite musical characters making for a colourful celebration!
Dates for Your Diary
2018/2019 Academic Year

Spring Term

Thurs 11th April - Year 7-10 Rewards Trip
Thurs 11th April - External Art Exams
Fri 12th April - External Art Exams
Tues 16th April - Geography residential to Morocco returns to OSCA
Fri 12th April - Term Ends
Mon 15th April to Fri 26th April - Easter Holiday
Mon 29th April - Training Day
Tues 30th April - Term Starts
Tues 30th April - External Art Exams
Tues 30th April - Year 7 and 8 Junior Mathematical Challenge

Wed 1st May - External Art Exams
Wed 1st May - Year 10 PAPA trip to London
Thurs 2nd May - External Art Exams
Fri 3rd May - Year 11 French Speaking Exam

Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday
Tues 7th May - Year 10 Parents Evening
Thurs 9th May - Girls Network Session 8
Fri 10th May - D of E Bronze Practice Expedition Departs OSCA 9.00am
Fri 10th May - Year 10 Aim Higher Trip to CSI Birmingham
Sat 11th May - D of E Bronze Practice Expedition Returns OSCA 4.00pm
Mon 13th May - External Exam Season Starts
Tues 14th May - Aim Higher Year 9 Trip ‘Reach Higher’
Thurs 16th May - Year 9 Brilliant Club Graduation Trip to Oxford University
Fri 17th May - Science Trip to Cern 3 Depaerts
Sun 19th May - Science Trip to Cern
Wed 22nd May - Year 8 to 10 French Residential to the Cote D’Azur Departs from OSCA
Thurs 23rd May - Bostin Fittle Workshop
Sun 26th May - Year 8 to 10 French Residential to the Cote D’Azur Returns

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May - Half Term

Summer Term

Mon 1st July - Training Day
Tues 2nd July - Training Day
Fri 19th July - Term Ends
Mon 22nd July - Summer Holiday

Year 7 Netball

OSCA’s Year 7 netball team played two fixtures on Wednesday 3rd April against Q3 and Oldbury Academy.

They lost to Q3 and were the winners against Oldbury Academy. The scores were:-

OSCA 2 - 7 Q3
(Our player of the match - Shayna in P2).

OSCA 6 - 0 Oldbury Academy
(Our player of the match - Katie in S9).

Our students were a true credit to the academy throughout both of the games, in their sportsmanship and conduct.

Team players: - Katie (S9), Charlee (S6), Orgesa (S5), Georgia (D10), Arlena (P6), Shayna (P2), Angel (P2), Katerina (V3) and Don-El (V3).

Trip to Loughborough University

On Thursday 7th March, thirty five Year 10 Sport Science and Health and Fitness students, had the fantastic opportunity to attend Loughborough University for the day.

The students spent time touring around the world class sports facilities and enjoyed spotting famous athletes. They were also involved in three engaging workshops that focussed on Nutrition, Handball and Fitness testing, using the universities specialist equipment and resources.

The students worked hard throughout the visit and accrued some evidence towards their PE qualification.

Brand New Mathematical Calculators

Available to buy from the Finance Office at OSCA

£8.00 each