



**ORMISTON SANDWELL
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



Newsletter
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Basics and Beyond! Another Fantastic Achievement: OSCA receives the National Basic Skills Quality Mark



Ormiston Sandwell
Community Academy
Performing and Productions Arts
Presents



Aladdin
February 2017

Tickets on sale after Christmas

**OSCA is proud to announce
that it is now a Directly
Licenced Centre for the Duke
of Edinburgh Award Scheme**

**OSCA's Pre-order kiosk is open
for business to all students.**

**Pre-order lunch:
Monday - Thursday
between 8am - 8.35am
& 10.35am - 10.55am
8am - 8.30am on Friday**

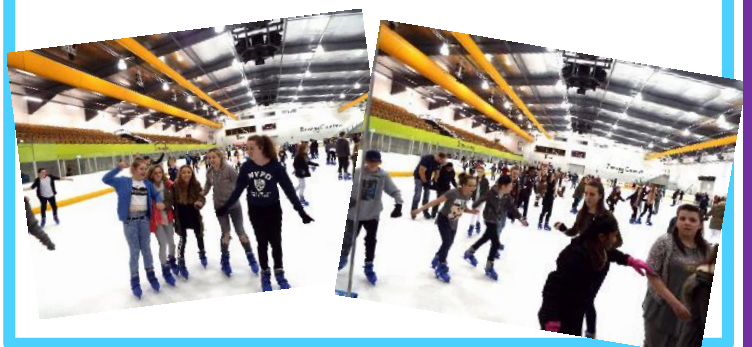
Reward Trip for Excellent Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour

Students at OSCA enjoyed an afternoon trip to Telford Ice Rink on Friday 2nd December. This reward celebrated their excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour at the academy, from September to the end of the October half term this year.

More students than ever qualified for this reward. Nearly 600 students were eligible, even though the bar for attendance was 98% or above. The students also needed excellent punctuality and behaviour records.

The students, accompanied by staff, took to the ice and demonstrated their skating skills. Some were very experienced skaters and others needed a little support but they all enjoyed the fun of being on the ice.

This was a very enjoyable trip and the students were a credit to themselves and the Academy.



OAT Christmas Card Competition

Students at OSCA entered their designs for the Ormiston Academies Trust Christmas card competition in November. The Trust received thousands of entries from their academies all across the country. Unfortunately, none of the OSCA entries won, even though we had a lot of wonderful entries.

Out of all the OSCA entries, Ms McMahon chose a winning design to be created into a OSCA Christmas card. These cards have been sent out on behalf of our students, staff and governors, to all our partner primary schools, friends and associates of the academy.

Many congratulations to Abbie Miller, in D8, on her winning design and verse entitled 'The Christmas Mouse'.

**The magic of Christmas never ends,
and its greatest gifts are family and friends.**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



University of Birmingham

Physics Experience Week for students in
Year 10 and Year 11

Event runs: 26th - 30th June 2017
Applications deadline: 31st December
(selection process applies)

Please see Miss Bano for more information

Christmas Jumper Day at OSCA Supporting the 'Save the Children' Charity

Help others by donating £1 to wear a
Christmas Jumper on **Friday 16th December**

Donations will be collected in house
assemblies on Friday.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

On the 31st October, 19 Year 10 students from OSCA performed at the Old Rep Theatre as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, along with 3 other academies from the OAT Trust.

After watching the dress rehearsals, the organisers decided that OSCA would headline the festival, which was a massive complement to our students. They performed a hilarious version of 'Much Ado About Nothing' in front of 300 people, including a number of important figures from OAT Trust, and gave the performance of their lives!

This was yet another proud moment for the students at OSCA and the staff who accompanied these impeccably behaved and hardworking students.



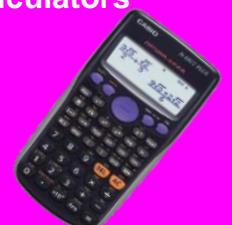
Lost Property

If your son or daughter has misplaced any items in school, please ask them to go to the Student Hub to report their missing items.

Brand New Mathematical Calculators

£5.00
each

Available to buy
from the
Finance Office
at OSCA



Dates for Your Diary 2016/17 Academic Year

Wed 14th December - Year 7 English trip
A Christmas Carol at the Black Country Museum.

Thurs 15th December -

Year 7 & 8 reward trip to Bletchley Park

Fri 16th December - Year 11 & 13 mocks exam end
Term Ends: Fri 16th December 2016 (at 12 noon)

Christmas Holiday:

Mon 19th December 2016 to Mon 2nd January 2017

Tues 3rd January 2017 - Training day

Wed 4th January - Start of Spring term

Mon 9th January - Hodder numeracy testing week 1 Years 7-9

Mon 9th January - Year 9 exam fortnight

Tues 10th January - Year 10 x 2 G&T finals Science competition

Thurs 12th January - Year 8 immunisations (Girls only)

Fri 13th January - Years 7-11 Arts residential departs

Sun 15th January - Year 7-11 Arts residential returns

Mon 16th January - Hodder numeracy testing week 2 Years 7-9

Tues 17th January - Y7 consultation evening

Fri 20th January - Y9 exam fortnight ends

Wed 25th January - Year 8 trip to Cambridge Science Centre

Mon 13th February - Year 8 exam

Fri 17th February - Maths and History residential to Ypres departs

Sun 19th February - Maths and History residential to Ypres returns

Sat 25th February -

Year 9 & 10 Science residential to Cern departs

Tues 28th February -

Year 9 & 10 Science residential to Cern returns

Tues 28th February - Year 11 whole year group poetry live trip

Tues 28th February - OSCA Show primary matinee
& OSCA Show evening performance 6.30pm

Wed 1st March - OSCA Show evening performance 6.30pm

Wed 1st March - Year 10 immunisations

Thurs 2nd March - OSCA Show evening performance 6.30pm

Fri 3rd March - Year 10 Business Studies trip to Drayton Manor

Mon 6th March - Year 7 exam week

Fri 10th March - L4S day 2

Mon 13th March - Year 11 mock fortnight starts

Tues 21st March -

Y10 Maths Feast competition Wolverhampton University

Friday 24th March -

Year 7 Science and History visit to Warwick Castle

Friday 24th March - Y11 march mock fortnight ends

Mon 27th March - Hodder numeracy testing week 1 Y7-9

Mon 27th March - Year 11 Art exams week 1

Fri 31st March - Rewards trip

Mon 3rd April - Hodder numeracy testing week 2 Years 7-9

Mon 3rd April - Years 11 Art exams week 2

Tues 4th April - Year 8 Consultation evening/pathways

Thurs 6th April - Iceland residential departs

Term Ends: Fri 7th April

Monday 10th April - Iceland residential returns

Easter Holiday: Mon 10th April to Friday 21st April

Monday 24th April - Training day

OSCA Students Perform Their Own Version of Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk

OSCA's Year 10 Drama class performed at Tividale Community Primary School. They wrote and rehearsed short pantomime versions of Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk and performed them for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The children adored it and the staff were completely overwhelmed with the excellence of our student actors.

This was a heart-warming afternoon with hilarious and great performances from our students, performing in the community.



Learning Resources Centre Homework Club

Tuesday
3pm - 4pm

Wednesday
3pm - 4pm

Thursday
3pm - 4pm

Friday
1.20pm - 2pm

Festive Feast at OSCA

Makoni's Kitchen (a cooking club consisting of 11 Year 9 students), worked tirelessly this half-term, meeting each week to practice and perfect one module of a Christmas dinner. On Friday 9th December, this hard work culminated in delivering a spectacular festive feast to just under 50 invited guests.

In conjunction with the Year 9's, a group of 12 Year 10 students (the planning committee) also worked hard on this event every day for the past month. The committee meet at break and lunch times to hand craft invitations and decorations, to create a beautiful and classic Christmas environment.

Guests began arriving at 2pm and were greeted with a warm welcome by students and staff as they entered this very Christmassy environment created by the students. The guests consisted of parents (of Makoni's Kitchen members), staff members who had judged and assist with the cooking each week, as well as 10 esteemed guests from Warren's Hall Nursing Home.

The students hard work and planning made this event a total success and everyone there enjoyed the delicious food and the Christmas atmosphere created by the students.



Girls Badminton Team

OSCA's U16's girls' badminton team competed in the Sandwell finals on Wednesday 30th November and Won!

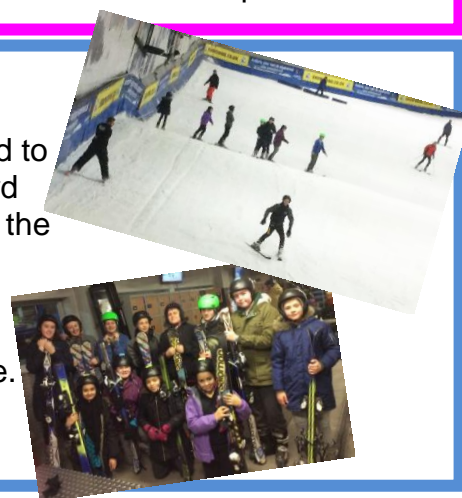
The girls will now compete in the Black Country games in February. We wish Lauren, Trinity, Charlotte and Steph all the best in their next competition.



Effort Rewarded

On the 12th December, twelve students from OSCA were selected to attend a trip to the Snowdome in Tamworth. The trip was a reward for their continued efforts in the PE. This was the first time any of the students had been skiing and they enjoyed the two-hour session learning how to ski.

The students had a wonderful time and they loved the experience. Once again our students were a credit to themselves and the academy.



Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From all the students, staff and governors at OSCA

