



**ORMISTON SANDWELL
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



Newsletter
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Presents

The Musical by QUEEN

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
Performances start at 6.30pm

Tickets £3.00
Available from
PAPA Council
at break or lunchtime



Another Fantastic Achievement at OSCA

OSCA has kick-started 2016 by adding another quality mark to its ever growing list of achievements. The Academy has been awarded the Quality Award in Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG), recognising our outstanding careers work.

The award from Prospects, the Education, Employment and Skills Company, is given to schools and education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on careers and how they support students to make decisions about their life after school.

OSCA, rated 'Good' by Ofsted in 2015, has been recognised for continuously working to improve the chances and opportunities of all its students and recognising the importance of preparing students for their future careers.



OSCA iPhone App

Quickly and easily keep up to date with what's happening at
Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy

Requirements:
Compatible with iPhone, iPod.
Requires ios 3.1or later.



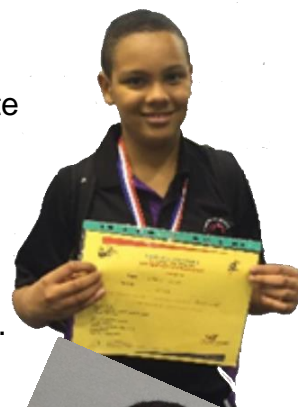
Star Athlete in the Making

Year 7 student, Ethan Court, is proving himself to be a potential star athlete of the future. Ethan, aged 12, has taken part in several school athletics events competing against other schools in Sandwell. He is proving to be a force to be reckoned with in many different track and field events.

On the 14th January, students from OSCA took part in the Sandwell Schools Indoor Athletics Competition, competing against 11 other schools. Ethan achieved 1st place in the hurdles and 1st place in the triple jump, attaining a new record distance for Year 7.

In January, Ethan also competed in the Midland Regional Indoor Meeting held at the Birmingham High Performance Centre, in the under 13 age group. He won his 60m race with the 4th fastest time in the country; Ethan is now ranked 4th nationally in this group. He also won the long jump competition with the best indoor jump in the country so far; this was a fantastic achievement and Ethan is now ranked 1st nationally in this category.

We are looking forward to following Ethan's sporting life in and out of OSCA and wish him success in all his future events.



OSCA's Non-uniform Day raises £500.00 for Warrens Hall Care Home

On Friday 17th December, OSCA's Year 8 students Chloe Bryan and Brogan Ricketts accompanied by Mr Laird and Miss Joyce, visited Warrens Hall Care Home to deliver a cheque for £500.00 raised at OSCA. The money had been raised by the students and staff holding a non-uniform charity day at the academy.

Warrens Hall Manager, Kal Jagpal, along with members of staff Jill Jones and Susan Lawton pictured above praised the academy for this kind and thoughtful donation. The money will help the residents enjoy a few more special treats in their twilight years.



OSCA Staff Help Birmingham Children's Hospital

Staff at OSCA donated money instead of sending Christmas cards and bought homemade jam donated by (Learning Manager) Mrs Small.

Their kind donations raised £293.00 for the hospital.

Radio 2's Chris Evans Short Story Writing Competition is back for 2016

Entrants must be between the ages of 10 and 13 on May 27th 2016 and have written an original, fictional short story of no more than 500 words.

Fifty finalists will attend a live event at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre along with pop stars and celebrities, and the final six will have their story read live on BBC Radio 2. The winner will also receive Chris Evans's height in books!

Stories must be submitted online with permission from a parent, carer or teacher by 7pm on 25th February.

To check out top tips and submit your entry, visit Mrs Rixson in the Learning Resources Centre.

Dates for Your Diary 2015/16 Academic Year

Spring Half Term Holiday - **Mon 15th to Fri 19th Feb**

OSCA Show Primary Performance 10am to 12 noon -
Tues 23rd February

OSCA Show Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm - **Tues 23rd February**

GCSE PE Practical Mock Moderation - **Wed 24th February**

OSCA Show Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm - **Wed 24th February**

GCSE PE Practical Mock Moderation - **Thurs 25th February**

Year 10 GCSE French Student Conference - **Thurs 25th February**

OSCA Show Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm - **Thurs 25th February**

Year 9 Brilliant Club Trip to Nottingham University -
Mon 29th February

Year 10 Parents Evening - **Tues 1st March**

January Exam Results Released to Candidates - **Thurs 3rd March**

Brilliant Club Tutorial - **Thurs 3rd March**

Year 7 Holy Buildings Trip - **Thurs 3rd March**

Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight Starts - **Mon 7th March**

Brilliant Club Tutorial - **Wed 9th March**

Year 10 Boys & Girls DTP Vaccinations - **Thurs 10th March**

L4S Day 2 - **Fri 11th March**

OSCA Sixth Year 12 University Fair - **Fri 11th March**

Brilliant Club Tutorial - **Wed 16th March**

Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight Ends - **Thurs 17th March**

OSCA Sixth/ Consortium Parents Evening - **Thurs 17th March**

OSCA Reward Visits - **Fri 18th March**

Year 11 Geography Trip to Swanage Departs - **Tues 22nd March**

Brilliant Club Tutorial - **Wed 23rd March**

Year 11 Geography Trip to Swanage Returns - **Thurs 24th March**

Spring Term Ends - **Thurs 24th March**

Training Day - **Mon 11th April**

Summer Term Starts - **Tues 12th April**

Year 10 & 11 Immunisation Catch Up's - **Tues 12th April**

Year 7 History Visit - **Tues 19th April**

Girls HPV Vaccinations - **Fri 22nd April**

Year 11 Photo - **Tues 26th April**

The Junior Maths Challenge - **Thurs 28th April**

Bank Holiday - **Mon 2nd May**

Summer Half Term - **Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June**

Summer Term Ends - **Fri 22nd July**

OSCA's
pre-order
kiosk is open
for business
to all students

Students can
pre-order lunch
each day between
8am & 11am



**Manchester United
vs
FC Midtjylland**

**Europa League
Match
(At Old Trafford)**

On
Thursday 25th February

Kick off 8.05pm

Year 8, 9, 10 & 11's only

Bargain price £20
Price includes
ticket and coach.

Money to Finance as
soon as possible.
Only a few tickets left!

Please see Mr Horton
for more information

Brand New Mathematical Calculators

available to buy

from the
Finance Office
at OSCA

Only
£5.00
each



After School Activities and Clubs

Trampolining (Boys & Girls)	Monday 4pm to 5pm	Girls Gym
Badminton (Boys & Girls)	Monday 4pm to 5pm	Boys Gym
Rugby (Boys & Girls)	Monday 4pm to 5pm	Field
Polish Lessons	Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm	Room O14
Fitness (Girls)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Fitness Suite
Basketball (Girls)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Girls Gym
LRC Homework Club	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Learning Resources Centre
Basketball (Girls)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Girls Gym
Football Training (Boys)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Field/Astroturf
Football (Girls)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Astroturf or Boys Gym
Punjabi Lessons	Tuesday 3pm to 5pm	Room O12
Urdu Lessons	Tuesday 3pm to 5pm	Room O13
PAPA Club (We Will Rock You)	Tuesday 3pm to 5pm	Great Hall
LRC Homework Club	Wednesday 3pm to 4pm	Learning Resources Centre
Kin-ball (Boys & Girls)	Wednesday 3pm to 4pm	Girls Gym
Vigor Boarding (Boys & Girls)	Wednesday 3pm to 4pm	Boys Gym
Calligraphy Writing Club	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Room O10
STEM Club	Thursday 3pm to 3.45pm	Rooms S1 & S5
Badminton (Girls)	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Girls Gym
Netball (Girls)	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Netball Courts
Fitness (Girls)	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Aerobics Studio/ Fitness Suite
Football (Boys House Compete)	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Astroturf
Fitness (Key Stage 4)	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Aerobics Studio
PAPA Club Time (KS4 Course work)	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Room S25
LRC Homework Club	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Learning Resources Centre
KS3 BOYS Basketball	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Boys Gym
GCSE PE students	Thursday 3pm to 4pm	Room S16
Ultimate Frisbee	Friday 1.20pm to 2.20pm	Boys Gym
LRC Homework Club	Friday 1.20pm to 2pm	Learning Resources Centre

**Tuesday
Lunch
Time
S11**

Mathematics Homework Club

**Thursday
Lunch
Time
S11**

Is your child in
Year 7, 8 or 9?

**Stuck on their Maths homework?
Would they like to get onto MyMaths or
MathsWatch?**

- ✓ Take their lunch
- ✓ Receive an Achievement Point every time they attend!
- ✓ Get their homework done and dusted before they get home!

Connexions Advisor @ OSCA

The Connexions Advisor Lee Groucutt, will be in the Academy on Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays.

The adviser will be in room TS1 and then in the Learning Resource Centre for drop in sessions at break and lunch times.



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