



**ORMISTON SANDWELL
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



Newsletter
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OSCA is Full and Oversubscribed Once Again for September 2016!

Congratulations to all our new Year 7 students who have secured a place here. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to Team OSCA on Induction Day in July!

We Will Rock You!



On the 23rd, 24th and 25th February, the cast of this year's production 'We Will Rock You' raised the roof, every evening with this fabulous show. The audience were treated to the best show OSCA has ever produced. This funny and entertaining script was delivered beautifully by its cast members, along with their strong and confident vocal performances, this was a show not to be missed.

The hard work and commitment put in by the students and staff in the production was evident. With its fabulous staging, props and costumes, every detail was right, even down to the electric wheel chair in the mist produced by the fog machine.

From the beginning to the end, audience participation was encouraged and received, making this a truly entertaining show and one for everyone at OSCA to be very proud of.



OSCA's pre-order kiosk is open for business to all students.
Pre-order lunch each day between 8am & 11am

Brilliant Club

OSCA's Gifted and Talented program is once again running the Brilliant Club. Open to aspiring Year 9 students, the Brilliant Club has received 43 applications this year - from which 24 spaces have been granted.

The initiative partners Year 9 students with PHD students and over the next 4 weeks, each participant will need to create and defend a thesis in their specialty fields.

Manchester United vs FC Midtjylland

On Thursday 25th February, Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 students from OSCA, had the opportunity to go to Old Trafford to see the Europa League Match between Manchester United and FC Midtjylland.



Kick off was at 8.30pm, so the students had some time on arrival to soak up the sites. The weather conditions were perfect for the match and the students settled in to watch a very entertaining game with a final winning score for Manchester United of 5 - 0.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the match and their time there. Mr Horton, Mr Laird, Mr Scully and Mr Hale, who supported the event, praised all the students for their excellent behaviour throughout the evening.



Sandwell Schools Athletics Competition

On Thursday 3rd March, OSCA students competed against 12 other schools in the finals of the Sandwell Schools Athletics competition. It was a great evening with our Year 7 Boys finishing in 2nd place overall. Ethan Court won overall best performer and William Jones won the commitment to school competition award.

OSCA's Year 9 Girls finished in 3rd place in the competition, qualifying for the Midlands competition. Michelle Owusu achieved 2nd place overall for the Year 9 girls and Megan Hawley won the commitment to school competition award.

Other highlights from the event: Farai Mudere - 1st place sprint & shot, Ethan Court - 1st place triple Jump, 2nd place hurdles, William Jones - 2nd place long jump, Megan Hawley - 2nd place distance and Michelle Owusu - 1st place sprint & hurdles.



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Dates for Your Diary 2015/16 Academic Year

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

Art/Art Textiles Exams start (2 weeks) - **Mon 11th April**
Summer Term Starts - Tues 12th April
Year 10 & 11 Immunisation Catch Up's - **Tues 12th April**
OSCA Reward Trip - **Fri 15th April**
Year 8 Parents and Options Evening - **Tues 19th April**
Year 10 Mathematics Visit to Warwick University - **Wed 20th April**
GCSE PE Practical Moderation - **Thurs 21st April**
Year 7 Salter Chemistry Festival - **Thurs 21st April**
Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations - **Fri 22nd April**
Art/Art Textiles Exams Ends - **Fri 22nd April**
Year 11 Photo - **Tues 26th April**
Year 11 Drama Exam Practical Work & Rehearsal -
Wed 27th, Thurs 28th & Fri 29th April
The Junior Maths Challenge - **Thurs 28th April**

Bank Holiday - Mon 2nd May

Summer Exam Season Starts - Tues 3rd May
D of E Electric Kit Car Trip to Colby Races - **Wed 4th May**
D of E Expedition Training - **Thurs 5th & Fri 6th May**
D of E Practice Expedition - **Sat 7th May**
Year 8 Options Deadline - **Tues 17th May**
Year 9 FGM Workshops - **Thurs 19th May**
D of E Expedition Departs - **Fri 27th May & Returns - Sat 28th May**

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

Year 7 Trip to Holy Buildings - **Tues 7th June**
Year 7 Geography Trip - **Thurs 9th June**
Year 8 Birmingham University Languages & Martial Arts Day -
Fri 17th June
Year 10 Inspiring Mathematics - **Tues 21st June**
Year 9 visit to Cosford - **Wed 22nd June**
Year 12 UCAS Convention - **Thurs 23rd June**
Summer Exam Season Ends - Mon 27th June
School Exam Week starts for Years 9 & 10 - **Mon 27th June**
Year 9 Parents Evening - **Tues 28th June**
Year 8 Aston University Science Trip - **Wed 29th June**
Year 11 Leavers Assembly - **Wed 29th June**
Year 8 & 10 Immunisation Catch Ups - **Thurs 30th June**
Training Days - **4th & 5th July**
Year 7 Induction Days - **Wed 6th & Thurs 7th July**
OSCA Summer Progress Awards Evening - **Tues 12th July**
OSCA Year 10 & 12 Rewards Visits - **Thurs 14th July**
L4S Day 3/Sports Day & Year 11 Prom - **Fri 15th July**
OSCA Year 7 to 9 Rewards Visits - **Thurs 21st July**

Summer Term Ends - Fri 22nd July

GCE/L3 Results Day - **18th August**
GCSE/L2 Results Day - **25th August**

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.

The Student Hub is open to all students at the following times:
before school,
break/lunch time
and after school.

Mathematics Homework Club

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 OSCA Point every time they attend!
- ✓ Get their homework done and dusted before they get home!

Every
Tuesday
& Thursday
Lunch Time
In Room S11

Connexions Advisor @ OSCA

The Connexions Advisor, Lee Groucutt, will now be in the Academy on **Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, in room TS1.**
You can also find him in the Learning Resource Centre for drop in sessions at break and lunch times.

Business Enterprise Challenge Day

On Friday 11th March, OSCA students had the opportunity to show off their business skills for a day. The students were asked to make a presentation on how they would organise and run a music festival at OSCA.



This was also a House competition, giving the students a taste of competing in the real world of business. The students were brilliant and demonstrated excellent business ideas and skills.

The judges selected one winning business presentation from each house group to compete against each other in a Dragons Den style final. All the students impressed the judges with their planning and business ideas but there could only be one winner. The results were as follows:- 1st place - Dahl, 2nd place - Shakespeare, 3rd place - Da Vinci and 4th place - Picasso.



This was a great event that highlighted the business talents and good work ethics of our students.

BBC School Report Day

Year 9 Media students at OSCA enjoyed taking part in the tenth national BBC Schools Report Day, on Thursday 10th March. The students put together a fantastic news team, with budding young reporters, who organised themselves to deliver an exciting days reporting live from the academy.

The students were roving reporters and carried out interviews and prepared sound bites on the lead stories which included: Do sleep patterns affect student's academic performances? Are our lives controlled by phones? Drugs testing in sport, the Presidential election, whatever happened to the Segway? And Shakespeare's anniversary.

A news hub was created especially for the event, to provide the students with the perfect media environment for them to generate their broadcasts on the stories they have researched and reported on during the day. With over 1,000 schools taking part nationwide, this was brilliant opportunity for our students to experience the real world of Media.

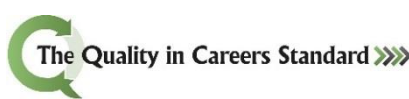
THE BIG TREE PLANT

OSCA is working in conjunction with Forest Schools Birmingham, a small team of highly experienced professionals who passionately believe that "all children should have access to the outdoors." They deliver Outdoor Learning programs and Community Engagement projects throughout Birmingham and the West Midlands in a variety of settings including schools.

Students in the SEN department are enjoying learning about forestry, as part of an ongoing project and were involved in planting 500 trees around the academy site.

A variety of trees have been selected for the students to plant and nurture, as they discover why it is so important to look after the environment.

As part of this project, our students have also enjoyed working on an allotment at Tividale Hall Primary school and are looking forward to the next stage of the scheme.



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U11 - U17s OPEN TRIALS



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for season 2016/17

**Monday
28th March
2016**

The day will consist of a variety of skill practices and games observed by WBA and Tividale FC Scouts / Coaches. Players deemed to have the right level of ability will be invited back for further trials

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