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COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



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## OSCA is the 1<sup>st</sup> Choice for Parents

**Another Record Achievement for the 5<sup>th</sup> Year Running OSCA is:  
Full and Oversubscribed for September 2018**

### Asher Knight Performs at OSCA

Singer Asher Knight, a budding singer from Bradford, West Yorkshire, performed at OSCA as part of his new anti-bullying tour of secondary schools across the country, to further embed OSCA's strong anti-bullying ethos.



This new tour follows Asher's previously successful tour at the beginning of 2018, where he performed his new single Hurricanes and Tornadoes to almost 10,000 students at 20 different schools across the country, including eight OAT academies.

OSCA's students were treated to several performances from Asher and his fellow artists (Christie Alana and Luena Martinez), which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Asher also spoke about his own personal traumatic experiences of being bullied at school and how he overcame the trauma.

Asher finished the event with a positive message about how everyone can help to stop bullying from happening.

### New Student Leadership Team 2018 - 2019



**Head Girl – Niamh V1**

**Head Boy – Imraj P3**

**Deputy Head Girls – Shuzana D8 & Maryam S6**

**Deputy Head Boys – Tyler S2 & Ben V3**

#### Senior Prefects

Harsimran P1, Zanib V4, Jessica S2,  
Giorgo B & Balvinder A

**PAPA**  
Presents

# DANCE SHOW

**TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2018**

**6:30PM**

**TICKETS £2**

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## Speak Out Challenge

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, students in Year 10 took part in the Speakers Trust 'Speak Out' challenge.

Speakers Trust is the UK's leading public speaking and communication skills training charity, with the vision of enabling every young person to speak confidently and be heard.

The students took part in a day of workshops, that aimed to enhance their speaking and communication skills by giving them the confidence to transform their thoughts into speech. Across the course of the day the students developed the skills to structure and deliver a two-minute speech, on a topic of their choice. The students spoke about a vast array of topics including the importance of videogames, feminism, family, and 'a perfect society'.

The day culminated in each student delivering their speech to their group, which took a great deal of bravery and courage. This was an invaluable experience for our students, who developed a real confidence, and reaped the rewards of challenging themselves to do something a little bit scary!

The winners chosen from each group will now compete in a final winners round at OSCA. The winner from that round will then represent the Academy in the Regional Final, this summer at a local university.



## Uniform Selling Dates at OSCA

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - 3pm to 7pm**  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August - 2pm to 7pm**

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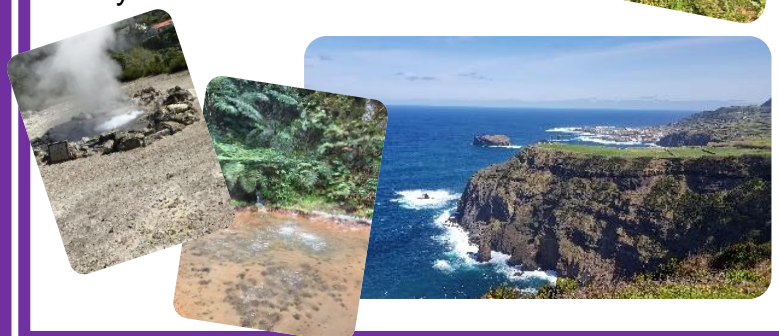
## Five Days in the Azores

From the 27<sup>th</sup> March to the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, thirty-three students accompanied by staff, enjoyed the sites of the Island of Sao Miguel. The students were able to visit volcanic craters, two geothermal pools, a lava tube, coastal features at Mosteiros and one of the only tea plantations in the whole of Europe. The students were also able to see the 'Happy Cows Milk Programme' in action for themselves and got to experience the culture of the small island.

The visit allowed students to improve their knowledge of some key geographical ideas and gave them the opportunity to experience features in the real world.

Throughout the trip the students were incredibly well behaved and a credit to OSCA.

Everyone had a brilliant time!



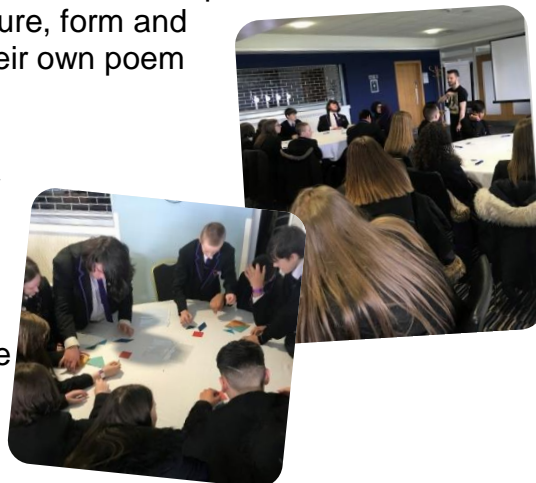
## Aimhigher

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, Aimhigher took forty Year 10 students to an English and Maths Focus Day, at Edgbaston Cricket Ground. The aim of the trip was to support students with their English and Maths achievement, boost their confidence and give them an opportunity to work with students from other schools.

Birmingham's Poet Laureate, Matt Windle held the English session, he started by reciting his own spoken word poem, 'The Mat(t)'; a poem about his career as a semi professional boxer. The students then took part in a workshop about the structure, form and rhyme of poetry, before working in small groups to write their own poem around the themes of war and conflict.

The Maths session involved students working together in a shapes trading game, where they went head-to-head with other students from other schools.

This was a valuable experience for our students to put into practice the Maths and English skills they had gained in the classroom, and developing these in advance of their forthcoming GCSE's.



## Staffordshire Championships

Athletic success continues for two of our students Ethan in S6 and in Michelle 11.1, after they took part in the Staffordshire Championships over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> May.

A hat-trick of championships titles from Ethan with three grade one performances, in the under 15 boys championships (The achievement was all the more amazing after he had missed almost 3 months of training through injury.) He went on to beat top athletes, who had been in regular competitions.

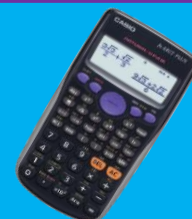
Ethan also won the triple jump with a jump of 12metres 32cms, the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest jump in the UK! His success continued with a win in the 100metres in a time of 11.8 seconds (into a wind), before winning the long jump with a jump of 5metres 97cms. Ethan will now compete in the National Young Athlete's League, where he will take part in the following four events: 100metres, long jump, shot put and relay.

Michelle also had fantastic achievements in both the sprint 100metres and 200metres, gaining two more championship titles, running a fast 12.6 seconds (into a wind). The run was a grade one performance for 100metres. Michelle also competed in the Senior League in Bristol, running an excellent 12.5 seconds in the 100metres, then going on to run an excellent final leg of the sprint relay. Michelle's next event is the National Young Athlete's League.

We wish them both every success in their next competition and look forward to hearing about their next achievements as they aim to take part in The English Schools Championships.

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## Dates for Your Diary 2017/2018 Academic Year

### Summer Term:

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 8 to 10 France trip returns

**Half Term Holiday: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 History trip

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 History trip

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 9 & 10

Engineering and supplied sciences taster

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> June** - Speakers Trust final

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10

compulsory Geography fieldwork (Day 1)

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 9 to 11

access to the professions conference

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 Sociology trip to London

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10

compulsory Geography fieldwork (Day 2)

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Numeracy age testing week in Maths

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 History trip

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Academy Council meeting at OSCA

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June** - PAPA trip to see Les Miserables

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - OSCA sports day

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 7 exams week

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June** - External exam season ends

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> June** Evening event dance show (PAPA)

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 & 11 Silver D of E

assessed expedition departs 9.00am

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Year 10 & 11 Silver D of E

assessed expedition returns

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Training day

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - PAPA dance show

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Year 10 speaking mocks

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Induction day 1 and evening

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Induction day 2

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 10 speaking mocks

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Football World Cup week in PE

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July** - French Ambassadors reward trip

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July** - OSCA Summer Awards Evening

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 9 languages and social sciences  
taster day

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Y10 rewards trip

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July** - L4S day 3

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Y11 Prom

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 10 work experience week and Unifest

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 7 to 9 rewards trip

**Term Ends: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> August** - A Level exam results day

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> August** - GCSE exam results day

## Loughborough University

Year 10 Sport Science students visited Loughborough University on the 10th May. This was an Aimhigher/ field based trip, which enabled our students to get an insight into the life and opportunities available in sport and health careers.

The students had a great time and completed practical work. Their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable.



## Project Atmosphere

The English Department at OSCA are buzzing about 'Project Atmosphere's' second year of success! Three days of delving into a gothic setting at Haden Hill House Museum in Cradley Heath, has enabled students to become inspired into writing the opening of their own gothic novel, which is part of the students end of term fictional writing assignment.

From ghouls to ghosts, apparitions to spectres, the students relished the opportunity to navigate through a house steeped in history and explore artefacts of the macabre.



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