



Newsletter  
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Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year  
from the students,  
staff and governors  
at OSCA.

Students at OSCA had fun organising cake sales and sponsored events for Children in Need. They have now raised £525.86 for the charity.

### OSCA's doing its bit in a Christmas knit

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, students and staff have the option to wear their warmest, wackiest and most wonderful festive woollies to raise money for Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day in return for a donation £1 or more.

The money raised will help three amazing charities: Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-A-Wish® UK and Save the Children give hope to families in difficulty at Christmas.

Bring your donations on the day.

If you haven't got a jumper, you can join in by wearing a hat or one other Christmas item. **Normal school uniform should be worn in conjunction with this.**

### Congratulations Olivia Wells

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November OSCA student Olivia Wells, in Year 7, was signed up by Wolverhampton Wanderers to play for their Girls Under 13's Academy. Olivia played her first game on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

We wish Olivia all the best in her forthcoming matches and congratulations on her signing to the club.



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

## Sporting Star Dominic Soulsby

OSCA's Year 9 student Dominic Soulsby, is a member of the Warley Wasps Swimming Club. In October, he competed in the Gloucester Open meet over 2 days and produced 3 out of 4 personal bests. His new personal best time for 50 metres front crawl is 30.4 seconds. Out of 30 competitors from around the country, Dominic was ranked 7<sup>th</sup>.

Currently Dominic is the top 13 year old at his club and received 5 more trophies at the end of November at the Warley Wasps presentation evening.

This is a fantastic achievement and we wish Dominic more success in future competitions.



## OSCA Keeps Growing in Strength

Achievement is what OSCA inspires in everyone at the Academy, which comprises of 137 staff and 945 students aged 11 - 18. It was recently awarded the 'Investors in People' Silver status, meaning that the academy has gone beyond the nationally recognised standard and is very close to achieving a Gold status, one of the highest awards possible. This proves that OSCA is not only a good place to study, it's a good place to work as well.

## OSCA Leading the Way on Developing Democracy

OSCA is one of the first schools in the country to be presented with the British Youth Council's 'Developing Democracy' Award. This new award is for schools that encourage students to take an interest in the democratic process encouraging pupils to have their say in society - both within the school or through social action projects in the local community. Along with only 18 other schools nationally, OSCA received its award on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.



Developing Democracy in our youngsters is something that OSCA is very proud of.

## Student Reward Trip

On Friday afternoon on 4<sup>th</sup> December, students from OSCA had the opportunity to show off their skating skills at Telford ice rink as a reward for excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour.

This year there were over 550 students eligible for the trip that met the high standard criteria set by OSCA, which includes at least 98% attendance.

The students and staff had lots of fun on the ice, with demonstrations of excellent skating skills. For the new comers to the ice rink, there was lots of support from the more experienced students and staff.

This was a very enjoyable trip and the student's behaviour throughout the visit was exemplary.



## Dates for Your Diary 2015/16 Academic Year

Year 7 & 8 Visit to the German Market - **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Term Ends - **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon**

End of Term Holiday -  
**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> December to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> January**

Teacher Training Day - **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Spring Term Starts - **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 9 GCSE Timetable Starts - **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 12/13 Mock Exams Starts - **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 8 Residential to Edgmond Hall departs - **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> January**

November Exam results Day - **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 8 Residential to Edgmond Hall returns - **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 12/13 Mock Exams Ends - **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 11 Mock Results - **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 13 Health & Child Care Work Exp - **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 7 Parents Evening - **Tues 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 12/13 Mock Exams Results - **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Year 11 Sets 1-7 English Theatre Trip (Of Mice and Men) -  
**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Spring Half Term Holiday - **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

OSCA Show Primary Performance 10am to 1pm -  
**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

OSCA Show Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm - **Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

OSCA Show Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm - **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> February**

OSCA Show Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm - **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 10 GCSE French Student Conference -  
**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 10 Parents Evening - **Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March**

January Exam Results Released to Candidates -  
**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Year 7 Holy Buildings Trip - **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight Starts - **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 10 Boys & Girls DTP Vaccinations - **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March**

OSCA Sixth Year 12 University Fair - **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> March**

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

OSCA Reward Visits - **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 11 Geography Trip to Swanage Departs - **Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Year 11 Geography Trip to Swanage Returns - **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Spring Term Ends - **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Summer Term Starts - **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Bank Holiday - **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Summer Half Term - **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Summer Term Ends - **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

## 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 3.1  
or later.



## 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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## 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
Ultimate Frisbee	Friday 1.20pm to 2.20pm	Boys Gym
LRC Homework Club	Friday 1.20pm to 2pm	Learning Resources Centre

## Every Drawing Tells A Story House Competition

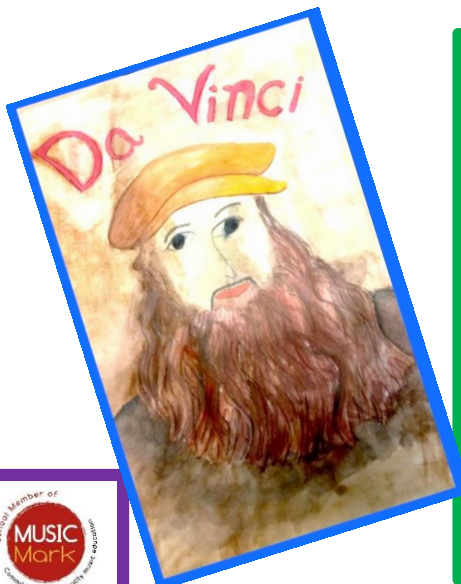
House winners:

**Dahl** - Tarunpreet Kaur & Iqra Hussain

**Shakespeare** - Beth Griffiths

**Da Vinci** - Kristabel Eyi Mensah

**Picasso** - Rhea Kular



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