



Newsletter  
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### Reward Trip for Excellent Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour

Students at OSCA enjoyed an afternoon trip to Telford Ice Rink on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This reward celebrated their excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour at the academy, from September to October half term this year.

More students than ever qualified for this reward, with over 670 students eligible, even though the bar for attendance was 98% or above. These students also achieved excellent punctuality and behaviour records.

This was a fantastic way to reward the students for their achievements. The students, accompanied by staff, had fun taking to the ice to demonstrate 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.

More reward trips are planned for the New Year, so keep up the good work!



### Congratulations to OSCA staff and students for winning four nationwide OAT GOLD AWARDS:

- Outstanding Attendance
- Outstanding Careers Education
- Outstanding Enrichment Programme including the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Most improved History results across the whole academy chain

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

**Pre-order lunch  
Monday - Thursday  
between 8am - 11am  
8am - 8.30am on Friday**

**With effect from Monday 8th January 2018**

**NO MONEY** will be taken at the tills. Students should only queue for food if their account is in credit.

Please ensure students accounts are topped up, either online or by using the cash loaders located in school.

Please see the Finance Department if you have any problems.

## 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 fantastic cards entered.

Out of all the OSCA entries, Ms McMahon chose a winning design to be created into an 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 Holly in P5, for her winning Christmas card design.



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## Senior Mathematics Challenge

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, four Year 11 OSCA students took part in the regional, Senior Mathematics Challenge. Our students competed against 20 other teams from the Birmingham area. OSCA's team were the only team made up entirely of year 11 students. All the other teams comprised of students from years 12 and 13 only.

The students worked hard on the challenging mathematics problems and pushed themselves to the limit. Although they did not come in the top three teams, they and the academy can be very proud of the effort and determination they displayed throughout this challenge.



## Swimming Success

OSCA's twelve-year-old student Mia in S8, continues to achieve excellence in her swimming accomplishments. She was recently awarded 15 Gold medals, in the 12 years of age group category, at her Club Championships.

Mia's commitment to her sport is unstoppable as she also braved the heavy snowfall and attended the Newcastle Under Lyme open meet, where she picked up a further seven medals: 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Mia has also qualified to compete in 15 events at the Worcester County Swimming Championships at the end of January/February 2018. She has trained extremely hard over the last year to achieve the required County qualifying times, swimming 5/6 days and at least 20,000 metres a week.

Mia is also really close to achieving several Regional times, which she will continue to work towards between now and April 2018.

We wish Mia all the best in her further competitions and look forward to reporting on her next achievements.

## Athletics News

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, OSCA students Ethan in S6 and Michelle in S5, travelled to Sheffield for the Northern Open National Indoor Athletics meeting.

Fourteen-year-old Ethan, completed in two sprinting events and won both the under 15 boys 60m and the under 15 boys 150m, in very impressive times.

Michelle, who is 15, competed in the 60m sprint, finishing in an excellent 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in a strong race. She later competed in the under 17 women's 300m which she won, very impressively.



We congratulate them both on these fantastic achievements and wish them both good luck for their next indoor competitions in January.

## Congratulations Dominic in D5

Fifteen-year-old OSCA student Dominic continues his swimming success. At the start of December, Dominic competed in eleven races at the Wyre Forest Open Meet and won 2 Gold, 8 Silver and 1 Bronze medal. He achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place throughout the boy's competitions, just missing the top spot by 4 points.

Dominic will now compete in the Worcester County Championships in January followed by the Regional Championships later in the year. We wish him well in these competitions and applaud his amazing accomplishments.

   **Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Help Raise Funds for Save the Children**  
**Donate £1**  

 All students must wear their full school uniform on the day, adding their jumper on top of their shirt. Students do not need to bring in their blazer, but this is the only uniform exception. 

## Dates for Your Diary 2017/2018 Academic Year

**Term Ends:**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

### Spring Term 2018:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Training Day

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Term Starts

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January - Year 8 Exam Week

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> January - Year 9 Boys and Girls  
DTP MEN-ACYM Vaccines

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January - PAPA Residential Ingestre Hall

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Year 9 Parents Evening

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Year 7 English Trip to Stratford

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Year 9 Exam Week

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccine

### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - PAPA Production  
Beauty & the Beast (Matinee and Evening Performance)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - PAPA Production  
Beauty & the Beast (Evening Performance)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 11 Mock Fortnight Starts

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - PAPA Production  
Beauty & the Beast (Evening Performance)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Year 8 Science Trip  
to the Big Bang Fair

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Year 11 Mock Fortnight Ends

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March - KS3 PE Trip  
to Loughborough University

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Rewards Trip

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Geography Field Trip  
to the Azores Departs

### Term Ends:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Easter Holiday:

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Geography Field Trip  
to the Azores Returns

### Summer Term 2018:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Term Starts

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Bank holiday

### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 - Training Day

### Term Ends:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Good Luck Jake

Eleven-year-old OSCA student Jake in V5, has been a member of the Kaisho Karate Club in Halesowen for two years and has achieved a silver medal.

Jake took part in two international competitions this year in Germany. Although he did not win any medals, Jake enjoyed the experience and the chance to compete.

We wish Jake all the best in his next competition in January, when he takes part in the English Karate Federation Championships in Leicester.



## Brand New Mathematical Calculators

Available to buy  
from the  
Finance Office  
at OSCA

£7.00  
each

