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COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

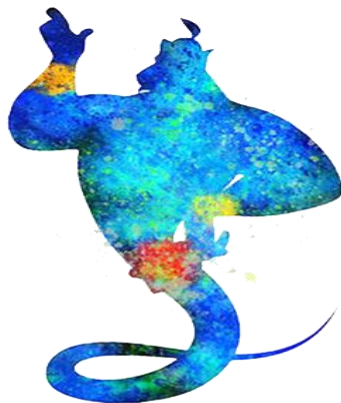


**Newsletter**  
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Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy  
Performing and Productions Arts  
Presents



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**Tuesday 28th February**

**Wednesday 1st March**

**Thursday 2nd March**

**Tickets only £4**

**Available from the Academy**

### Congratulations to Olivia in S5

OSCA student Olivia plays for Wolves Academy and is one of four players selected to represent the County in the West Midlands County Girls U14 football team. This is an amazing achievement as the competition is very high.

Olivia is setting her sights on playing for England next season (as she is too young this year).

We look forward to following Olivia's progress and wish her every success in the forthcoming matches.



### Olympian "Tops the Podium" at OSCA!

Students at OSCA had the opportunity to meet with one of Britain's top runners on Wednesday 4th January, when former Olympian and World Champion, Daniel Caines, visited the academy.

The visit was part of the Sky Sports Living for Sport initiative, delivered in partnership with the Youth Sports Trust. It was organised by the OSCA PE department to promote the use of lifelong and interpersonal skills, not just in sport, but in preparation for futures ahead.

Students in Years 7 to 9, listened in assemblies to Daniel's journey from his potentially career ending injury, to becoming one of Great Britain's top runners over 400 metres. PE and Sport students from Years 10 and 11 participated in 'Keys to success' workshops led by Daniel, who is an athlete mentor for the Sky Sports Scheme. Daniel also met with the academy's Sports Council to offer advice and provide ideas and ways to use student voice as a tool in creating partnerships across the academy and within the local community.

## OSCA's Athletic Stars

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Ethan Court & Michelle Owusu competed at the National Stadium Barclaycard Arena in the Midland and Regional Championships, the second most important event on the athletics calendar.

13-year-old Ethan achieved a silver medal in the triple jump, 4<sup>th</sup> place in the shot and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 60 metres final, after three rounds of races.

Michelle's races had many competitors taking part; each race consisted of three rounds of races. In the 60 metres, she achieved 5<sup>th</sup> place (Just 7/100<sup>ths</sup> of a second from the silver medal). She then went back and repeated the same in the 200 metres.

Both Ethan's and Michelle's performances were National grade 1 performances.

We wish both Ethan and Michelle all the best in their next competitions and look forward to reporting on their achievements.

## Badminton Achievement

Congratulations to OSCA's Under 16 girl's badminton team, who represented Sandwell, in the 2017 Black Country School Games final.

The girls competed in the Level 3 badminton event, which took place at the Walsall Campus. They played brilliantly and achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place. This was a tremendous accomplishment as they were competing against 40 other schools.



Badminton team  
Trinity in 11.5, Charlotte in 11.9  
Steph in 11.8 and Lauren in D5.

## Trampoline and Tumbling Success

OSCA student Alicia Price, enjoys trampolining and tumbling for her club, the Sandwell Flyers. The training, support and encouragement she receives from the club, is helping Alicia to blossom in this discipline.

Recently Alicia competed in a Trampoline and Tumbling Nationals Competition, in the 11 - 12 years category and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

We wish Alicia good luck in all her future events.

## Talented Swimmer

Well done 11 year old, Mia Taylor-Seal from OSCA. She is currently enjoying more swimming success after taking part in the Counties Championships in Worcestershire.

Mia competed in the 11+ age group and qualified in the 50 metres and 100 metres counties breaststroke events. She then swam in the 200 metres breaststroke event and succeeded in attaining 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

## 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.

## Brand New Mathematical Calculators

Available to buy  
from the  
Finance Office  
at OSCA

£5.00  
each



## Dates for Your Diary 2016/2017 Academic Year

### Half Term Holiday:

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February -**

Maths and History residential to Ypres departs

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> February -**

Maths and History residential to Ypres returns

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> February -**

Year 9 & 10 Science residential to Cern departs

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> February -**

Year 9 & 10 Science residential to Cern returns

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> February -** Year 11 whole year group poetry live trip

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> February -** OSCA Show primary matinee

& OSCA Show evening performance 6.30pm

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March -** Year 10 immunisations

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March -** OSCA Show evening performance 6.30pm

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March -** OSCA Show evening performance 6.30pm

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March -** Year 7 exam week

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March -** L4S day 2

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March -** Year 11 mock fortnight starts

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March -**

Year 9 & 10 STEM Women in Engineering event at OSCA

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March -** Year 8 Big Bang Science Fayre trip

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March -** Year 7 Big Bang Science Fayre trip

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March -**

Y10 Maths Feast competition Wolverhampton University

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March -**

Year 7 Science and History visit to Warwick Castle

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March -** Y11 March mock fortnight ends

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March -** Hodder numeracy testing week 1 Years 7-9

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March -** Year 11 Art exams week 1

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March -** Hodder numeracy testing week 2 Years 7-9

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March -** GCSE Trip to Loughborough University

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March -** Rewards trip

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April -** Hodder numeracy testing week 2 Years 7-9

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April -** Years 11 Art exams week 2

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April -** Year 8 Consultation evening/pathways

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March -** Year 7 Salters Chemistry festival

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April -** Iceland residential departs

**Term Ends: Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April -** Iceland residential returns

**Easter Holiday: Mon 10<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April -** Training day

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May -** Bank holiday

**Summer half term holiday: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Summer Term Ends: Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Please note that OSCA's term dates will differ slightly from the published Sandwell LA dates for the Christmas Break, as follows:

Term finishes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, 12pm.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 is a training day for all staff.

Students will return to OSCA on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

This will be a normal teaching day.

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

**Pre-order lunch:  
Monday - Thursday  
Between  
8am - 8.35am  
&  
10.35am - 10.55am**

**Fridays  
8am - 8.30am**

## Big Physics Quiz

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 11 students in Year 9 attended the University of Birmingham, to take part in the Year 9 Big Physics Quiz 2017.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were very resilient when faced with extremely tough competition. They all tried their utmost and were great ambassadors for OSCA with their exemplary behaviour and effort.

Year 9 Big Physics Quiz Team

Rohan Bahia,

Selinda Kinxhi,

Balvinder Athwal

Imraj Singh Barring,

Fadila Ilmas, Mandip Srai

Anna Peters, Niamh Long,

Haider Ali, Manjot Guraya

and Zanib Bibi.





## Visit to London

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 36 students from OSCA visited London to be awed and inspired by what the capital city has achieved politically, economically, and culturally.

They explored several museums before visiting key landmarks such as the Houses of Parliament, the Ministry of Defence and the Cenotaph. They even had the opportunity to walk down Downing Street, where they were less than a metre from the very prestigious (and shiny!) number 10 door. Unfortunately, as one of our students asked, Theresa May was not in!



The journey continued to inspire the students, by visiting the National Gallery, Leicester Square and Covent Garden where they experienced the heartbeat of London City.



Despite the jam-packed day, the terrible weather of rain and snow and 15,000 steps of walking, the students were super stars and an absolute credit to the academy!



## Thank You Mrs Chambers

After 30 years of loyal service to the academy and its predecessor school, Mrs Chambers has retired. We would like to wish her a long and happy retirement and thank her for her support and dedication to everyone at OSCA.

## 'Nightmare After Christmas' Event

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, Year 11 Music students hosted their 'Nightmare After Christmas' event, as part of the Managing a Music Product unit.

The audience enjoyed musical and dance performances, by students in Years 7, 9 and 11. Over the past few months, the students planned and developed the entire show. On the night, they demonstrated great team spirit and total professionalism, under the pressure of their first show.



The event raised £75 through ticket, biscuit and cupcake sales, which will go towards this year's Year 11 Prom.

The event was a huge success, thanks to the commitment and support of the students, parents and staff.

