



Newsletter  
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**The staff and Governors at OSCA would like to wish all our students good luck in their exams!**



### **Congratulations to OSCA's New Appointments for 2016/17**

**Head Girl:** Blessing D3 **Head Boy:** Callum D5  
**Deputy Head Girls:** Reyna P6 & Charlotte V1  
**Deputy Head boys:** Jack V3 & Nicolas S7

#### **Senior Prefects:**

Charlotte D2, Gemma V4, Jessica V7,  
Samuel S3, Owen V3, Baron V3

### **Class of 2016 Leavers' Hoodies**

Leavers' hoodies are available priced at £14.00 or £16.00 with your name added. Order forms are available from the Student Hub. There are samples in the Student Hub so you can choose the colour you would like and try them for size.

All orders need to be placed and paid for by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Payment details are available from the Finance Office.



### **Salters Chemistry Festival**

Four Year 7 students from OSCA went to the University of Birmingham on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, to participate in the Salters Chemistry Festival. The day consisted of two challenges and demonstrations. Our students competed against students from other schools that had been invited to take part.

The first task the students were given, was to solve the murder investigation. The second task was a mystery university challenge.

Throughout the day, our students demonstrated their excellent team work skills and scientific aptitude with their enquiring minds. Although our students tried their best, they didn't win the challenge but they all enjoyed their time at the festival.



## Well Done Ethan Court

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Year 7 student Ethan Court competed in the big open meet at the Alexander Stadium in Perry Barr. This was a national event with athletes competing from all over the country. Ethan achieved one gold and two silver medals that day.

1st place - Shot put with a 9m 47 cm throw  
(Third longest throw in the country.)

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Javelin

(This was Ethan's first ever javelin competition.)

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Long jump

We look forward to following Ethan's continuing sporting success and wish him all the best in all his forthcoming events.

## 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.



### FREE Holiday Lunch Club

Fun, food and fitness for you and the kids during the school holidays.

Cook new tasty recipes whilst the kids enjoy games and activities. And a freshly cooked lunch for everyone.

Limited places available

**Where:** Hawthorns House, Halfords Lane,  
West Bromwich B66 1BB

**When:** Tuesday 31st May

**Time:** 10:00am - 12:30pm

**To book:** Call 0121 565 5605



[lets-dothis.org.uk](http://lets-dothis.org.uk)

Brought to you by the National Charity Partnership - a partnership between Tesco and registered charities Diabetes UK and the British Heart Foundation - together with Unilever Community Food & Health Partnership.

## Sandwell Cup Semi Final OSCA 3 – 2 Perryfields

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May, OSCA's Year 10 football team played away at Perryfields and won.

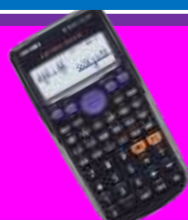
Our students' excellent behaviour and sporting performance throughout the event was a credit to themselves and the academy.

We wish them all the best in the forthcoming final.

### Year 10 Team

Callum Glasgow, Tom Russell,  
Callum Taylor, Ahmad Ewin,  
Sam Whittaker, Deshai Gavin Smith,  
Oliver Downing, Zak Etherington,  
Lewis Hodgettes, Jack Sims,  
Kamran Azmat (Goal),  
Darren Sandhu (Goal),  
Harry Cotton (Goal),  
& Titus Obuadum in Year 9

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



**Brand New Mathematical Calculators  
Available to buy from the  
Finance Office at OSCA**

**Only  
£5.00  
each**

## Dates for Your Diary 2015/16 Academic Year

D of E Expedition Departs - **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May** & Returns - **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May**

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

Year 7 Geography Trip - **Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 8 Birmingham University Languages & Martial Arts Day -  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 7 Geography Field Trip to Cheddar Gorge - **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 10 Inspiring Mathematics visit to Wolverhampton University -  
**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Year 9 Science visit to Cosford - **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Year 12 Media Trip to Birmingham - **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Year 12 UCAS Convention - **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Summer Exam Season Ends - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June**

School Exam Week starts for Years 9 & 10 - **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 9 Parents Evening - **Tues 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly - **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 8 & 10 Immunisation Catch Ups - **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 7 & 8 Class Band Concert Q3 Academy - **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Year 7 Induction Day and Evening - **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Training Days - **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> & Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July**

OSCA Summer Progress Awards Evening - **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July**

OSCA Year 10 & 12 Rewards Visits - **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

STEM Challenge Day Gifted & Talented - **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July**

L4S Day 3 - **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports Day - **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 11 Prom - **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 10 Work Experience Week - **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 7-10 French Ambassador Trip to French Restaurant -  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July**

OSCA Year 7 to 9 Rewards Visits - **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July**

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

GCE/L3 Results Day - **18<sup>th</sup> August**

GCSE/L2 Results Day - **25<sup>th</sup> August**

## Football News

OSCA's Year 7 student James in D5, enjoys playing football for his club AFC Wulfrunians. From Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, he took part in the national football tournament in Torquay with his football club. They all played well and won the tournament.

James was presented with his winning trophy by Dan Gosling who is the centre midfielder for Bournemouth.



## 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

## Book Club

Every Wednesday Lunchtime  
Room 02

For more information please see Miss Ruth

## University of Warwick

On the 20th April, 30 Year 10 students went to the University of Warwick to experience a day of workshops and lectures on Maths and beyond. It was a fantastic day where students were able to see how Maths is applicable in different careers as well as experiencing some A Level material on imaginary numbers!

The students were fully engaged and active in all the workshops and were not afraid to answer questions in the lecture theatre, which was full of students from other schools.

The students were a credit to the Academy with their impeccable behaviour and a can do attitude!



## West Bromwich Albion Signed Football Shirt Winner

Congratulations to Year 9 student Lauren in D5, who was presented with her prize by Vice Principal, Ms Cutler. Lauren became the 2<sup>nd</sup> student to win a signed West Bromwich Albion football shirt for her attendance at after school sports clubs.



OSCA students will get the chance to win summer term prizes, if they attend any of the after school clubs that are being run by the PE department during the summer.

## Boxing Club



Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy students are enjoying an opportunity to take part in a boxing club set up by the local police in Tat Bank Road, Oldbury. The club's trainer and coach is amateur boxer and super heavyweight Solomon Darces, who in November became national champion for the first time.

This 12 week programme runs once a week and is open to both girls and boys at OSCA aged 12 to 13.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May West Midlands Police Crime Commissioner David Jamieson, went along to the club to see for himself how the funding was being used. He was impressed with the club and our students. He thought that they were incredibly strong and disciplined and that their coaches were an absolute credit to the community.

The club has been funded by POCA cash, this is money recovered from the ill-gotten gains of criminals, which is spent on good and worthwhile projects that benefits the law abiding community.

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

40 Year 10 OSCA students and 10 staff members have been camping in Kinver in preparation for the students' Duke of Edinburgh expedition, Bronze Award. The students practised their orienteering, hiking, setting up camp, cooking and experienced the great outdoors.

We wish them all the best for their forthcoming practice expedition on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and their assessed expedition in September.

