



Newsletter  
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## Record Achievement for the 4<sup>th</sup> Year Running: OSCA is the 1<sup>st</sup> Choice for Parents Full and Oversubscribed for September 2017

### Brilliant Club Scholars Programme

Over the past few months, 24 of OSCA's fantastic Year 9 students have worked incredibly hard to complete their Brilliant Club Scholars Programme. The Scholars Programme is designed to support students in developing the knowledge, skills and ambition necessary to secure places at highly selective universities. This has involved our students taking part in university style tutorials with a PhD Tutor before completing a two thousand-word assignment based on a super curriculum topic. This year, half of the students explored what Spirituality is, whilst the other half learnt about Pharmacokinetics.



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the students reaped the rewards from their hard work, by visiting Warwick University to attend their Brilliant Club Graduation Ceremony. Not only did they experience an inspirational Chemistry lecture, but they also enjoyed a tour of the university before donning a graduation cap to celebrate their achievements.

The students were an absolute credit to the Academy, not only for their impeccable behaviour but also for the determination and resilience shown over the course of this Programme.

### Visit to Loughborough University

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May, forty-three Year 7 and 8 students visited Loughborough University. This was the perfect way for our enthusiastic students who are looking for a career in sports, to see some of the opportunities that are available to them when they move onto further education.

The minds of the students' were opened to the possible career paths that they could choose in the world of sport (from elite athletics, to coaching, event marketing and scientific research). They enjoyed a tour of the university by current athletes studying there before working with a sports scientist to create their own energy drinks. The visit finished with some practical sessions by coaches at the university, in a range of activities. Throughout the day the students behaved impeccably, demonstrating real enthusiasm and interest at all that was on offer.

The students enjoyed spending the day at this excellent campus and were astonished by the size of the site and the facilities on offer.



## Congratulations to Mia in S8

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Mia competed in a swimming event and gained two regional times and three county times, winning two Gold and three Silver medals. Mia also achieved six personal bests.



Well done Mia, we wish you all the best in your next event!

## Well Done to Mckenzie in V8

Mckenzie took part in 'The Rose Cup' rhythmic gymnastics competition in Northampton, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Her excellent performances secured her two Gold medals.



We look forward to hearing about her next competition achievements.

## Swimming Success for Dominic in D5

Dominic competed in the Stoke Open Meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April. He gained the necessary qualifying times for him to compete in the West Midlands Regional Championships in Coventry. One of his times was 50 metres freestyle in 26.75 seconds. Dominic has always swam at County level since the age of nine, so to be able to compete at a higher level was quite an achievement.

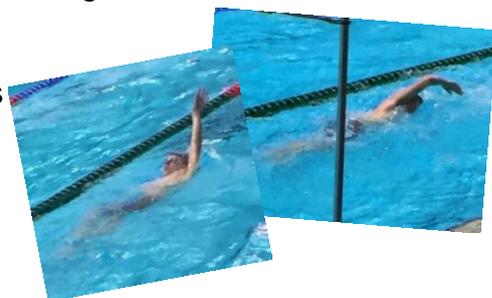


After taking part in the Regional Championships, Dominic is now ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the West Midlands for 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke in his age group. He has also climbed to 7<sup>th</sup> in the West Midlands, for 100m backstroke in a time of 1 minute 10 seconds. Again, a great achievement for his first competition at this level.

The times Dominic has achieved over the last few months meant he could qualify for his first Level 1 Meet at Sheffield's Ponds Forge International Pool. (This is an Olympic 50 metre pool). There he competed in the 100m freestyle, coming first in his heat with a time of 59 seconds. In the 100m backstroke, he recorded 1 minute and 8 seconds, knocking another 2 seconds off his regional time.

Dominic is a very talented swimmer who is now passing on his experiences as a Trainee Swimming Teacher, to the younger members of Warley Wasps Swimming Club.

These are amazing accomplishments and we congratulate Dominic on his commitment and aptitude.



## Salters Chemistry Festival

On the 5<sup>th</sup> April, four OSCA students in Year 7 attended the Salters Chemistry Festival at the University of Birmingham, to take part in two challenges, 'The Salters Challenge and The University Challenge'. Our students were competing against other students from across the Midlands; the majority of them were from Year 8, attending grammar and private schools.

Out of the sixteen schools competing, OSCA came forth in 'The University Challenge' and fifth in the 'The Salters Challenge'.

This was a great accomplishment for Natasha in V3, Harry in V4, Kirat in V1 and Hannah in S8 (Four young scientist in the making), as they displayed their resilience and hard work throughout the day, whilst having fun.

## Dates for Your Diary 2016/2017 Academic Year

### Summer Term

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 10 Mock Exams deadline 12 pm

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May** - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

**Summer Half Term Holiday: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 11 Intensive Learning Day - Hospitality

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Exam Season Ends

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Aspire HATs Event 4.30pm-6.30pm

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Y12 UCAS Exhibition

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 10 Boys & Girls Leavers Boosters

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June** - OSCA Gym and Dance Show 6.30pm

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 7-11 PE Celebration Trip

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 8 Trip to Birmingham University

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Transition Day and Evening

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Transition Day 2

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July** - France Trip Parents Meeting

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Training Day

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Training Day

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 11 Prom

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July** - OSCA Summer Progress Awards Evening

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 9 Olympic Project Day

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 10 & 12 Rewards Trip

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July** - L4S Day 3

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 9 D of E Practice Expedition Departs

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 9 D of E Practice Expedition Returns

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 10 Work Experience Week

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Peru Trip Departs @16.00pm

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 9 Skills Day

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 7-9 Rewards Trip

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

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 8, 9 &10 France Trip Departs

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 8, 9 &10 France Trip Returns

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> August** - Peru Trip returns

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Aug** - GCE Results Day

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Aug** - GCSE Results Day

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.

## Staffordshire Regional Athletics Championships

Many Congratulations to Ethan S6 & Michelle S5, after competing at the Staffordshire Regional Athletics Championships held at Wolverhampton Stadium on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Ethan won two titles and Gold medals in the under 15 boy's long jump & shot put. This was a real test of character for Ethan. When he entered the last round of jumps, he was in 3rd place and last to jump. In the run up, he maintained his speed to the board and produced the winning jump, taking the title. These were exceptional performances as he was the youngest in the competition.

Michelle won two Silver medals coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the 100m & 200m finals, another standout performance. The 100m was a photo finish with Michelle only missing the gold medal by 5/100<sup>ths</sup> of a second.

Both students won titles in the Sandwell Schools Championships, Ethan taking the 100m and shot and Michelle taking the 100m and 200m. They also won overall champion trophies in their age groups.

We wish them all the best in their next competition in the National Young Athletes Premier League.

## Visit to RAF Cosford

On Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> May, fifteen OSCA students visited RAF Cosford, in Wolverhampton. The day consisted of activities hosted by the RAF Sports Association. The students got involved in a selection of taster sessions in a variety of sports. They also had hands-on coaching sessions and a chance to talk to sports men and women, as well as the opportunity to try out interactive sports stations.

The students' behaviour and approach to every aspect of the day was outstanding and they thoroughly enjoyed all the activities on offer.



## OSCA Danced Danced Danced

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April, Dance Dance Dance (Unique Dance Company) street dance show went off without flaw. OSCA students coached and directed by Miss Jessica Smallwood, performed fourteen choreographed routines, their professionalism was outstanding.

The students had been practicing for over a year and were so proud to be able to host the show. Jon in S3 and Samson in D7 were the shows sound, lighting and stage technicians and made sure that everything ran smoothly.

The event included a performance from the 'OSCA Staff Dance Crew' (Modelling the OSCA standards of trying something out of your comfort zone) with great success.

The show raised £218 in ticket sales with the proceeds donated equally between the two OSCA trips going to France and Peru later this year.

These events would not take place if it were not for the commitment and enthusiasm of all the staff and students involved. This was another successful OSCA event to be proud of.

## Helping Others

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, students and staff from OSCA put their running shoes on to take part in the Wolverhampton inflatable 5K fun run. Their aim was to raise funds for the OSCA trip to France in July, through sponsorship from their friends and family.

The OSCA team enjoyed the good weather while taking part in this fun and worthwhile event.

