



**ORMISTON SANDWELL
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



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Beauty and the Beast Enchants its Audience

Students and staff from the Performing and Production Arts Faculty, were proud to showcase of their latest musical production of Beauty and the Beast. The students captivated their audience and took them on an enchanted journey of talking teapots, teacups and magical objects based on the Disney film.



Since September 120, students from years 7 to 11 had been working diligently on the production of the show, and making the most of their extra-curricular clubs after school to plan and rehearse. In January, students and staff involved in the show also went on a residential course at Ingestre in Staffordshire, where they embarked on an intensive weekend of rehearsals and fine-tuning in preparation.



The show is part of the evidence the students require for their BTEC qualification. There were a range of students in KS4 involved in the performance working towards their BTEC in Drama, Musical Theatre and Music.

The entire performance was student run with students from every age group managing the smooth running of backstage, the lighting and sound as performing the musical items throughout the show.

The shows were performed over three nights to sell out audiences, from the 27th to the 28th February, and due to the bad weather, their final show was performed on Tuesday 6th March. The students also invited three local primary schools to OSCA for a matinee performance, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.



Double Award Win for OSCA

OSCA celebrated the success of student Michelle (in 11.1) and staff member Miss Jayne Cooper, at this year's OAT Annual Awards ceremony in London, hosted by BBC TV presenter, Michelle Ackerley,

Michelle was delighted to receive the 'Sporting Champion Award' sponsored by Zurich Municipal, and Miss Cooper was proud to be crowned winner of the 'Securing Futures Award', sponsored by School Broadband, after hundreds of nominations were submitted by OAT's 36 academies across the country.

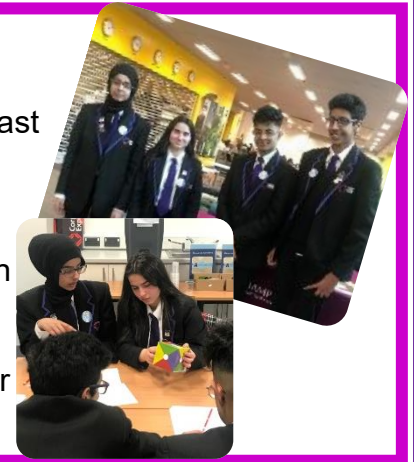
The Awards, now in their fourth year, recognise and celebrate the achievements of exceptional students and staff from across the OAT network of academies. This is the second year running that OSCA has won two of these prestigious awards.

These accolades truly reflect the outstanding work that goes on at OSCA by both students and staff alike. The academy is very proud to have such outstanding individuals who will no doubt go on to enjoy many more successes.

Maths Feast Competition

On the 13th February, four Year 10 students took part in the Maths Feast Competition at The University of Wolverhampton. The students went head to head with students from 11 other schools in Birmingham, completing different mathematical challenges that incorporated probability, algebra, logic and problem solving tasks. OSCA finished in a very respectable joint 6th place!

Congratulations to all the students for their great exemplary behaviour and engagement with the sessions.



OAT/ YST PE Conference at University of Birmingham

On the 6th March, five students attended the OAT/ YST PE conference, at the University of Birmingham. The focus of the day was the use of ICT and Social media within subjects, and how this could be developed to make it the norm. The students worked with peers from five other OAT schools, to look at different apps and how they could be used in PE.

Our students were fantastic ambassadors for the academy. Staff complimented them on their input of ideas from the discussions they had with them and how they conducted themselves throughout the day.

This event once again highlighted why OSCA has such an excellent reputation amongst OAT and YST, for developing and improving our PE curriculum, with the first-rate relationships demonstrated between staff and students.



Outstanding Performance

Michelle in 11.1, is enjoying continued success after she achieved an outstanding performance at the Birmingham High Performance Centre in February, breaking the magic **eight** second barrier for the 60 metre sprint.

Breaking eight seconds had been a big goal for Michelle, as it is with all the top sprinters, this is the recognised bench mark for true national class sprinters, and she broke it with a run of 7.97 seconds - all the more impressive because the 200 metre's is Michelle's best event.

We wish Michelle all the best as she works towards the outdoor track season and the England Schools Championships later in the year.

Big Bang Fair

On Wednesday 14th March, thirty Year 8 students set off on a visit to the NEC in Birmingham for the Big Bang Fair. The students enjoyed taking part in some scientific experiments (especially Ryan in V6) who was the star of the Quantum Mechanical Chocolate Factory show.

The students had a great day and represented OSCA brilliantly.



Top of the Class for Careers Advise at OSCA

OSCA celebrated as our Careers Advisor Mr Lee Groucutt, was named as one of the top four advisors in the country at The UK Career Development Awards 2018 ceremony. Staff and students were delighted to receive the news that their Connexions Advisor had received his accolade.

Last year, Mr Groucutt, provided professional careers consultancy to the academy, which helped OSCA achieve the Gold Standard in the National Quality in Careers Standard. He is also currently providing consultancy to three other schools who are also undertaking the Quality in Careers Standards.

Mr Groucutt constantly strives to make a difference providing CEIAG to young people within his wider role while demonstrating ongoing initiative and dedication. He is also a visionary and ambassador for quality careers information advice and guidance, raising the profile of the Quality in Careers Standards. He is also pioneering in developing careers guidance feedback mechanisms for advisers and careers leaders working for Connexions Sandwell.

In response to his nomination, Mr Groucutt said "I am so proud to be nominated for this prestigious award, I feel truly honoured".



Care Packages for the Homeless

Please help and donate any of the items below. These items will be put into care packages for the homeless.

Food\Clothes:

- Socks (wool and thermal)
- Gloves
- Coats/jackets
- Small water bottles
- Small foods

Travel Size Toiletries:

- Tooth Brush
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Plasters
- Tissues

Important

Only donate **new** items listed above.

Please take all your donations to the **Student Hub by 17th April.**



Please support OSCA students with this cause, as part of their bronze DofE course.

The Best Sports University in the World

On Thursday 15th March, forty students visited Loughborough University (recently acclaimed 'best sports university in the world'), while there the students took part in a tour of the campus, physical activity sessions, seminars on nutrition, an aspirational talk regarding university and the careers that can follow.

The student's behaviour throughout the day was fantastic and they represented OSCA superbly. Their engagement and enthusiasm was also brilliant, they enjoyed the whole experience and gained a lot from the visit.

Dates for Your Diary 2017/2018 Academic Year

Tues 27th March - Geography Field Trip to the Azores
Departs

Term Ends:
Thurs 29th March

Easter Holiday:
Fri 30th March to Fri 13th April

Sat 31st March - Geography Field Trip to the Azores Returns

Summer Term:
Mon 16th April - Training Day

Tues 17th April - Term Starts
Fri 20th April - L4S Day 2 &

Year 9 D of E Bronze Practice Expedition to Kinver Departs

Sat 21st April - Year 9 D of E Bronze Practice
Expedition Returns

Mon 23rd April - Year 10 Exams Fortnight Start & Year 11
CAAT Exams Start

Thurs 23rd April - Year 11 Group and Individual Photograph

Mon 30th April to Friday 5th May -

Year 9 Project Atmosphere English Trips

Fri 4th May - Year 10 Exams & Year 11 CAAT Exams End
Year 10 & 11 Silver Practice D of E Departs

Sat 5th May - Year 9 D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition to
Lickey and Clent Departs

Sun 6th May - Y9 D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition Returns
Year 10 & 11 Silver Practice D of E Returns

Monday 7th May - Bank holiday

Thursday 10th May - Year 10 Sports Science Trip to
Loughborough University

Friday 11th May - Year 7-10 Star Students Residential
Experience Departs

Sunday 13th May - Year 7-10 Star Students Residential
Experience Returns

Tues 22nd May - Year 10 Parent CE & France Trip departs

Sun 27th May - Year 8-10 France Trip Returns

Half Term Holiday: Mon 28th May to Fri 1st June

Mon 2nd July - Training Day

Term Ends: Fri 20th July

Please Remember

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.

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**

Brand New Mathematical Calculators

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from the
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at OSCA**

**£7.00
each**

