



**ORMISTON SANDWELL  
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



**Newsletter  
October 2016**



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## **Congratulations Class of 2016**

**Best Ever GCSE Results**

**Record Number of Elite A\* and A Grades**

**Best Ever A Level Results**

Ormiston Sandwell  
Community Academy  
Performing and Productions Arts  
Presents

**Coming Soon!**  
*Aladdin*  
February 2017

### **Congratulations Mckenzie V8**

Year 7 student Mckenzie auditioned for a place in the IFDPA Disney's dance competition in Paris and was successfully selected to take part.



From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> October, Mckenzie took part in this worldwide competition held in Disneyland Paris. She competed in several Under 13's events and achieved two Gold and two Silver medals.

As part of the experience, Mckenzie was also invited to stay at the Disneyland resort during the event, where she proudly took part in the Disney parade.

We wish Mckenzie continued success in all her dance competitions, having added four more medals to the five Gold medals she has previously won in rhythmic gymnastics.

### **Swimming Achievements**

Congratulations Mia in S8 on her latest swimming achievement. Mia was awarded a WCSA gold medal for 1<sup>st</sup> place, when she competed and won the Year 11's 50 metre freestyle race in the County Championships.

We wish Mia all the best in her future competitions.



**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**

## Dates for Your Diary 2016/17 Academic Year

### Half Term Holiday:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Return to School

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Year 10

Drama Performance at the Old Rep, Birmingham

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Year 10 & 11 English  
(Shakespeare Lecture at OSCA)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Year 11 History  
Trip to Warwick Castle

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - L4S Day 1

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 11 Consultation Evening

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** -

OSCA Presentation Evening Class of 2016

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 11 Business Studies Trip to  
Birmingham Grand Central

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 9  
Parents Consultation Evening

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - Rewards Trip

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 11 & 13 Mocks Fortnight Starts  
(All Subjects)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 7 Science Trip  
The Think Tank in Birmingham

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 7 English Trip  
A Christmas Carol at the Black Country Museum.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 7 & 8 Reward Trip  
to Bletchley Park

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 11 & 13 Mocks Exam End

**Term Ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

### Christmas Holiday:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017** - Training Day

## University of Birmingham

Physics Experience Week  
for students in Year 10  
and Year 11

Event runs:  
26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Applications deadline:  
31st December

(selection process applies)

Please see Miss Bano for  
more information

## Brand New Mathematical Calculators

Available to buy  
from the  
Finance Office  
at OSCA



## Sandwell Cup

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October, OSCA's Year 11 students won their first round of the Sandwell Cup against Oldbury College of Sport. Our students' attitude, effort and sportsmanship throughout the match was exemplary.

### Result

**OSCA 6 - 3 Oldbury College of Sport**

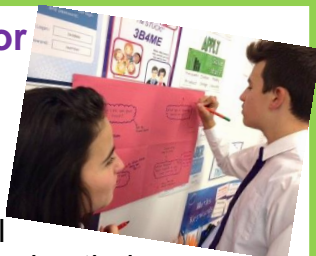
### Team

Sam Whittaker, Thomas Russell, Cain Farley, Jack Sims, Callum Taylor, Oliver Downing, Lewis Hodgetts, Deshai-Givan Smith, Kamran Azmat, Ahmad Ewin, Harry Cotton and Callum Glasgow

We wish them well in the next cup match.

## Year 9 Maths Mentor Training Scheme

OSCA's new Year 9 Maths Mentors worked hard in their after school training sessions, developing their leadership and mentoring skills.



This great scheme benefits both the mentors and Year 7 students at OSCA. The mentors offer extra support to students struggling with Maths, whilst giving the mentors valuable skills for when they start to apply for college places.



## National Achievement Celebrations

On Friday 14th October, OSCA students Ethan Court in Year 8 and Michelle Owusu in Year 10, attended the Wolverhampton and Bilston annual Track and Field Awards ceremony, now established as one of the country's biggest clubs. The club has had a fantastic year, winning the Queens Award for volunteering and supporting young people in sport.

Ethan won the junior award for best all round athlete in the club, after winning the Under 13 Quadrathlon title (with the best score for over 12 years). He also won the under 13 champions trophies for jumps and throws, after going through the National League season unbeaten.

Michelle won the Under 15 Girls Champion Sprint trophy after her excellent double winning performance in her national league debut winning both the 100m and 200m.

Both Ethan & Michelle also received gold medals along with the national league's winning team.

We wish them both further success, as they prepare for the indoor season at the Birmingham HPC in January and then the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham in February.

# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) invites you to enter its Annual Christmas Card Competition. The winning design will feature on OAT's official Christmas card, so your design could be seen across the UK and wider! Your name, academy and age will be on the back of the card.

The winner will receive art supplies to the value of £30, £50 iTunes voucher, £100 donated to your favourite charity and copies of the cards. Anyone who is a student at an Ormiston academy can enter the competition, just read these rules first.

### COMPETITION RULES

- ❖ Designs must be on A5 white paper (15cm x 21cm)
- ❖ You can create a computer graphic, draw or photograph anything you want to do with Christmas, as long as it is in colour and is your own work
- ❖ You can use crayons, charcoal, felt tips, paints or computer designs but please don't stick anything on it
- ❖ Please do not put your academy name or logo on the card. You may use the OAT logo if you wish
- ❖ Each academy will send us their entries and OAT HQ will choose the winning design
- ❖ Your academy will need to make sure that your name, age and a title for the chosen design are provided with your design
- ❖ Deadline for entry is Monday 7 November

We will not be able to return your design, so please make a copy.



Please give your entries to:

The Student Hub  
by 3pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November



## Fishing Competition

Ormiston Academies Trust held its first ever Inter-Academy fishing competition, inviting their academies to take part.

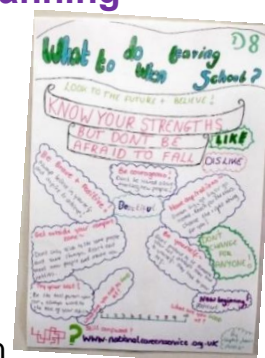
The students from Wodensborough landed the biggest fish of the day, but one of our Year 9 students, Simon Parkes, landed the most with an impressive total of 50 fish!

Our students were brilliant, as were the students from Wodensborough, as they all shared equipment, hints, tips and tricks to help each other despite the competitive nature of the day.

## Promoting Careers Planning Across The Academy Poster Competition

Winning Poster Designed by Students in D8.

These are now on display around the Academy. They offer useful advice in help and support available when it comes to careers information and guidance.



## OSCA Performs at the Tesco Superstore in Dudley

On the 1<sup>st</sup> October, shoppers, parents, family members and staff were treated to 2 sets of performances by our Year 10 Music students and Year 9 Performing Arts students. Those involved performed 6 songs and 2 dance pieces.



These were fantastic performances that showcased our students outstanding abilities as well as their excellent behaviour and presentation.

## 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.

## Learning Resources Centre Homework Club

**Tuesday**  
3pm - 4pm

**Wednesday**  
3pm - 4pm

**Thursday**  
3pm - 4pm

**Friday**  
1.20pm - 2pm

## After School Activities and Clubs

**Fitness Club (Boys & Girls) Key Stage 4** - Mondays 3.50pm to 5pm

**Badminton (Boys & Girls) All Years** - Mondays 3.50pm to 5pm

**Trampolining (Boys & Girls) All Years** - Mondays 3.50pm to 5.15pm

**Rugby (Boys) Key Stage 4** - Mondays 3.50pm to 5pm

**Panjabi Lessons** - Tuesday 3pm to 5pm in Room O12

**Urdu Lessons** - Tuesday 3pm to 5pm in Room O13

**Football (Boys) Years 7, 8 & 11** - Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm

**STEM Club** - Tuesdays in Room S5 3pm to 4pm

**PAPA Club Aladdin (Great Hall)** - Tuesdays

**Fitness (Girls) All Years** - Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm

**Basketball (Girls) All Years** - Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm

**Basketball (Boys) All Years** - Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm

**Gymnastics (External Provider)** - Wednesdays 3.10pm to 4.10pm

**Kickboxing (External Provider) All Years** - Wednesdays 3.10pm to 4.10pm

**Football (Boys) Years 9 & 10** - Thursdays 3pm to 4pm

**Badminton (Girls) All Years** - Thursdays 3pm to 4pm

**Netball (Girls) All Years** - Thursdays 3pm to 4pm

**Fitness (Boys & Girls) All Years** - Thursdays 3pm to 4pm

**Boxing External Coach (Boys & Girls) Years 9,10 & 11** - Thursdays 3.15pm to 4.30pm

**Sports Level 1 Award Years 10 & 11** - Friday 1.20pm to 3.30pm

**Football External Coach (Girls) All Years** - Friday 1.20pm to 2.30pm

**PAPA Club** - Fridays KS4 Course Work Club in Room S25

