

Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot believe that I am already at the end of my second week at OSCA – time has moved incredibly quickly, and I am really enjoying being part such a wonderful school community. I have asked staff to feedback on their highlights of the week, some of which I would like to share with you.

- Year 7 have settled into their new surroundings brilliantly and have truly embraced the big step up to secondary school. We would also like to applaud our older year groups who have become fantastic role models to the Year 7's, by giving them help with directions, being approachable and friendly.
- There were lots of classes who have been identified as highlights to their teachers week, with special mentions to 9O1 Maths, 11A4 Maths, 11B3 Science, 11A1 English, 11A4 English, Y10 History, Y10 RE, Y10 Drama, Y7 Drama, Dance and Music. Thank you to all of our students who are actively embracing their learning and bringing positivity with them into the classroom.
- Fine Art Y10 group have taken to their new GCSE curriculum exceptionally well, having already completed drawing and an introduction to monoprinting. They showed maturity and respect for both their work and their environment – completing tasks without prompts by their teacher.
- Mrs Fletcher and Miss Ball's Y10 drama classes have been fabulous in their script lessons this week.
- 11B3 science have had an amazing start to the year and have already made a huge improvement from last year.

I believe communication is vitally important, and we have lots of positives here at OSCA that I wish to share. As a result, I plan on writing to you at the end of each week to share our highlights and re-iterate any notices which you need to be aware of.

Please make sure you follow our Social Media Channels for information. This is an area we are actively expanding, and where we will post important notices and updates.

Thank you to all students and families who have followed our high expectations of uniform following last week's letter. I have seen a significant improvement over the past week, and I am extremely grateful to you all for your co-operation and support.

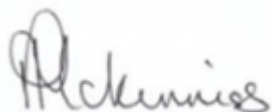
As a reminder:

- Blazers should be worn by all pupils
- Ear piercings must be one small stud in each ear only.
- White socks should not be worn, and girls who need to wear socks over their tights must ensure they are black socks only.
- Hoodies should not be worn or brought into school.
- Facial piercings are not allowed, bar one small exception. A discreet clear or very small stud may be worn in the nose so long as it is able to be removed for PE lessons, for health and safety reasons.
- There must be no large studs nor hoops for any piercing.
- Make up should not be worn in school, including false and painted fingernails
- Extreme hair colours are also not allowed in school.

- During breaktimes if a student is outside, they may remove their blazer, but blazers must be worn when entering the canteen or any other part of the building at any time.

I look forward to sending further highlights to you over the coming weeks, and please look out for our Half-Termly Newsletter which will be sent to you before each holiday period.

Yours faithfully



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Head of School

