

Friday 27th September

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and have enjoyed a wonderful week.

I cannot believe we are now in the final week of September; time seems to have moved so quickly.

I am really pleased to be able to write to you and share details of another fantastic week here at OSCA:


- We opened our doors and welcomed prospective students and their families into the academy. Our Open Evening was a huge success, and I hope that everyone who attended had a great time seeing what OSCA has to offer. I would like to thank all of our wonderful student helpers who gave up their time to show our visitors around, as well as our staff who opened their classrooms and spent valuable time with our visitors, discussing their subject area and answering any queries.
- In Food Technology, Year 8 have really enjoyed their lessons on raising agents – especially because they got to try a variety of biscuits! Year 11 Food Technology students have also had a fantastic week and I am pleased to share that they have made a brilliant start to their coursework. Well Done.
- Over in English, Mrs Rock would like to celebrate her 11B4 class as they have worked really hard this week and shown some great determination in their lessons. On that same note, Mrs Slaney has praised her Year 10 classes who have been studying Macbeth this week and has said they have been incredible. Mrs Slaney's 8B/EN3 class have also had some brilliant results following their first assessment.
- Miss Clarke's Year 10 Fine Art class have shown great initiative when researching an artist and responding to the artist using their own sources. It's wonderful to see that they are showing such interest and passion for this GCSE.
- We are now a few weeks into the construction of our brand-new pitch, and I'm happy to report that all is on track (despite a few days of poor weather) and the progress is coming along well.
- We are still seeing gradual improvements with our uniform standards here at OSCA, and for that I'd like to thank you for your support.

Just a reminder please, that all students should be in the academy by 8:20am every day, and with their form tutors by 8:25. This ensures high punctuality which will prepare the students for the rest of their day at school.

Lastly, I'm sure you've noticed a drop in temperature this week, Autumn is well and truly upon us. With the cold weather incoming, illnesses are more likely to arise with seasonal coughs / colds and flu – please ensure you follow national health guidelines and remember students will be eligible for their flu vaccination over the coming months – we will communicate our vaccination date once confirmed with the Sandwell Vaccination Team.

As always, if you'd like to keep up to date with all of the great things happening at OSCA, please follow our Social Media Channels for more information.

Yours faithfully



Peter McKinniss
Head of School