

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy October! Another week at OSCA has passed and we have lots more positive news to share with you. I hope you are enjoying reading these weekly communications as much as I am collating them – I think it is wonderful to celebrate all the positive moments at OSCA, and it's really important to me that I communicate them to you at home.

- We are once again celebrating the brilliant work of our students over in Food Technology. For their homework, they were tasked with bringing in ingredients for a meal of their choice to then make at school. The students were very creative with what they made, some made ramen bowls, chicken dishes, pasta bolognese, carbonara with pancetta and many more. Not only did they taste amazing but looked amazing too! They were extremely proud of themselves (and rightly so!) as some of their work was featured on our social media pages. Well done to all.
- This week, our PAPA department held auditions for their production of High School Musical. They would like to thank everyone who auditioned, and commented that the auditions they saw were all fantastic. The cast lists will be announced soon. Well done to everyone who took part!
- As October is Black History Month, this week we have been holding assemblies to highlight the importance of the topic and learn more about black culture. In the assemblies we have had two of our Year 11 students, Tyler and Ethan, perform a poem to students on the topic. The poem is a brilliant, heartfelt piece which was written by Tyler as part of his English work. They delivered it excellently, and they should be immensely proud of themselves. If you'd like to read the poem, you can see this on our social media.
- This morning the students who gave up their free time to help during our Open Evening were thanked with a celebratory breakfast! Our fantastic kitchen staff provided Breakfast Baps, Croissants, Bagels and Refreshments which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. I really appreciate the students offering to help departments during important events such as Open Evening. During the evening they were engaging, polite and a credit to OSCA – thank you to all involved.

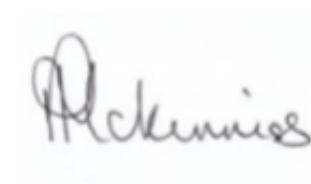
Next week, on Thursday 10th October we will be celebrating #HelloYellow day in support of the YoungMinds charity. YoungMinds are a charity that provide vital mental health support to young people and help them to navigate their mental health struggles. We want to do what we can to help, so we are asking students to wear a yellow accessory to school on this day and bring a suggested donation of £1 to support the charity. Please note, full school uniform should be worn on this day. Some suggestions of what to wear

could be a hat, socks, scarf, necklace, but please, no yellow hair. We would really appreciate your support with this, let's turn OSCA yellow!

As the nights are drawing in, road safety should be paramount. Please could I ask that you remind children to be careful, especially when crossing the road. Please remind them to be mindful of traffic, and to use crossing points wherever possible. The surrounding roads of OSCA can get very busy, and students must be alert. We recommend avoiding the use of headphones / EarPods and/or mobile phones when walking, as these items can be a distraction.

As always, you can follow us on our social media pages to stay up to date with what's happening in the academy and to see more positive news.

Yours faithfully



Mr P McKinniss

