

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We've had a busy week at OSCA, filled with lots more highlights.

Each week I look forward to reflecting on the positive achievements of staff and students, and I think it is important to share this with you.

This week:

- We were happy to host a 'Precious Lives' workshop which was ran by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner. We welcomed the team, as they delivered a hugely valuable workshop to all of our students based on knife crime. The workshop involved a talk where students could learn about topics around knife crime, actions and consequences and joint enterprise. We'd like to say thank you to the team from West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner for coming in and delivering the workshop, as well as the team in THRIVE who helped organise this for us. A huge well done to each student who participated.
- Our Year 8 Food Technology students have been enjoying their lessons this week, as they made some Swiss rolls which they were all proud of.
- Thursday 10th October was World Mental Health Awareness Day, and we celebrated by participating in #HelloYellow in support of the charity, YoungMinds. Staff and students showed their support by wearing a yellow accessory and as a school we raised a grand total of £192.47.
Thank you to everyone who took part and donated.
- Miss Slaney's highlighted her English group (11A/EN3) have been working really hard on their English Language Paper 2. It's great to know that they have a positive attitude towards their work in their GCSE year.
- Our eco club that is run by Miss Wakeman is back up and running, and the students have been doing some great work towards getting OSCA the green eco flag. The club has seen an increase in numbers, which is brilliant news as our students are doing their part in protecting the environment.
- It is a busy time of year for our CAAT department, as they begin holding a series of clubs and activities for our students to enjoy. Last Friday, they held a Craft Afternoon where they could do an activity of their choice including scrapbooking, painting and origami, all while watching Night at the Museum. Thank you to the CAAT department for holding these events.

Once again, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support with getting students in on time for school. We have seen a great improvement in punctuality, but can I please remind you that all students should be in school by 8:20am, and with their form tutors by 8:25am.

As the colder nights are upon us, please ensure students bring a coat to school to wear at break and lunchtimes. Please be reminded that hoodies are not allowed.

To see more of all the great things happening at OSCA, please follow us on our social media pages to stay up to date.

Yours faithfully



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Head of School