

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we edge closer to the half-term break, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your ongoing support.

I feel it is really important to ensure we communicate all the positivity within our school, as students are working incredibly hard and deserve recognition for all that they do.

We have enjoyed another fantastic week here at OSCA, filled with lots of positive news.

Highlights this week:

- Our English department would like to praise their classes as they have all been working hard in various assessments and tasks.
- Our Reception Team would like to express their gratitude to our Year 8 Students, who are currently undertaking roles as 'Student Receptionists'. Their support is invaluable, and provides students with an important initial introduction into Work Experience.
- We have received 120 nominations for 'Stars of the Week' this week, with 'Special Mentions' for 9O/Ar1 (Mrs Laird's Art Group), 9O/Te4 (Mrs Laird's Technology Group), 7O2 (Ms Ball's Drama Class) and Mrs Laird's Year 10 Art & Craft Group. Well done all!!
- A group of our Year 11 students attended Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form, for a taster session on Criminology. The students were able to experience what life after OSCA could be like, as they had a tour of the college, where they saw some of the great facilities and were introduced to CAD designs, 3D printing and even a robot dog! The day ended with a workshop in Criminology and Law, where the student had an insight into the course. Thank you to Central Saint Michael's for hosting the students, and well done to all involved.

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating our students as we hold our Awards Assemblies. These were originally postponed at the end of last academic year, so it is wonderful that we have the opportunity to celebrate our students this first Half Term.


We will be celebrating our students who have achieved excellently in their subjects, and I look forward to reporting on the assemblies next week.

Lastly, I just want to mention that we are aware that traffic becomes increasingly congested around the entrance of our school, particularly at the start and end of the school day. Can I please remind you about the importance of road safety, and to ask your children to take extra care when commuting to and from school.

To take extra precautions, we recommend avoiding the use of headphones / EarPods and/or mobile phones when walking, as these items can be a distraction.

As always, I politely remind you to follow us on our social media pages to stay up to date with what's happening in the academy.

Yours faithfully



Peter McKinniss  
Head of School