

21st March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

There have been some great things happening at OSCA over the past two weeks, some of which I'll share below. It is always really rewarding to see the continued dedication from our students and staff, as we edge closer to the end of term in three weeks' time.

Our PAPA department have been very busy over the past couple of weeks, with lots of different events and opportunities for our students. Last week, Mrs Fletcher accompanied one of our Year 7 students, Sienna-Rae, to the OAT's Got Talent competition which took place at Ormiston SWB Academy. Sienna chose to represent OSCA by doing an outstanding Latin Dance performance. As a result of her performance, she won one of only two winners awards and an automatic place in the OAT's Got Talent National Final at the Birmingham Rep in July! Not only that, but Sienna acted as an exceptional role model and was praised by many other schools for her manners and kindness towards other acts. All of us at OSCA would like to say a huge congratulations to Sienna and wish her the best of luck in the final.

In more PAPA news, our staff took a group of Year 10 drama students up to Liverpool to see the musical 'Blood Brothers' in the city where it is set. Whilst they were there, not only did they get to see the play, but they also visited some of the sights of Liverpool including the Albert Docks. The students were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed their day. Thank you to our PAPA department for arranging a wonderful trip.

Lastly, tickets are now on sale for our school production of 'High School Musical: The Musical' which will be on Wednesday 30th April at 7pm and Thursday 1st May at 6pm. Tickets are priced at £4 each and are available to buy over in PAPA. We hope to see you there!

I'd also like to mention our Year 8 boys football team, who took part in a football tournament this week. The students were accompanied by Mr Edwards and Miss Harrison, who said that the team played extremely well and only just missed out on a place at the semi-finals. Well done to the team and thank you to Mr Edwards and Miss Harrison for taking them.

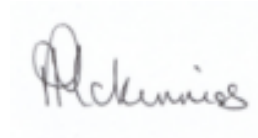
On Tuesday evening, we had our Year 9 PCE which involved information on the options available to our students to choose. It was an insightful evening, and we hope parents/carers and students found it useful. If you would like any further information regarding options, please head to our website and visit the 'GCSE Options' sections under the 'Curriculum' tab.

As we head closer to the start of the GCSE exams, can I please remind you that there are a wide range of intervention sessions available to our students each week. We have recently launched our new Prom Incentive, where for each intervention session students attend students will achieve money off their prom ticket/money off drinks voucher/Amazon gift card up to the value of their prom ticket. Each student has been given a 'loyalty card' for this. On that note, we would like to praise all the students who are showing their dedication by attending these vital revision sessions. This will be a huge help to them when it comes to sitting their GCSE exams. Well done!

This morning, all parents/carers have been sent a letter regarding visits to first aid while at school. This can also be found on our social media. At OSCA we regularly review procedures including those in our medical and attendance departments. The letter involves some small changes to the way first aid visits should be carried out and details the changes that have been made with immediate effect.

I hope you enjoy a great weekend.

Kind Regards



Mr P McKinniss

