

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of my first year as Head of School here at OSCA I am very proud of the students, staff and community as we have seen the academy continuously grow.

There have been countless celebrations this year, some of which include:

- **Residential Trips** – This year we have given students the opportunity to go on numerous residential trips, including Plas Gwynant, Duke of Edinburgh and our international trip to Croatia. These trips have been filled with fun, adventure and excitement, and we hope that the students made lifelong memories.
- **First Give Project** – Our Year 7 students had a chance to give back to the community with their recent First Give projects. Students were able to research and fundraise for local charities, along with doing group presentations to try and win their charity £1000. Congratulations once again to 7BB, who won the money for Young Carers.
- **Astro Pitch Grand Opening** – You will know that last year we were successful in fundraising enough money to get OSCA a brand-new pitch on our campus. This year, once the building work had finished we were able to start using this facility in PE lessons and extra-curricular activities. All of this led to our Grand Opening, where we had an afternoon of celebration by inviting local clubs to compete in a tournament, speeches by our students and the Mayor as well as other fun games to get involved in. This was a brilliant event, and thank you to all who helped make it possible.
- **PAPA Production** – Our annual PAPA production is always a great couple of evenings. Our students can show off their amazing talent, which is led by our brilliant PAPA team. This year, the show was 'High School Musical: The Musical', which was a hit with spectators. We are already looking forward to the next one!
- **Rewards** – We make it a priority to ensure we reward the students who show consistent good behaviour and attendance. This year, there has been rewards trips to Flip Out, Drayton Manor and Alton Towers, all of which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Not only that, but we have also held rewards events in school such as a buffet breakfast and end of term assemblies where we recognise those who have exceeded in their subjects and attendance.

In our review it was noted how much OSCA has gone from strength to strength and our new year 7 cohort is full. This shows we are the preferred choice for many families within Sandwell, which has a choice of many schools. With our drive of high expectations, all those who visit OSCA have noticed that the behaviour of our students is a credit to all, and while in the news you see suspension rates are increasing nationally, here at OSCA they are decreasing. We are immensely proud of this, and I'd like to thank all of our parents/carers for their ongoing support.

I look forward to next academic year, where we will continue to drive for OSCA to be the place where every student can be the best they can be, and every member of the community is part of TEAM OSCA.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer break and look forward to seeing our year 7 and 11 students on Wednesday 3rd September and all other students on Thursday 4th September.

Kind Regards,



Mr P McKinniss

Head of School