



# OSCA Newsletter

July 2025

The end of the 2024-2025 school year is here already! This year has been full of excitement, opportunity and so much more. Throughout this newsletter, we will showcase the many wonderful things that have happened during the final term. We hope that all of our students, staff and their families have a well-deserved rest over the summer break. We will see you all back in September!

## What's Been Happening at OSCA?

### ***Teambuilding at OSCA***

Towards the start of term, a group of key stage three students were involved in some brilliant teamwork activities, hosted by Wise Up Team Building. The first day involved various challenges that tested their teamwork, communication and leadership skills, as they had to work collaboratively to complete each task. On day two, students learned practical outdoor skills such as shelter building and making emergency stretchers. It was great to see them all communicating, leading and laughing as they continued to build their confidence, communication and leadership qualities - Well done to all of the students involved!





## ***Astro Pitch Grand Opening***

As you will know, we successfully completed our fundraising mission to get a brand new astro pitch on our campus. As building work was completed at the beginning of this year, we have been able to have the pitch in use since then. To celebrate this, we recently held a grand opening where we invited parents/carers, the local community and football clubs to come and see the pitch in all of its glory. It was a fantastic evening, which involved speeches from the mayor, our head of school and our students, football tournaments and much more for everyone to enjoy. Everyone agreed that this space has completely transformed our school, and has opened up lots of new opportunities for our students. We'd like to say thank you once again to everyone who made this possible, we couldn't have done it without you!



## ***Duke of Edinburgh Award***

This term we saw more of our Duke of Edinburgh students set out on their expeditions. It was a tough challenge for our students, as temperatures continued to rise whilst they were out. Our students adapted to this brilliantly, and with plenty of shade and lots of water they were ready to take on another day. All groups completed the expedition and they should all be extremely proud of themselves! Also, huge thanks to our staff who accompanied the students on their trip.



## ***Cultural Heritage Day***

Our annual Cultural Heritage Day was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, and it was a great opportunity for students to show their appreciation for their cultures. We invited students to dress in their cultural attire, and to celebrate we held after-school activities for all to get involved in. We had traditional British games, samosa tasting, an art exhibition and so much more! The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and all looked amazing in their cultural attire. Thank you to all of those who took part.



## ***Year 6 Transition Days***

It is always an exciting time of the school year when we welcome our new students who will be coming to us in September 2025. Over the two transition days, the students had the chance to meet their new head of year, form tutor and all of their new classmates. They were able to get a taster session of some of their lessons, and get involved in team building exercises, which hopefully allowed them to get to know their future peers a bit more. To finish a brilliant couple of days, the students were treated to a performance of our recent school show, High School Musical! We hope that everyone enjoyed their time at OSCA. We can't wait to see them all again in September!

## ***Prom 2025***

As a final good bye to our Year 11's, we celebrated in style at our prom night early in July. It was a fantastic evening, filled with fun and enjoyment. We wish all of our Year 11's the best for their future, and we will see them back at OSCA on results day!

### ***First Give Project***

Recently our Year 7 students have had the amazing opportunity to win money for their chosen charities, through First Give. First Give is an amazing program where students can learn about the social issues within their community and choose which is important to them. Students then start their planning, by researching their charities and planning ways they can fundraise for them. Following this, students were given the task to create a presentation around their charity and their fundraising journey. This all leads to the big final where groups present to the judges, with the winning team gaining £1000 for their chosen charity. Earlier this term, groups had the opportunity to fundraise for the charity by holding stalls and inviting others to take part in activities. We'd like to say well done to all of our Year 7 students for taking part in this task, and a big congratulations to 7BB who won £1000 for Young Carers, and with special judges recognition to 7FCL - Groundworks, 7LAC - James Brindley Foundation and 7DLM - Andys Man Club.

### ***OAT's Got Talent Final***

Following Sienna-Rae's hugely successful dancing journey, after winning the regional finals she had the opportunity to perform at the OAT's Got Talent final! This was a huge achievement, as she competed against schools from all over the country. We were all amazed by her talent, and she performed brilliantly. We'd also like to say how amazing our students were who went to support her, they were the loudest in the audience! Congratulations Sienna-Rae and well done to our students!





## ***Alton Towers Reward Trip***

Last week, we took almost 250 of our students on a well-earned rewards trip to Alton Towers. The sun was shining and the students all enjoyed plenty of rides. We think it is important to reward students who have shown consistency throughout the school year, and we hope that they all had a great day out! Well done to all of the students who went, and thank you to our staff for accompanying them.



## ***Enrichment Challenges***

This week, we have arranged for students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to get involved in some exciting enrichment opportunities. Year 7 have had fun with PE games, while Year 8 and 9 have taken on various challenges! These activities help to develop the students' self esteem and confidence, and it has been lovely to hear them cheer each other on when taking on new challenges. Well done to everyone involved!

## ***Year 10 Work Experience***

In the last week of term, our Year 10 students have commenced their work experience placements. It is an exciting time for the students to be able to encounter the world of work, and we hope they have enjoyed their time. Thank you to all of the companies who have provided a placement for our students, and well done to the students for taking part!

# OSCA Rewards

In the new school year, we will be focusing on OSCA rewards which will link to OSCA's vision and values. Over the past year, we have worked hard on implementing more rewards for our students who are consistently working hard each term and following the school rules. For example, we have hosted a buffet breakfast, numerous rewards trips and continued to give out 'golden tickets' for students to enjoy a treat at break and lunchtimes. Following discussions, we want to continue to make this one of our main focus's for the year ahead. We appreciate all of your help so far with making sure our expectations are being met, and we look forward to continuing to improve this over the coming year.

## New for 2025/2026

We are excited to announce that each student will own a school planner from September, which is going to be a huge asset to them throughout their school life. A planner will allow communication between the school and parents/carers to progress, as well as ensuring safeguarding measures continue to be upheld. Going forward, if students need to leave their lesson for any reason they must have their planner with them. Teachers will sign their planners which will indicate to other members of staff that the student has a valid reason for being out of lesson. This new measure will decrease the time spent out of lesson, resulting in less sanctions for students. We are excited for this new change as we continue to improve OSCA.

## Important Dates

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Training Day – no students on site
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Training Day – no students on site
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 7 to arrive at 8.25am Year 11 to arrive at 10am and go straight to their tutor rooms Years 8, 9 and 10 not in school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 10 to arrive at 8.25am and go straight to assembly in the Great Hall Year 8/9 to arrive at 9am and go straight to their tutor rooms Years 7 and 11 to arrive as normal at 8.25am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Normal school day for all year groups

# Safeguarding Notice

As school is closed there will be no DSLs available. However, parents can contact the following;

## **Social Care**

Sandwell Children's Trust 0121 569 3100  
Dudley 0300 555 0050 (out of hours - 0300 555 8574)

Birmingham Children's Trust - 0121 303 1888  
(out of hours - 0121 675 4806)

## **Police**

101 or 999

## **Mental Health**

Black Country Minds;  
Dudley - 01385 324 689  
Sandwell - 0121 612 6620

## **Other agencies**

Childline - 0800 1111  
NSPCC - 0808 800 5000  
Samaritans - 116 123

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