Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the first headteacher's newsletter of the new school year. We have had a brilliant start to the new academic year, as all students have taken to their new year groups brilliantly. We are delighted that our year 7's have settled into life at OSCA and we are so proud of them. It's also an important time for our Year 11 students, as they enter their final year of life at OSCA.

During the summer holidays, the class of 2025 collected their GCSE results and we would like to once again congratulate all of them. The results showed significant improvements in all subjects, well done all! The hard work of our students really paid off, and we wish them all the best for the future.

Last week, we held our annual fire and lockdown drills across the school. These drills are standard practice for all schools, and something we do every September to ensure all students are experienced in what to do should an alarm sound. The students reacted brilliantly to the alarms, and knew straight away what to do and where to go which led to a calm evacuation. To celebrate their cooperation, all students were given muffins during form time this morning as a well done and thank you!

As you will know, on Tuesday 23rd September it is our Open Evening which we are really excited for. This is a great opportunity for prospective students and their families to come and take a look inside OSCA and see what makes OSCA a perfect choice for secondary school. All of our classroom doors will be open, as visitors can speak to subject leads and see what students will learn in each lesson. If you are unable to make our open evening, we are also holding open mornings from Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October. Visitors will have a guided tour of the school and be able to see what OSCA looks like during a normal school day. Booking for our open mornings is essential, so if you would like to book a spot please call our reception team.

This week, a staggering 22,637 achievement points have been awarded to our students which we are so happy to see. We'd like to give a special shout out to Year 8, who were the highest awarded year group with 5,561 achievement points. Well done everyone!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind Regards,

Mr P McKinniss