

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our first week back after the half-term break has been a great one, with the OSCA community continuing to show their excellence.

On Monday, our Year 11 students began their first set of mock exams in preparation for their GCSEs this summer. The exams have been progressing smoothly, thanks to the determination and commitment to learning our students continue to demonstrate. We are incredibly proud of their efforts so far and wish them the very best of luck as they complete the rest of their exams.

We are looking forward to participating in 'Odd Socks Day' to help spread awareness of Anti-Bullying and support the Anti-Bullying Alliance charity. We are asking staff and students to wear their most colourful, eye-catching socks and bring a 50p donation to support the charity. Students must wear full school uniform along with their odd socks. We are looking forward to everyone showing their support for a great cause!

As you will know, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November is Armistice Day. To commemorate the day, we will be holding a 2 minutes silence to show our respect. We are happy to be selling poppies from our school reception, as well as other Royal British Legion products to help fundraise for the charity. Poppies will also be available for purchase during form time on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Next week will also see the launch of our new 'Fabulous Friday' incentive. We want to celebrate our students and make Fridays fun to finish off the week strong! Students can look forward to chocolates and treats, fun activities and prizes for the highest attending forms. We're excited to launch this new incentive and look forward to celebrating with our school community.

As we go further into the winter months, we'd like to remind you of the importance of sending your child to school wearing an appropriate coat. Students should be wearing their full uniform, including their blazer, along with a suitable coat. Coats should be in a dark colour and plain where possible with no patterns. Any logo on the coat should be small and discreet. We do not allow denim jackets, leather jackets, cropped jackets or hoodies. As always, thank you for your support with this.

Kind Regards,



Mr P McKinniss