

Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026. Although this has been a short term, it has been a hugely positive one, with OSCA continuing to go from strength to strength as we move further into the school year. Our achievement points have reached their highest level yet which is a real testament to the effort, commitment and positive attitude to learning shown by our students every day. Inside the classroom students are continuing to improve their studies, but we are also excited to have been able to offer new experiences to our students. Some of these include The Brilliant Club, Reader Leader program and so much more which are detailed in this newsletter. Our Year 11 students have begun their final set of mock examinations, and we are incredibly proud of their resilience and determination as they prepare for their GCSEs in May. We have also recently appointed our new Student Senior Leadership Team, and we look forward to working alongside them as we continue to make OSCA a vibrant and inspiring place to learn and thrive. On behalf of everyone at OSCA, I wish you a restful and enjoyable half-term. *Kind Regards,*

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Attendance Rewards

We're giving away a brand-new iPad!

We are excited to celebrate our students who show their commitment to learning by attending school every day with the opportunity to win a brand-new iPad! For every 100% attendance week a student has, they will receive one entry into the prize draw! The more weeks of perfect attendance a student achieves, the greater their chances of winning! The winner will be announced on **Friday 27th March**.

Consistent attendance plays a vital role in academic success, as it ensures students aren't missing out on key learning opportunities. We're incredibly proud of our students who are showing up for their education every day!

Well done all!

Attend **to**
Achieve
at OSCA

Cadbury World Trip

We are so happy to have been able to host a range of trips since returning in September. Our IT department recently took a group of students to Cadbury World to assist their studies, as they learned about the media aspect of the company. It was a great opportunity to learn in a fun, interactive environment. It was a fantastic day out and a great experience for everyone involved.



Thinktank Trip

This week, our Science and Maths departments took a group of students on an exciting visit to the Thinktank in Birmingham. The centre provided a fantastic opportunity for students to explore their learning beyond the classroom, deepening their understanding through engaging, hands-on experiences. The students were involved in a workshop with a presentation and a demonstration of science experiments. The trip was a great success, and we hope everyone involved had an enjoyable and inspiring day!

Attendance Notice

We'd like to take the opportunity to highlight the importance of attending school, on time, every day. Students are expected to be in school by 8:25am, and with their tutor group by 8:30am. Maintaining a high attendance percentage is crucial to the success of our student's education. By making sure they are on time every day, we are setting them up for success and allowing them to achieve their full potential while at school.

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support as we continue to uphold the high expectations we set for our students

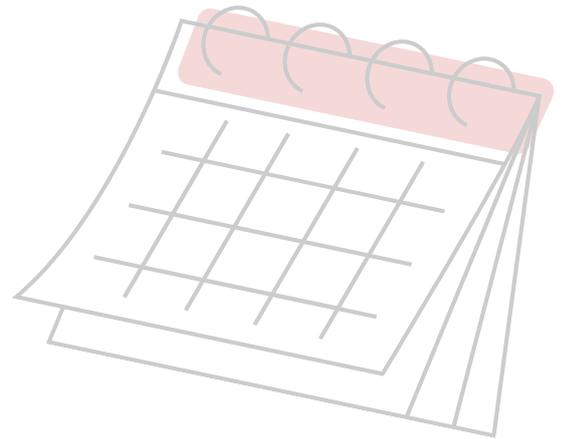
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| 100% | Perfect! 0 days off per year 0 lessons missed |
| 99% | Excellent 2 days off per year 10 hours of learning missed |
| 97% | Good 5 days off per year 25 hours of learning missed |
| 94% | Slight Concern 11 days off per year 55 hours of learning missed |
| 90% | Concerned 19 days off per year 95 hours of learning missed |
| 85% | Very Concerned 29 days off per year 145 hours of learning missed |

Important Dates

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February - Half Term.

Monday 23rd February - Staff training day.

Tuesday 24th February - Students return to OSCA.



Safeguarding Notice

As school is closed to students during the Half Term Holiday, there will be no DSL on site. Please find contact details below of support services you may find useful.

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

OSCA Home School Agreement

OSCA agree to:

- Provide a framework of teaching, learning and guidance, known as 'The OSCA way' which is appropriate to the age and ability of each individual young person;
 - Provide a safe and secure learning environment;
 - Keep parents informed about the progress of their child;
 - Contact parents if there are problems/concerns with attainment, attendance/punctuality, behaviour or equipment;
 - Provide a range of experiences in and out the classroom to develop cultural capital;
 - Make every effort to enable all students to achieve high standards of work and behaviour by building positive relationships and developing a sense of individual responsibility;
 - Ensure there is a suitable character curriculum which ensures students know how to function in the real and digital world safely;
 - Value all students as individual members of the OSCA community.
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Students of OSCA agree to:

- Attend school regularly and on time;
- Attend each lesson on time and fully;
- Bring equipment needed for each lesson and wear correct uniform at all times on school premises as well as on the way and from school;
- Ensure you are 'ready to learn' when in any classroom and behave with courtesy and respect in corridors, public spaces during lesson and social times;
- Build positive relationships with all members of the school community and take responsibility for their actions;
- Follow instructions by members of staff without argument.
- Respect school property and equipment;
- Tell an adult about any issues that might affect their work or behaviour;
- Ensure use of digital platforms and social media is respectful to other members of the OSCA community;
- Behave in an appropriate manner on the way to and from school;
- Not have a mobile phone out while on school property.

OSCA Home School Agreement

Parents/Carers agree to:

- Ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time and to contact the school with an explanation on the first day of any absence.
- Avoid taking holidays in term-time;
- Ensure that their son/daughter is equipped for work each day and wearing correct uniform;
- Respect the rules at OSCA and support the behaviour system fully, ensuring you are always supportive of school decisions;
- Make the school aware of any problems/concerns that might affect their son's/daughter's work or behaviour;
- Attend Parental Consultation Evenings and other information evenings;
- Check my son's/daughter's use of social networking sites and seek advice if and when appropriate;
- Support the school in ensuring that my child behaves in an appropriate manner on the way to and from school;
- Be respectful to all members of the OSCA community at all times;
- Always make an appointment to see a member of staff as staff members are not always available;
- Ensure contact details are kept up to date and ensure that they fully engage with OSCA and are contactable.

We hope you have a lovely break!

Thrive, Empower, Achieve, Make A Difference

TEAM OSCA

Opportunity, Scholarship, Compassion, Achievement