

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our students and families as we begin another exciting academic year at OSCA.

Before students returned, staff spent Tuesday and Wednesday training, planning and preparing to ensure that this academic year is one of the very best our school has ever experienced. There was a real sense of excitement and determination amongst colleagues as we reflected on our successes and focused on the opportunities that lie ahead for our students.

This week, we have delivered assemblies to all year groups, welcoming students back and reminding them of what can be achieved as an OSCA student. These assemblies have been particularly special following the celebration of the best examination results in OSCA's history. Our students, staff and families should be incredibly proud of this achievement, and we are excited to build on that success throughout the year.

Over the past two days, we have also shared our high expectations with students. These expectations are at the heart of everything we do and are a key reason why we have become the strong and successful TEAM that we are today. By maintaining high standards in learning, behaviour, attendance and personal conduct, we create the environment in which every student can thrive and achieve their potential.

Students have received their Yondr pouches this week and have had the opportunity to practise locking and unlocking them. We appreciate the support of parents and carers as we continue to create an environment where students can focus fully on their learning and personal development.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe school environment, we have successfully rehearsed both our lockdown and fire drill procedures. I would like to commend our students for the maturity and responsibility they demonstrated during these important exercises.

One of the highlights of the week has been seeing our classrooms full once again. Walking around the school and visiting lessons, I have been extremely pleased to see so many studious young people fully engaged in their learning. The calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school has been wonderful, and it is clear that students have returned with a positive attitude and a determination to succeed.

I would also like to remind families about our **"Work Together, Reward Together" Attendance Challenge**. We recognise the tremendous effort that parents and carers put into ensuring their children attend school every day and arrive on time. To celebrate this partnership, every student who achieves **100% attendance and punctuality** will be entered into a draw, with one family winning a **£100 supermarket voucher**. The draw will take place on the **first school day in October**, and we encourage all students to give themselves the best possible chance of being included.

Finally, we are delighted to have welcomed several new members of staff to OSCA this week. We know they will be a tremendous asset to **TEAM OSCA**, and we look forward to the positive contribution they will make to our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that every student thrives, succeeds and makes the most of every opportunity available to them.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P McKinniss
Principal