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OSCA'S Annual Summer Awards

On Tuesday 10th July, OSCA held its fifth annual Summer Awards event. The ceremony celebrated the students' achievements over the last academic year. The evening started with Ms McMahon welcoming everyone to this special event before introducing our guest speaker Mr Nick Hudson, Chief Executive Officer of OAT, to present the awards.

This year's presentation highlighted the successes of the students with their achievements with The Brilliant Club degrees and Duke of Edinburgh Awards, as well as Subject, House and Principal Awards. The evening also included two student performances. McKenzie in Year 9 performed the first item, singing a beautiful version of 'Say you won't go' by James Arthur. The second item was a fantastic display of acrobatics from a suspended hoop. This was a superb performance of skill and agility by Paige in Year 10, to the song 'The greatest showman'.

The evening was amazing, over 400 invited guests celebrated the students' hard work and achievements. This wonderful event and very proud occasion for everyone at OSCA was a fitting tribute to all our students, parents and staff.



French trip to Brittany

Forty-two OSCA students accompanied by staff enjoyed a trip to Brittany France for 5 days. From the 22nd to 27th May, the students had the opportunity to visit the historical towns of Dinan and Saint-Malo, the seaside towns of Cancale, Dinard and the magnificent Mont Saint-Michel. The students had the opportunity to practise their French and discover more about the French culture.

The students' behaviour throughout the trip was fantastic and they all had an amazing time.



Speak Out Challenge Final

The inaugural West Midlands Speak Out challenge final, organised in collaboration between Aimhigher West Midlands and the Speaker's Trust, was held on the evening of the 7th July, at the University of Birmingham. Fifteen students from schools across the West Midlands made it through to the regional final where they delivered a speech to an audience of family, friends and supporters as well as a panel of eight judges including Preet Kaur Gill MP. OSCA's Year



10 student Ben made it through to the final and competed on behalf of the academy, giving a speech entitled "Grief; My Journey", where he discussed his personal experiences with maturity, bravery and eloquence.

The whole evening was inspiring and even though Ben did not win, he was a credit to himself, the academy and his family.

Year 11 Prom

On Friday 13th July, the Class of 2018 held their Prom at the Grand Station, in Wolverhampton. The students made their grand entrances in an array of transport, which included one student arriving in a tank.



In true OSCA style, the students arrived looking spectacular; the girls were stunning, dressed in a rainbow of beautiful colours and sparkles and the boys had all dressed to impress in their elegant and very dapper suits.

The evening started with students having their prom photos taken before Ms McMahon officially started the event by welcoming "The Class of 2018" to their Prom. After the thank you speeches from staff and students, it was time to enjoy the delicious two-course meal, before taking to the dance floor to dance the night away.

This was a fantastic event and a wonderful way for the students to celebrate the end of their school life together. We wish them well and thank them for being such amazing students that have been a pleasure to have at OSCA.



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Friday 6th July - 3pm to 7pm

Thursday 2nd August - 2pm to 7pm

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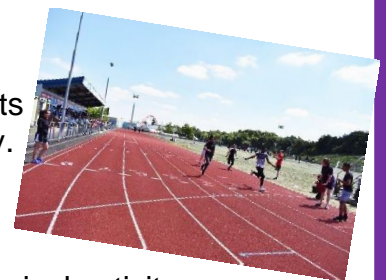
On Wednesday 11th July, twelve Year 9 students went to Aston University for a Language Taster Session. Students listened to current university students, who are studying for a degree in Language, explain what life at university is like and what to expect from courses.

Our students were able to attend a lecture by Dr Pablo Calderon Martinez about the economic development of Latin-American countries followed by a group activity on marketing, with a focus on German adverts with Dr Elisabeth Wielander.

This was a very enjoyable day and the students contributed to all the activities by making very good points and asking interesting questions.

Sports Day

OSCA held our annual Sports Day on Friday 22nd June at Tipton Sports Academy. Three hundred students from years 7 to 10 attended the day. The students participated in a traditional sports day, which was in the format of a House competition.



A range of sports activities were offered to encourage and promote physical activity as an enjoyable way of developing important life skills like; resilience, integrity, communication and collaboration that have been studied through the PE curriculum during lesson time. The students were also shown the importance of mental well-being through the use of physical activity and offered both recreational and competitive elements throughout the day.

The weather was very much on our side, which helped the events run seamlessly throughout the day. This was OSCA's biggest sports event yet and a huge success, with exemplary behaviour by all the students.

This year's winners were the House of Da Vinci, many congratulations to them all!



Youth Sports Trust

Over one hundred Year 8 students celebrated after they had successfully completed a Leadership Award, which was delivered at the academy during their PE lessons. The students were chosen to be part of a pilot project, to complete their YSA 'GO' Award. OSCA's PE department in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust organised the project. The students had to complete at least a week of physical activity, ten hours of sports leadership and developed understanding how physical activity and healthy choices are a beneficial way of promoting and maintaining healthy lifestyles.

Year 8 fully embraced the project, with the successful students achieving their award and receiving certificates in recognition of their superb efforts.



Dates for Your Diary 2017/2018 Academic Year

Summer Term:

Thurs 19th July - Year 7 to 9 rewards trip

Fri 20th July - Term ends

Thurs 16th August - A Level exam results day

Thurs 23rd August - GCSE exam results day

2018/2019 Academic Year Autumn Term

Mon 3rd September and Tues 4th September -
Training days

Wed 5th September -
Term starts for Year 7 and Year 11

Thurs 6th September -
Term starts for Year 8, 9 and 10

Charity Non-Uniform Day

OSCA's non-uniform day managed to raise a massive **£705.00**, which is the most we have raised during such days.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to this event. The funds raised will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital, Children's Charity.

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English Schools Athletics Competition

OSCA students Ethan in S6 and former Year 11 student Michelle in 11.1, were selected to take part in the English schools 2018 athletics competition, which is the worlds biggest under 18 sporting competition. Ethan had been selected for the triple jump and relay, Michelle for the 100-metre sprint and relay. This may be the first time that two students from OSCA/Tividale have been selected.

On the day Michelle, ran a personal time on the 100-metre heats and qualified for the semi-finals in what is a very strong event with several internationals competing. Sadly Ethan had two no jumps and has you only have three attempts he did not get through.

We wish both students every success in their next competitions.

Precious Lives

On Friday 13th July, students and staff at OSCA welcomed guest speaker from the West Midlands Police, Officer Rob Pedley MBE. He was there with special guest, Alison Cope. Alison's son Joshua Ribera, was stabbed and murdered in Selly Oak, in September 2013 at the age of 18. He was well known within the grime music scene as Depzman with over 35 million views of his music videos on YouTube about knife crime, joint enterprise and other choices that young people can make in their life.

Students were visibly moved listening to Alison's heart wrenching story about her son. PC Pedley MBE informed students about the law on 'joint enterprise', and how being at the scene of a crime with their peers could lead to potential criminal punishments being given out.

Keeping students safe is OSCA's number one priority. The moving and powerful assembly reinforced to our students how important making good choices at all times is.



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