

5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

OSCA, like every other school and college in the country, has been greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Student safety has always been our main priority at OSCA, and up until this point students have had many virtual opportunities to take part in enrichment, but denied the opportunity to take part in the wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities we would normally offer here. Although we are still living with restrictions, we are delighted to share with you a return to some in person enrichment activities at OSCA.

Enrichment has always been important at OSCA. Being involved in extracurricular activities is important as they will:

- Support students in learning and help them make progress
- Enable students to make friends and develop relationships with a wider variety of people
- Provide opportunities to learn new things, develop new skills and have new experiences
- Help students develop confidence, resilience and independence
- Provide students with new perspectives, enable them to be creative and to challenge themselves
- Demonstrate their work ethic, organisational and other skills – which will be vital when applying for further education/apprenticeships

Please click the link below, which will also be sent to all students in Y7-10, so you can see the provisional enrichment offer. Students will sign up using Microsoft forms, which appears when you click on the link. We would ask you to discuss with your son / daughter the activity they would most like to take part in and encourage them to sign up as soon as possible.

<https://forms.office.com/r/GgJFSRvfG0>

We have thoroughly risk assessed all planned activities, at this point in time we are not able to accept “walk ins” to any enrichment activities. All students must sign up using the link. In each activity, students will be kept in their year group ‘bubbles’. Groups will be kept as small as is reasonably practicable, seating plans where appropriate and classroom based will be stuck to, thus making it easier to identify those who may need to self- isolate in the case of someone testing positive for COVID-19. Group size will be no more than 15 for indoor activities and 30 for outdoor activities, so please encourage your son / daughter to sign up quickly using the link.

During each activity students will be given regular reminders about the importance of hand washing and social distancing. This will be delivered at the beginning of each session, colleagues leading the activity will also clearly set out the consequences for poor behaviour and deliberate breaking of the rules and how they will enforce those rules including any sanctions.

At the end of the enrichment activity the member of staff leading the session will escort the group out through reception, maintaining social distance and bubbles and encouraging hand washing before leaving. Every room will also have hand sanitizer in it.

We are delighted to be able to start to offer in person enrichment again at OSCA and thank you for your understanding, patience and ongoing support.

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