

OSCA is Full and Oversubscribed Once Again for September 2015!

Congratulations to all our new Year 7 students who have secured a place here. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to Team OSCA on Induction Day in July!

Hairspray

February saw the run of this year's OSCA musical production, Hairspray. The show was a huge success with 3 sell out performances which involved over 70 students as actors, dancers, musicians and front of house. The production raised the bar even higher after last year's 'Grease' success thanks to students' fantastic commitment and dedication. With preparation beginning in September, students contributed over 300 extra hours for rehearsals and preparation, including weekends and half term. Those involved also had the great opportunity to perform in assemblies throughout show week, raising awareness of the musical's themes of segregation and racism, set in 1960's Baltimore. Along with providing students a chance to show off their skills, the assemblies also provided entertainment, education and inspiration to the whole Academy.



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Sports News

Two of OSCA's Year 9 students Ahmed Ewin and Harry Cotton, they have both been selected to play for the West Midlands County Football Team.

GCSE Year 10 students, are currently participating in Martial Arts activities with the help of a national team coach and a world number 1 Martial Arts champion, during their practical lessons. They are gaining valuable skills and techniques that will improve their practical GCSE grades.

OSCA's GCSE Year 11 students, have been undertaking a Junior Football Organisers qualification as part of the practical aspect of the GCSE course. Not only will this help them for their practical grading, but it will also provide them with a useful governing body qualification that they are able to use within the local community.

Swimmer Jac Ellis and Kickboxer Liberty Smith, both in Year 11, continue to exceed within their chosen sports and regularly compete to a very high standard.

British Heart Foundation

On Friday 13th February OSCA Sixth Students organised a cake sale and 'wear one item of red clothing' to raise money for British Heart Foundation. The students raised £289.14 for this worthy course.

OSCA iPhone App

Quickly and easily keep up to date with what's happening at Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy

Requirements:
Compatible with iPhone, iPod.
Requires ios 3.1 or later.



Comic Relief



OSCA students raised 152.00 through selling Red Nose merchandise and another £50.00 with a fun game of 'Guess Who' (a selection of childhood pictures of staff). The students raised a grand total of £202.00 for the charity.

Reading Challenge

All students in Years 7 and 8 have been registered for the national Read for My School Competition, run by Pearson and TES. This competition runs from January to March and gives them access to an electronic library of books by writers such as David Walliams, Michale Mopurgo and Malorie Blackman anywhere that they can use the internet!

The more books the students read, the more chances there are for them to win prizes for the school. Our students are enjoying the challenge and we are hoping for great success when the competition finishes in March.

Well done Year 7

Year 7 students were provided with a free reading book as a gift for the end of half term as part of the Bookbuzz Programme.

The students had the opportunity to view a selection of books and choose the one they most wanted to read and keep as a gift for their excellent first term of work in English at OSCA.

Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy Parent Site

<http://bit.ly/ly4EWdK>

Don't forget you will need your user name and password to access information on:

- Attendance
- Behaviour incidents
- Class lists
- Timetables
- Half term reports
- Homework
- Data collection information

OVERALL HOUSE TOTALS SO FAR

After House competitions for Football, Languages Day, Benchball, Christmas cards, World Book Day, Full stops & Capital letters, the Houses have been awarded the following points:

1st place Shakespeare - 35

2nd place Picasso – 30

3rd place Dahl - 25

4th place Da Vinci - 20

OSCA's After School Clubs

Tuesdays

Girls Fitness (Miss Pearce) - 3.00pm to 4.00pm

**Girls Rounders/Softball (Miss Blakey) -
3.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Football - (Year 7 - Mr Lovatt)
(Year 8 - Mr Horton) (Year 9 - Mr Laird)
3.00pm to 4.15pm**

Homework Club - 3.00pm to 3.45pm in the LRC

**Urdu After School Club -
3.00pm to 5.00pm room O13**

Wednesdays

Homework Club - 3.00pm to 3.45pm in the LRC

Thursdays

**Girls Fitness (Miss Pearce) - KS4 & OSCA 6th
3.00pm to 4.00pm**

Trampoline (Miss Blakey) - 3.00pm to 4.00pm

**Homework Club - 3.00pm to 3.45pm
in the LRC History**

**KS4 Football - (Year 10 - Mr Lovatt)
(Year 11 - Mr Horton) 3.00pm to 4.15pm**

**Punjabi After School Club - 3.00pm to 5.00pm
room O13**

**PAPA Key stage 4 Coursework Club -
3.00pm to 4.00pm in room S23**

**Polish GCSE Tutoring - 3.00pm to 4.00pm
in room O13**

**STEM Club - 3.00pm to 3.45 pm in room S06
Open to all Year 7 and 8 students.**

Year 11 Dance - 3.00pm to 4.00pm in room S24

Fridays

OSCA Fridays

Homework Club - 1.20pm to 2.00pm in the LRC

**The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme -
1.20pm to 2.30pm in the new Teacher Lab**

**Trampoline Club (All Years) -
1.20pm to 2.30pm**

Landscaping OSCA

The final stage of the rebuild is nearing completion and the landscaping is taking place. This highlights the natural undulations of our site and is making OSCA a wonderfully scenic place to be.

These new areas will have multiple purposes. The tiered area outside O block is designed to be used as seating and creates an amphitheatre for outdoor productions (weather permitting). The area can be used for external teaching purposes and recreational space for relaxing and socialising.

The students are really looking forward to seeing and using this new facility which will be completed over the Easter holidays.

The final stage over the summer term will be the implementation of external table tennis tables and lots of benches to maximise the use of the external spaces.



MP Adrian Bailey's visit to OSCA Sixth

On Friday 13th March, local MP Adrian Bailey took time out to come and speak to students in OSCA Sixth. This was an opportunity for students to find out about Parliament, Local Government and why it's important to vote.

The students had the chance to ask questions and learn more about the voting process. Mr Bailey stressed how important it is for young people to have their voices heard in politics today and that their opinions really matter.

The clear message to the students was if you have the right to vote, use it. Politics impacts on everything we do and where we live, so it's important that we all have our voices heard.



Dates for Your Diary:

GCSE Art exams commence - **Monday 23rd March**

End of term reward trip - **Friday 27th March**

Terms ends - **Friday 27th March**

Easter Holiday - **Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April**

Summer term starts/Teacher training day - **Monday 13th April**

OSCA Shakespeare Festival month starts - **Monday 13th April**

Students return - **Tuesday 14th April**

Year 8 Girls HPV2 vaccinations 9.00am - **Thursday 23rd April**

Shakespeare birthday celebrations - **Thursday 23rd April**

Year 10 Health & Social trip to Telford Park - **Friday 24th April**

Year 10 Fashion trip to the Rag Market - **Tuesday 28th April**

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge - **Thursday 30th April**

OSCA Sixth trip to London - **Thursday 30th April**

National share a story month starts - **Friday 1st May**

Bank Holiday - **Monday 4th May**

Half term - **Monday 25th to Friday 29th May**

Year 7 trip to Cheddar Gorge - **Wednesday 6th May**

Year 8 trip to Staffordshire Regiment Museum -

Monday 18th May

Year 8 Geography Rivers trip - **Wednesday 3rd June**

Year 7-10 England cricket trip - **Tuesday 9th June**

Duke of Edinburgh final expedition -

Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th June

Year 8 French sport and languages event - **Friday 19th June**

Teacher training days - **Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June**

Exam week starts - **Monday 29th June**

New intake day and evening - **Wednesday 1st July**

OSCA Literature Festival month starts - **Wednesday 1st July**

Year 8 Parents Evening - **Tuesday 7th July**

Year 10 trip to London - **Wednesday 8th July**

Sports Day - **Friday 10th July**

Year 10 Work Experience week starts - **Monday 13th July**

OSCA Summer Progress Awards Evening - **Tuesday 14th July**

End of term reward trip - **Thursday 16th July**

Term ends - **Friday 17th July**

Main holiday starts - **Monday 20th July**

Autumn term 2015 starts - **Thursday 3rd September**

Green Power Competition

The Science and Technology departments at OSCA, are getting ready to take delivery of their first green powered kit car. This is a very exciting project for our students to be involved in.

The students will be set the challenge of designing and making a streamlined car. Their design will then compete in race events against other schools competing in this design challenge as part of a national schools completion.

The winning car will be the one that travels the furthest over a number of heats using battery power only.

Our students and staff are looking forward to taking up this challenge.

Go Team OSCA!

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