Asher Knight Performs at OSCA

Singer Asher Knight, a budding singer from Bradford, West Yorkshire, performed at OSCA as part of his new anti-bullying tour of secondary schools across the country, to further embed OSCA's strong anti-bullying ethos.

This new tour follows Asher’s previously successful tour at the beginning of 2018, where he performed his new single Hurricanes and Tornadoes to almost 10,000 students at 20 different schools across the country, including eight OAT academies.

OSCA’s students were treated to several performances from Asher and his fellow artists (Christie Alana and Luena Martinez), which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Asher also spoke about his own personal traumatic experiences of being bullied at school and how he overcame the trauma.

Asher finished the event with a positive message about how everyone can help to stop bullying from happening.

New Student Leadership Team 2018 - 2019

Head Girl – Niamh V1
Head Boy – Imraj P3
Deputy Head Girls – Shuzana D8 & Maryam S6
Deputy Head Boys – Tyler S2 & Ben V3

Senior Prefects
Harsimran P1, Zanib V4, Jessica S2, Giorgo B & Balvinder A
Speak Out Challenge

On Monday 26th March, students in Year 10 took part in the Speakers Trust ‘Speak Out’ challenge.

Speakers Trust is the UK’s leading public speaking and communication skills training charity, with the vision of enabling every young person to speak confidently and be heard.

The students took part in a day of workshops, that aimed to enhance their speaking and communication skills by giving them the confidence to transform their thoughts into speech. Across the course of the day the students developed the skills to structure and deliver a two-minute speech, on a topic of their choice. The students spoke about a vast array of topics including the importance of videogames, feminism, family, and ‘a perfect society’.

The day culminated in each student delivering their speech to their group, which took a great deal of bravery and courage. This was an invaluable experience for our students, who developed a real confidence, and reaped the rewards of challenging themselves to do something a little bit scary!

The winners chosen from each group will now compete in a final winners round at OSCA. The winner from that round will then represent the Academy in the Regional Final, this summer at a local university.

Uniform Selling Dates at OSCA

Friday 6th July - 3pm to 7pm
Thursday 2nd August - 2pm to 7pm
Easy payment scheme available on these dates

Uniform supplied by GOGNA Schoolwear & Sports
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Five Days in the Azores

From the 27th March to the 3rd April, thirty-three students accompanied by staff, enjoyed the sites of the Island of Sao Miguel. The students were able to visit volcanic craters, two geothermal pools, a lava tube, coastal features at Mosteiros and one of the only tea plantations in the whole of Europe. The students were also able to see the ‘Happy Cows Milk Programme’ in action for themselves and got to experience the culture of the small island.

The visit allowed students to improve their knowledge of some key geographical ideas and gave them the opportunity to experience features in the real world.

Throughout the trip the students were incredibly well behaved and a credit to OSCA.

Everyone had a brilliant time!
Aimhigher

On the 22nd of March, Aimhigher took forty Year 10 students to an English and Maths Focus Day, at Edgbaston Cricket Ground. The aim of the trip was to support students with their English and Maths achievement, boost their confidence and give them an opportunity to work with students from other schools.

Birmingham's Poet Laureate, Matt Windle held the English session, he started by reciting his own spoken word poem, 'The Mat(t)'; a poem about his career as a semi professional boxer. The students then took part in a workshop about the structure, form and rhyme of poetry, before working in small groups to write their own poem around the themes of war and conflict.

The Maths session involved students working together in a shapes trading game, where they went head-to-head with other students from other schools.

This was a valuable experience for our students to put into practice the Maths and English skills they had gained in the classroom, and developing these in advance of their forthcoming GCSE's.

Staffordshire Championships

Athletic success continues for two of our students Ethan in S6 and in Michelle 11.1, after they took part in the Staffordshire Championships over the weekend of 12th May.

A hat-trick of championships titles from Ethan with three grade one performances, in the under 15 boys championships (The achievement was all the more amazing after he had missed almost 3 months of training through injury.) He went on to beat top athletes, who had been in regular competitions.

Ethan also won the triple jump with a jump of 12metres 32cms, the 3rd longest jump in the UK! His success continued with a win in the 100metres in a time of 11.8 seconds (into a wind), before winning the long jump with a jump of 5metres 97cms. Ethan will now compete in the National Young Athlete’s League, where he will take part in the following four events: 100metres, long jump, shot put and relay.

Michelle also had fantastic achievements in both the sprint 100metres and 200metres, gaining two more championship titles, running a fast 12.6 seconds (into a wind). The run was a grade one performance for 100metres. Michelle also competed in the Senior League in Bristol, running an excellent 12.5 seconds in the 100metres, then going on to run an excellent final leg of the sprint relay. Michelle’s next event is the National Young Athlete’s League.

We wish them both every success in their next competition and look forward to hearing about their next achievements as they aim to take part in The English Schools Championships.

Brand New Mathematical Calculators
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Dates for Your Diary
2017/2018 Academic Year

Summer Term:

Sun 27th May - Year 8 to 10 France trip returns

Half Term Holiday: Mon 28th May to Fri 1st June

Mon 4th June - Year 10 History trip
Tues 5th June - Year 10 History trip
Wed 6th June - Year 9 & 10 Engineering and supplied sciences taster
Thurs 7th June - Speakers Trust final
Tues 12th June - Year 10 compulsory Geography fieldwork (Day 1)
Wed 13th June - Year 9 to 11 access to the professions conference
Thurs 14th June - Year 10 Sociology trip to London
Mon 18th June - Year 10 compulsory Geography fieldwork (Day 2)
Mon 18th June - Numeracy age testing week in Maths
Tues 19th June - Year 10 History trip
Wed 20th June - Academy Council meeting at OSCA
Wed 20th June - PAPA trip to see Les Miserables
Fri 22nd June - OSCA sports day
Mon 25th June - Year 7 exams week
Tues 26th June - External exam season ends
Thurs 28th June Evening event dance show (PAPA)
Fri 29th June - Year 10 & 11 Silver D of E assessed expedition departs 9.00am
Sun 1st July - Year 10 & 11 Silver D of E assessed expedition returns
Mon 2nd July - Training day
Tues 3rd July - PAPA dance show
Tues 3rd July - Year 10 speaking mocks
Wed 4th July - Year 6 Induction day 1 and evening
Thurs 5th July - Year 6 Induction day 2
Fri 6th July - Year 10 speaking mocks
Mon 9th July - Football World Cup week in PE
Tues 10th July - French Ambassadors reward trip
Tues 10th July - OSCA Summer Awards Evening
Wed 11th July - Year 9 languages and social sciences taster day
Thurs 12th July - Y10 rewards trip
Fri 13th July - L4S day 3
Fri 13th July - Y11 Prom
Mon 16th July - Year 10 work experience week and Unifest
Thurs 19th July - Year 7 to 9 rewards trip

Term Ends: Fri 20th July

Thurs 16th August - A Level exam results day
Thurs 23rd August - GCSE exam results day

Loughborough University

Year 10 Sport Science students visited Loughborough University on the 10th May. This was an Aimhigher/field based trip, which enabled our students to get an insight into the life and opportunities available in sport and health careers.

The students had a great time and completed practical work. Their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable.

Project Atmosphere

The English Department at OSCA are buzzing about ‘Project Atmosphere’s’ second year of success! Three days of delving into a gothic setting at Haden Hill House Museum in Cradley Heath, has enabled students to become inspired into writing the opening of their own gothic novel, which is part of the students end of term fictional writing assignment.

From ghouls to ghosts, apparitions to spectres, the students relished the opportunity to navigate through a house steeped in history and explore artefacts of the macabre.