



**ORMISTON SANDWELL
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



Newsletter
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★ Congratulations Class of 2015: ★
★ Best Ever Academic GCSE Results ★
Doubling the Percentage of the Elite
A* and A Grades ★

**OSCA's pre-order kiosk is open
for business to all students**
Students can pre-order lunch each day between 8am - 11am



Reward Categories on SIMs

- Excellent Work Ethos
- Positive Role Model
- Commitment to the Academy/House
- Excellence in Attendance & Punctuality
- Awards

Huge Congratulations to Kelsi Edwards

OSCA's Year 8 student Kelsi Edwards, enjoys taking part in the Drama and Dance Clubs in the PAPA Department here at OSCA. She has been chosen to appear in a TV series 'The G.A.P Kids Show'. You can see Kelsi every Monday on Sky Channel 593 at 5.30pm.



Congratulations Jack Grew

On the 19th September, Jack Grew a Year 7 student at OSCA, attended the GKR Karate Central Zone Tournament in Birmingham. Jack competed in both Kata and Kumite in his age and belt range and gained Bronze medals in both.

Jack has attended GKR Karate for 6 years and gained his 2nd Kyu (Brown belt) and is now working towards his black belt. This was only his 2nd tournament.

Everyone at OSCA would like to wish Jack good luck this November, when he takes part in the GKR Karate UK Championships in Sheffield.



OSCA's Gardening Club

OSCA's gardeners have grown their first successful crop in the gardens between O and S block. There have been kilos of potatoes and some impressive beetroot so far.

Matthew Cadman pictured on the left with the delicious beetroot, which he grow in the garden. Head of Science, Mr Tomlinson said "it was great in a beetroot and feta salad"

OSCA Visits the Ricoh Arena

On Tuesday 13th October, 48 students visited Coventry's Ricoh arena, to see the U21 European qualification match between England and Kazakhstan.

The students and staff enjoyed a fine England performance with a winning score of 3 - 0.

This was a great opportunity for our students to watch an international football match.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year students in OSCA Sixth, have chosen to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. In July they participated in 'The Launch' and raised money for Macmillan by baking and selling cakes, scones and also held a raffle.

On Friday 25th September the students took part in Macmillan Coffee Morning and sold cakes and samosas to staff and students. So far they have raised £345.94 in total.



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After School Activities and Clubs

Trampolining (Girls)	Monday 4pm to 5pm	Girls Gym
Badminton (Boys & Girls)	Monday 4pm to 5pm	Boys Gym
Rugby (Boys & Girls)	Monday 4pm to 5pm	Field
Polish Lessons	Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm	Room O14
Fitness (Girls)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Fitness Suite
Basketball (Girls)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Girls Gym
Football (Boys)	Tuesday 3pm to 4pm	Field/Astroturf
Punjabi Lessons	Tuesday 3pm to 5pm	Room O12
Urdu Lessons	Tuesday 3pm to 5pm	Room O13
PAPA Club (We Will Rock You)	Tuesday 3pm to 5pm	Great Hall
Calligraphy Writing Club	Thursdays 3pm to 4pm	Room O10
STEM Club	Thursdays 3pm to 3.45pm	Rooms S1 & S5
Badminton (Girls)	Thursday 4pm to 5pm	Girls Gym
Netball (Girls)	Thursday 4pm to 5pm	Netball Courts
Fitness (Girls Years 9, 10 & 11)	Thursdays 3pm to 4pm	Aerobics Studio/Fitness Suite
Football (Boys Years 9, 10 & 11)	Thursdays 3pm to 4pm	Astroturf
Fitness (Boys)	Thursdays 3pm to 4pm	Aerobics Studio/Fitness Suite
PAPA Club Time (KS4 Course work)	Thursdays 3pm to 4pm	Room S25

Dates for Your Diary: Autumn Term 2015

OSCA Sixth visit to UK University Search Fair - **Wed 21st October**

Year 8 English visit the Rep to see 'Anita & Me' -

Thurs 22nd October

Half Term Holiday - **Mon 26th to Fri 30th October**

Year 9 Options Deadline - **Tues 3rd November**

Year 11 GCSE French Speaking Assessment -

Tues 3rd November

Year 7 RE Holy Buildings Local Visits - **Fri 6th November**

Year 10 French Speaking Exams - **Tues 10th November**

Year 11 Parents' Evening - **Tues 10th November**

Year 10 French Speaking Exams - **Weds 11th November**

Year 8 History Visit - **Mon 16th November**

OSCA Presentation Evening Class of 2015 -

Tues 17th November

Year 11 & OSCA Sixth Skills Show Visit - **Thurs 19th November**

OSCA Sixth Student Union London - **Fri 20th November**

Media and Film Studies Trip to Comic Con in Birmingham -

Saturday 21st November

Year 11 History Visit - **Mon 23th November**

Year 10 & 11 Business Retail Visit - **Thurs 26th November**

L4S Day 1 - **Fri 4th December**

Year 11 Mock Exam Week for 2 weeks - **Mon 7th December**

OSCA Community Winter Festival - **Thurs 10th December**

OSCA Rewards Visits - **Fri 11th December**

Year 7 & 8 Visit to the German Market - **Thurs 17th December**

End of Term Holiday -

Mon 21st December to Mon 4th January

Teacher Training Day - **Mon 4th January**

Connexions Advisor @ OSCA

The Connexions Advisor Lee Groucutt, will be in the Academy on Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays.

The Adviser will be in Room TS1 and then in the Learning Resource Centre for drop in sessions at break and lunch times.

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.



OSCA Visits Paris

On the 25th September, 23 students from OSCA set out on a trip to Paris. The journey started at the academy at 7.00am, travelling by coach to Birmingham New Street Station. Then travelling by train to London, where they boarded an International train to Paris.

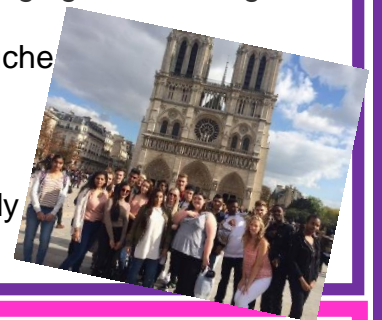
In the afternoon, the students checked into the Hotel Splendid. They then enjoyed a visit to the Gardens at The Jardin du Luxembourg, created at the beginning of 1612 by Marie de' Medici. After their evening meal, the students experienced Paris by night with a walk by the Eiffel Tower.



The next day, after breakfast, the students visited the 'Musée d'Orsay', on the bank of the Seine. They then walked across the Lovers' Bridge where all the students signed an OSCA padlock and attached it to the bridge in line with tradition. This was followed by an outing to the Jardin des Tuileries to see the Louvre Pyramid. The students then walked to Notre-Dame Cathedral, before moving on to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Paris, commonly known as the Sacré-Coeur. The evening finished with a French meal (which included snails!) in a restaurant in the heart of Montmartre.

The following day the students set out to visit the Arc de Triomphe with its 287 steps to the top, followed by some lunch and shopping on the Champs-Élysées. In the afternoon, the students went up the Eiffel Tower with the bravest going up to the 3rd floor. An evening meal was enjoyed at the Hard Rock Café, where the evening ended with a bit of singing and dancing.

On the last day the students headed off to enjoy a cruise at Bateau-Mouche on the River Seine before doing a bit of last minute shopping in Rue du Commerce and making their way back to the train station.



The students thoroughly enjoyed their time in Paris and were fantastically well behaved, a real credit to themselves and the Academy.

Year 7 Visit Edgmond Hall

Over the course of two days, OSCA's Year 7's enjoyed a day at Edgmond Hall in Newport. The Houses were split in to two groups, Shakespeare with Picasso went on the Monday 12th October and Dahl along with Di Vinci visited on Friday 16th October.

With good weather conditions the students enjoyed lots of team building exercises throughout both days. The students impressed staff with their teamwork and attitude, during all these activities.

Both the students and staff really enjoyed their time at Edgmond Hall and their excellent behaviour, effort and attitude will be invaluable as they begin their lives at OSCA.



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