



Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to take this final opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last academic year. We have high expectations of all students who attend the academy, which means having high standards, but these couldn't be achieved without your backing and for that I am very thankful.

We have had a fantastic year and are also looking to the future with some exciting developments. Work on the new building extension will continue over the summer. We have been informed that the building should be ready for students to use by mid-September. This means the first two weeks of the new academic year will be challenging with pressure on space and classrooms. We do have a plan to deal with this and will be converting some areas, but hopefully, this disruption will not last more than a couple of weeks.

At the end of the summer holidays, all parents (myself included) face the task of ensuring our children have all the correct uniform for the new year. Please remind yourself of our uniform requirements before buying any new items. You can check our uniform policy from the following link <https://bit.ly/3H9NimV>. The academy will also be opening a second-hand uniform swap shop where students can swap old uniforms that are too small for better-fitting used uniforms. We will also be selling new ties via parent pay. Please get in touch with Miss Pemberton via the academy if you require any help or further information on this.

We are aware that some of our communications have not been at the high standards you expect of us regarding events or notifications about detentions. We have noted your concerns and are about to invest in a more bespoke system which will make communication much easier and much quicker. I will send you details of this at the beginning of next term, and this will hopefully solve a number of problems.

The academy will reopen to students on Wednesday 7th September. New Year 7 students will arrive at the academy when invited for their tie-giving ceremony. Year 8-11 must arrive at the academy no later than 11.15 am. Students should access the academy through their respective year group gates. Please remember that the academy day will begin at 8.40 am from September. This means that any student who arrives after 8.40 am will be classed as late. We will be continuing our free breakfast offer to all students from September, thanks to Magic Breakfast. Our breakfast club starts at 7.45 am every Monday-Friday and has on offer bagels, toast and a selection of cereals.

Finally, I hope you have a happy and restful summer, and we look forward to welcoming back the students in September.

My best wishes to you and your family

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DIARY

DATES

New Year 7 Summer School
Week 1

W/C Monday 8th August

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 25th August 9am

New Year 7 Summer School
Week 2

W/C Tuesday 29th August

Inset Days

Mon 5th/Tues 6th September

Return to the academy

Wednesday 7th September

Year 6 Open Evening

Wednesday 21st September

Half Term

Monday 24th - Fri 28th Oct

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SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Over the holidays if you need help and support and someone to talk to you can contact Childline on Telephone: 0800 1111 or access the website at <https://childline.org.uk>

If you are concerned about online abuse please contact CEOP following this link @CEOPUK

If you have any safeguarding concerns then you can call the Children's Advice and Duty Service (CHAD) on 01782 235100 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm). If you need to contact them out of hours, then please call the Emergency Duty Team on 01782 234234.

GOODBYE TO YEAR 11



Pictured are Head Boy James Dixon, Mrs Millward and Head Girl Emma Hammersley.

We have said goodbye to our Year 11 students this term with a fantastic send off at Keele Hall. It was wonderful to be back to normal and give our students the Prom they deserved after all their hard work during the GCSE exam period.

Organised by Mrs Hof, Mrs Sims, Miss Toon and Mrs Millward, students and staff celebrated the achievements of the year group and the hard work and challenges they have faced through an unprecedented time.

Mrs Millward, Head of Year 11, said: "I am so proud and thankful to have been part of this year groups journey through the academy.

"I wish every single one of you the best for the future and can't wait for results day in August."

STOKE LIBRARIES POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Jack Wright who has come runner up in the Stoke Libraries' Poetry Competition.

Several of the entries from OSSMA were placed in the top 10 and the judges chose Jack's poem, A Message of Hope as the runner up. The poem showed an insightful understanding of the themes of the competition wonderfully weaving together a warning and hope for the future as well as references to the Knife Angel project itself.

A Message of Hope

An angel made of nothing but knife,
Each blade a saviour of someone's life,
Allowing people to live,
From day until night.

There's a simple way to cure this pollution,
Preventing death via this solution,
Surrender your knife,
An easy contribution.
So, pick a trade,
Not a blade,
And let us see,

These crime rates fade,
Don't allow the grip of death to choke,
As burdened hands won't clean from water and soap,
So, allow me to present,
This message of hope.

Save a life,
Surrender your knife.

WEWILL PROJECT

Massive congratulations to Ms Baker and her Year 8 team who have achieved and exceeded the target for the WeWill Social Care Project.

The Year 8 students have worked extremely hard, completing a 1-year project in less than four months and raised over £750, with some monies still coming in.

The students also hosted visitors from OAT who work closely with the National Lottery, who scrutinised the project and its efficacy and the OSSMA project will now be used as a trust-wide case study!

Ms Baker said: "The best part of the project has been the joy the students and elderly residents from NG Healthcare have taken from participating in this project, which has been truly amazing and humbling and has fulfilled a wish to introduce the use of memory boxes to yet another care home."



SPORTING SUCCESSES

It has been a bumper year for OSSMA students with sporting successes across the board.

Students have seen success in football, netball, cricket and athletics, and this effort is reflected by the PE Department achieving the GOLD School Games Mark Award for commitment and engagement in the school games 2021/2022.

This award is excellent recognition of the hard work put in by the PE staff at OSSMA for providing so many sporting opportunities for all students.

The department has also been awarded GOLD in the Healthy Schools Rating Scheme that assesses criteria such as food education in the curriculum, the amount of time children spend on PE each week and participation in active travel schemes.

This effort from students and staff was reflected in the recent Sports Day which was fantastic for the students after the recent disruption to normal academy life. It was great to get back to normal with a full day of events. Pictured below are 10CP on their final Sports Day, being crowned champions for the second year running!! Year 9 champions were 9BN, Year were 8SI and Year 7 champions were 7BE.

It has been a month of sporting events as the department also took 49 students to the OAT Sports Cup 2022. Students represented OSSMA brilliantly, both on and off the track and field. Students participated in various athletics events, and the boys also participated in a football tournament whilst the girls took part in a dodgeball competition.

Our list of successes are:

- India R (Year 8 girls - 800m champion)
- Eve G (Year 7 girls - 400m champion)
- Amari C (Year 7 boys - 200m runner up)
- Cameron K (Year 8 boys - 200m champion)
- Tia R (Year 8 girls - 200m runner up)
- Cameron K (Year 8 boys - long jump champion)
- Dylan C (Year 8 boys - discus runner up)
- Madison J (Year 10 girls - long jump champion)
- Charlie E (Year 10 boys - long jump 3rd)
- Amari C (Year 7 boys - long jump champion)
- Dylan C (Year 8 boys - discus 3rd)
- Ricardo G (Year 10 boys - discus champion)
- Donovan C (Year 10 - shot put 3rd)
- Miley D (Year 8 - long jump runner up)
- Will H (Year 10 boys - 100m runner up)
- Cameron K (Year 8 boys - 100m runner up)
- Daisy D (Year 7 - 100m 3rd)
- Theo W (Year 7 - 100m 2nd)
- Harvie C (Year 10 boys - 200m champion)
- Evie M - (Year 10 - 200m runner up)
- Shannon B (Year 9 girls - 200m 3rd)
- Shannon R (Year 10 girls - 400m 3rd)
- Jack W (Year 9 boys - 800m champion)
- Freddie R (Year 9 boys - 800m champion)
- Taylor P (Year 9 boys - long jump runner up)
- Freya J (Year 7 - long jump 3rd)
- KS3 boys relay team - Champions
- KS4 girls relay team - 3rd
- KS4 boys relay - 3rd
- OAT Dance competition (runners up)
- OSSMA 3rd in Tug of War.

Overall, OSSMA came 2nd in the OAT Sports Cup 2022.

