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As another term draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support of the academy. It is only in partnership with yourselves that the students can achieve the outcomes that they do.

If you have a child in Years 7-10, you should have received a written or data report at the end of this term. Due to the school closure on the last day of term these will be given out on the first day back, so please ask them for it. We also have a Year 11 Parents' Evening on the 11th January. This is the last parents' evening for Year 11 parents and a vital opportunity to speak to your child's teachers before they sit their exams in May. Please make every effort to attend.

Between the months of January and March, we are proposing to open up the academy theatre to allow a warm space for the parents and families of our students to get together and watch films. Please complete the questionnaire from the following link to let us know if this would be something you would be interested in doing <https://forms.office.com/e/GrGBxb-d0cV>

The academy will distribute Local Authority-funded vouchers to the families of students who are classed as 'Pupil Premium' and those with an Education and Health Care Plan. Families will receive a £50 voucher for each eligible child, and they are redeemable at supermarkets. We will send these vouchers to the primary contact's email address on our system at the end of the term. If you have any issues accessing them, don't hesitate to contact me directly at nbrennan@ossma.co.uk.

Please continue to support the academy's uniform rules by ensuring that your child doesn't return in January somehow in breach of that policy. Please get in touch with your child's Head of Year if you need help with any element of our uniform. Please click this link for our [uniform policy](#).

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Nick Brennan
Principal

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DIARY DATES

Return to the Academy
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Friday 6th January
Year 11 Mock Results Day

Wednesday 11th January
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 1st February
Year 9 Parents' Evening

SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Stronger Together through Winter is a partnership between the council and voluntary sector to support S-O-T residents. Help on offer include mental health support, benefits, food banks and community transport, and much more <https://sottogether.vast.org.uk>

Over the holidays if you need help and support and someone to talk to you can contact Childline or access the website at



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 (Mon- Fri 8.30- 6pm). If you need to contact them out of hours, please call the Emergency Duty Team on 01782 234234.

Email: info@ossma.co.uk

Web: www.ormistonsirstanleymatthewsacademy.co.uk

OSSMA FUNDRAISING

Students and staff at the academy have been busy fundraising this December to support others across the community. There has been a fantastic level of support from parents, students and staff to help to support those who may have been facing uncertain times this season.

Mrs Richardson, Head of Year 7 helped to support Signal 1's Cash for Kids Appeal. She said: "Students, parents and staff across the academy have been very generous donating some fantastic gifts to support this appeal." The charity's mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people who are affected by poverty, illness, neglect or have additional needs.

Signal 1 hosts Elliot and Matilda came to collect some presents this week and they travelled in style with Lavish Limos!



Pictured are Elliot and Matilda, and students Sebby D, Lydia J and Tre F.

SCFC ACADEMY VISIT

Some of our Year 8 students had the privilege of escorting three of the Stoke City men's first team around the academy recently. Our Year 8 students had participated in an inter-year group trophy this term, and it was down to the winners to escort the players around, who happily met our students and saw a glimpse of academy life.

The students involved in the tour were all keen footballers and found the experience to be exciting and also motivating as the players spent some time with them to discuss their sporting endeavours and aspirations. The players (see below) also spent a little time in our Grotto, set up as part of our Christmas Fayre.



Pictured are Theo G, Nicholas B, Amari C, with players Joe Bursik, Aden Flint and Ben Wilmot

ROCKIN' ALL OVER OSSMA

A drummer who was part of rock group Status Quo for 15 years visited the academy to give our students a session in drumming.

Jeff Rich met and performed for young musicians at OSSMA to try to inspire them into a career in music. The students really engaged with the session and there were lots of volunteers to get up and perform.

Mrs Hof, Head of Music said: "All the pupils performed at the end with Jeff performing along side them on his drum kit. By the end of the session they were buzzing."



CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Part of this season's theme at OSSMA has been giving thanks and offering kindness, which is one of our core values. As part of this, members of the MFL team have been collecting donations for those who may be in need this season.

A massive thanks to Mrs Wilmer and all those who donated to the Newcastle and Chesterton Salvation Army Toy Appeal. Students and staff have donated toys and gifts to help make someone's Christmas special and to ensure a festive time is had by all.

