

What a wonderful year it has been! From celebrating your achievements to coming together for a thrilling Sports Day, you've shown incredible spirit, determination, and teamwork.

Throughout this year, your dedication, hard work, and accomplishments have made us proud. Remember, learning never ends, so keep exploring, dreaming, and achieving. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at OSSMA for their hard work. Thanks also to you, the parents/carers, for your continued support and trust in us.

Have a wonderful summer break, and we'll see you next year!



**Mrs Hassall**  
Interim Principal

## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 24th August**  
GCSE Results Day

**Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September**

INSET days - no students in the academy

**Wednesday 6th September**  
Academy opens to students

**Friday 27th October**  
Half term holiday begins

## SPORTS DAYS SUCCESSES!

It was a fantastic sports day at OSSMA last Friday, and we were lucky that the rain held off so it could take place!

Every year we cross our fingers that students can participate in the event, and we were fortunate that every event was completed. As always, the forms got very competitive, and it was a closely run race.

The eventual winners were

Year 7 – 7SW – Miss Shaw

Year 8 - 8HA – Mrs Hackney and Mrs George

Year 9 – 9RM – Miss Ramsay

Year 10 – 10WI – Mrs Wilmer

Well done to all students who participated and also to Mr Grice and the PE Department for running the event.

Pictured are students from 10WI - top and 9RM - bottom.



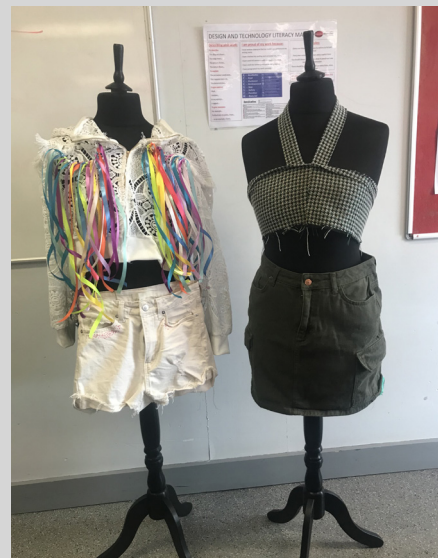
## A FESTIVAL THEME FOR WEWILL RECYCLE

Recently, Year 9 students took part in a drop-down session as part of our OSSMA WeWill Recycle project. Fifteen of our Year 9 ambassadors spent an afternoon upcycling clothes, which we hope to use in an OSSMA fashion show next year.

The group were so enthusiastic and had so many amazing ideas, as can be seen by these fabulous photographs. The theme the students chose was a 'festival theme'.

Miss Brown, Second in Science, said: "The students were terrific and really enthusiastic. I am incredibly proud of their creations, and also I have to thank Miss Bloom, Mrs Pope and Miss Dayson for their help throughout the day.

"It is an absolute pleasure to be running this project, and I am looking forward to planning our fashion show."



## VOTE FOR US AT TESCO!

A project put forward for our 'Young Carers' will be part of the 'Blue Token Scheme' at Tesco. Voting to raise funds will take place at the following stores from July until the end of September. Please support us with your votes!

Longton Extra  
Meir Hay Express  
Meir  
Blythe Bridge Express



## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

The Attendance team are extremely happy to announce the following for the 2022-2023 Academic Year:

- Best Year Group - Attendance 22-23 - Year 7
- Overall Most Improved Form Group - 8SI
- Overall Best Year 7 Form Group - 7SW
- Overall Best Year 8 Form Group - 8RO
- Overall Best Year 9 Form Group - 9SM
- Overall Best Year 10 Form Group - 10WI

Huge congratulations to Year 7 for being the overall winner in the race between year groups and to all the students and staff in the winning categories for most improved and over-all attendance.

Wishing you all a wonderful, restful break over the summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.



## WHO AM I?

Recently, Year 10 Psychology students visited our capital city of London to attend the Science Museum 'Who am I?' exhibition. The exhibition was based around psychology which all students who attended are studying in Year 10.

Despite train strikes making the transport more challenging, the students behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed the exhibit. Students saw an actual brain in a jar, discovered what happens when someone is 'face blind', and enjoyed some fascinating interactive exhibits on brain injuries, emotions and memory.

Students enjoyed seeing how psychology and the study of the brain have developed and saw some videos of how slices of the brain can make a 3D model to be studied. Students learnt about phobias, why we have them, how they develop and treatments for them.

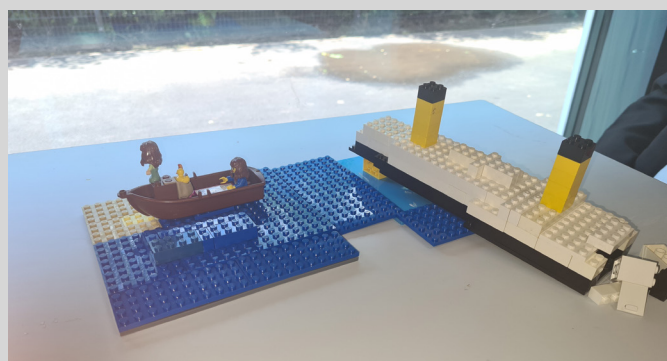
After a quick lunch stop, they headed home, but a great time was had all round!



## HISTORICAL LEGO CREATIONS

Every week students from Year 8 and 9 participate in Lego Club. The club is run by Mr Wilson from the History Department. This week students were asked to build their favourite lesson they've looked at in history this year.

The creations were fabulous and included the moon landing, atomic bomb, the Titanic and Alan Turing cracking the Enigma code!



# SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS....

As we come to the end of an academic year there is still support available over the holidays. Please use the below links to access these where necessary:

Speak up Space - [www.speakupspace.org.uk](http://www.speakupspace.org.uk) - Available 7 days a week.

Dove - Bereavement support - Bereavement Counselling and Support - [The Dove Service](#)

All Age Access Team - [North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare All Age Access Team](#) (Crisis Care Centre)

School Nursing Hub - [Families Health and Wellbeing 0-19 service](#) - Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Chat Health - text the school nurse on 07520615723

Child line - [Childline](#)

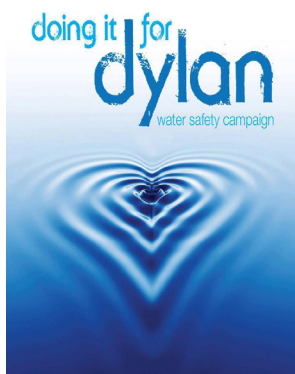
Safeguarding Childrens Partnership Board Stoke on Trent - [Safeguarding Children Stoke](#)

## PLEASE STAY SAFE OVER THE SUMMER

As all our students set off for their long-awaited summer break, please be mindful of some of the hazards when students are out and about.

The below image is a link you may want to share with your child to show a video from the 'Doing it for Dylan' water safety campaign in memory of Dylan James Steven Ramsay, who lost his life aged 13 on the 3rd July 2011 swimming in open water in Chorley, Lancashire.

The content of this message is up-setting, but may save a life.




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**COMMUNITY FUND**

# YMCA GO! YOUTH CLUBS

YMCA Go offers six weekly youth clubs in key areas across the city. If you are between 10-16 we would love to see you there.

**Fridays 6-8pm at Blurton Community Hub  
Ingestre Square, Blurton, ST3 3JT**

An entertaining and lively youth club that takes place every Friday evening, at The Blurton Community Hub on Ingestre Square. Join us for a variety of activities and games with something new every week!

**SIGN UP**  
Sign up now, so you don't miss out!

**BLURTON YOUTH CLUB**

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website: [ymcans.org.uk/gobookings/](http://ymcans.org.uk/gobookings/)






# UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

## Girls

Black OSSMA skirt – standard / classic / modest style and knee length. Material MUST be the same as a blazer (no skinny / Lycra mix skirt/stretchy material not allowed)  
Black OSSMA smart tailored trousers (no skinny / Lycra mix)  
White shirt  
Plain black V-necked pullover/cardigan Not crew neck/round or with a logo  
Black blazer – Compulsory for all years  
Plain black low heeled shoes (not trainers, boots or canvas shoes)

Dolly shoes are allowed provided that they are not canvas  
Socks (black/white – no trainer socks)  
Black tights  
School tie



## Boys

Black trousers  
White shirt  
Plain black v-necked pullover. Not crew neck/round or with a logo  
Black blazer (compulsory for all years)  
Plain black shoes (not trainers, boots or canvas shoes).  
Socks (need to be restricted to black/white)  
School tie



## SHIRTS

Long or short sleeves are acceptable, but the shirt must be white and have a collar suitable for a tie to be worn correctly. Shirts with motifs should not be worn. Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy expects all students to keep their shirts tucked in and therefore must be of appropriate length.

## SWEATERS

V-Necked plain black sweaters or cardigans can be worn. Motifs other than the OSSMA logo are not allowed.

## TROUSERS

Jeans and jean-style trousers whether in denim or any other material are not accepted. This includes leggings and jeggings.

## OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Coats should be plain. Slogans or motifs should not be displayed. Camouflage pattern, denim jackets and leather jackets are not acceptable. Tracksuit / hooded leisure tops are not acceptable. No baseball caps and no hats to be worn in the buildings. Boots may be worn travelling to school in bad weather, however, shoes must be brought to wear in school. All outdoor clothing, including scarves are to be removed inside the building.

## JEWELLERY

One ring per hand – not sovereign.  
One watch.  
One chain to be worn below clothing.  
One pair of studs in lower lobe.  
No other facial piercings – including tongues, tragus, eyebrows, lips, nose, upper ear.  
All jewellery will be expected to be taken off and given in during any physical activity.  
One bracelet can be worn.

## MAKE UP

Years 7 – 8 no make-up.  
Year 9 – 11 small subtle amounts allowable.  
No nail varnish.  
No false nails to be worn at any time.  
No false eyelashes.

## HAIR COLOUR

Natural colours only. No decorative hairpieces.  
No lines, designs cut into hair.  
Grade 2 and above is acceptable. No Mohicans or other bizarre hairstyles (the Academy reserves the right to make a final decision if necessary).  
No lines in eyebrows.

## TATTOOS

Any tattoos should not be visible and should remain covered at all times.

## RELIGIOUS HEADWEAR

Any headwear of a religious nature must be black and accompanied with full academy uniform

