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As we approach the festive season, I am delighted to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and successes of this term at OSSMA. It has been a term filled with excitement, learning, and memorable experiences for our students.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, of course, our exceptional students for making this term a resounding success. Your commitment to education and collaboration is truly commendable.

One of the highlights of this term was the educational and enjoyable trip to Cadbury World. Our students had the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of chocolate-making, gaining insights into the industry's history and processes. It was a delightful outing that combined fun and learning, leaving a lasting impression on our students.

In the realm of literature, our students delved into the world of Shakespeare with a captivating performance of Macbeth. The play not only showcased the incredible talent for our drama students but also provided a unique and enriching experience for all who attended.

Additionally, our language students embarked on an exciting trip to the cinema, where they had the chance to immerse themselves in foreign films and expand their cultural horizons. These experiences go beyond the classroom, broadening our students' perspectives and fostering a love for languages and storytelling.

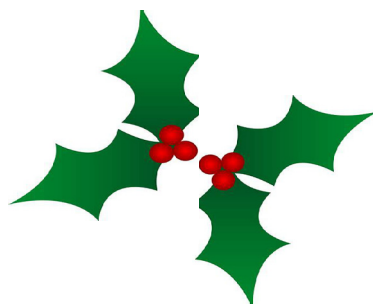
On the sporting front, our students have excelled in various PE fixtures, displaying teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship. Whether it was on the field or court, our athletes have made us proud with their hard work and determination.

As we approach the Christmas break, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a joyous and relaxing holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, laughter, and quality time with loved ones.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the success of our students. I look forward to seeing everyone recharged and ready for an even more fulfilling and successful new year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

K Hassall
Principal



DIARY DATES

Monday 8th January
Academy open to staff and students.

Wednesday 10th January
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 17th January
SEN Passport Evening

Wednesday 21st February
Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 26th February - Friday 8th March
Year 11 Mock Exams

Wednesday 6th March
Year 9 Options Evening

Wednesday 20th March
Year 7 Parents' Evening

A BIG THANK YOU!



A huge thank you from Mrs Wilmer to everyone who brought in donations for the Salvation Army. Sue and her team will be delivering these to local families this Christmas.



SUPPORT OVER THE BREAK

The holiday period can, for some, be a difficult time. Below are a range of contact details for agencies that may be able to provide support if needed:

Changes – www.changes.org.uk
 Young Minds – youngminds.org.uk
 CAMHS – www.combined.nhs.uk/ Crisis team number 0800 0328 728 option 1
 Dove – www.thedoveservice.org.uk
 SHOUT Mental Health Text Service – TEXT - 85258
 Childline – www.childline.org.uk
 Samaritans – www.samaritans.org
 The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) 07708318356
 NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 email help@nspcc.org.uk
 New Era (Domestic Abuse) – 0300 303 3778
 Speak Up Space - <https://www.speakupspace.org.uk/>
 Health for Teens <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/> - 07520 615723
 Happy Maps - <https://www.happymaps.co.uk/>

LOVE OF LEARNING

Mrs Penwright's 701 class did a Love of Learning project for the Treasure Island scheme of work. Well done to all the students and thank you for all your hard work!



STOKE CITY PLAYER VISIT

On Friday 15th December, we were fortunate to have four first-team Stoke City players visit our academy and provide an interactive workshop regarding fan engagement.

The players spent a period with the students discussing improving match day experiences. This was a rewarding experience for our students who, this term, have worked incredibly hard in PE and PSHE lessons and shown a positive and enthusiastic attitude within the academy. The students also had an opportunity to talk to the players, have photographs taken with them, and get their autographs.

The atmosphere in the room was positive and vibrant with some daring suggestions for the SCFC improvements team. All in all, this was an incredible experience for the students!

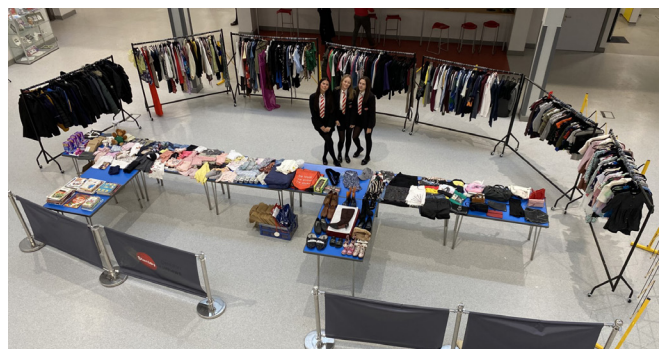


WE WILL RECYCLE PROJECT!

Over the past few months Year 10 has completed the 'We Will Recycle' project.

As part of the project they ran a community jumble sale after school on Thursday, 7th December, which was a huge success. Items were priced at 50p each and we raised a total of £78 for charity.

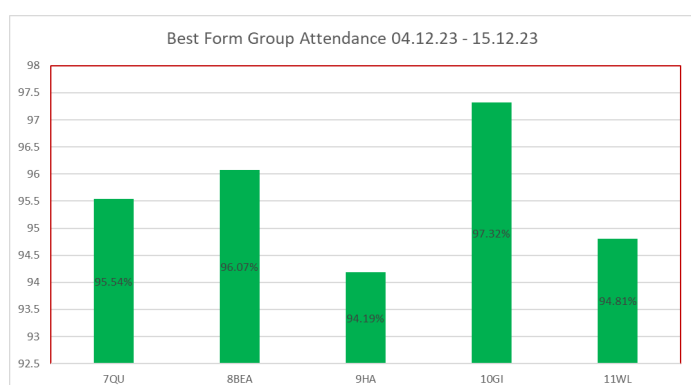
The Year 10 pupils are due to vote in an assembly for which charity they would like this to be donated to. We also have leftover clothes, which will be taken on our OSSMA school trip to South Africa in 2024, where they will be donated to those less fortunate in an orphanage. Our pupils have developed many skills throughout the course of the project, and we have discussed the importance of recycling to benefit the environment and our pockets during the cost-of-living crisis.



Absences - please remember to let us know daily when your child is absent from school. This can be done by phoning 01782 882200 and choosing option 1 for the absence line or emailing absence@ossma.co.uk.

Just a reminder that any absence relating to illness is unauthorised until medical evidence is received. Please email any evidence through to absence@ossma.co.uk or via your relevant Head of Year.

The Attendance Team at OSSMA would like to wish everyone a restful break over the Festive period. Thank you for your continued support during the Autumn Term and we look forward to the Spring Term and the return of lighter nights!



FANTASTIC FILM VISITS

As part of the Into Film Festival, the MFL department organised two visits for students to immerse themselves in a different language. Firstly, Mrs Wilmer and Mrs Lovatt took 48 students to the Cervantes Institute in Manchester to watch a Spanish film. The students had an excellent time and even got to enjoy a spot of shopping at the Trafford Centre afterwards.



Our French GCSE students also took a trip to the cinema in Hanley to watch a French film to help them develop their language skills. Thank you to Mrs Wilmer and Mrs Giller for taking the language learning out of the classroom. The students had a brilliant time along with Stoke College Film students.



AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

Recently the English Department organised a trip for Year 11 students to see Macbeth in Liverpool.

The trip was organised to support the students with their GCSE study programme. The students represented OSSMA excellently and were privileged to see what they described as a brilliant performance with an amazing immersive set.



CADBURY'S WORLD

The geography department recently took a group of Year 9 students to Cadbury's World.

During the visit the students had a tour of the factory, visited the 4D cinema and had an educational talk about Cadbury as a transnational corporation (TNC) and how it promotes Fair Trade, Cocoa Life and sustainability within its company.

The student's behaviour was exceptional, and they were a pleasure to take out of the academy.



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

Recently, the PE Department took our year 7 girls' football team to compete in a football tournament at the Stoke City Dome.

The girls were exceptional and remained undefeated with a clean sheet throughout the tournament, winning the event to bring home our first silverware this year! Goals from Tyler and Maizie secured the points, with one of Tyler's goals being titled "goal of the day"! As a team all the girls played with passion and demonstrated great team work skills.

Well done to Tyler Mae R, Maizie F, Taya C, Macie M, Kiesha C, Leedz M, Losana B and Larnie B.



A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Students of the Matilda cast visited NG Health Care to sing for the residents there to celebrate the festive period. They sang in four different units, which was extremely well received, bringing some of the residents to tears (happy tears!) as the students' voices brought back memories of younger years and missing families.

The afternoon ended with the students outside under the Christmas tree where staff, residents and parents joined them. The students who participated have worked tirelessly with show rehearsals and singing in assemblies and concerts.

