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Sir Stanley Matthews
Academy



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Welcome

State of the art facilities

Our £18.5 million pound building has created a great learning environment for our students and provides outstanding facilities for the community.

These include:

- A theatre with an integrated sound and lighting system as well as HD projection facilities.
 - State-of-the-art classrooms for each subject area.
 - A large atrium and learning resource centre.
 - ICT throughout the academy, in specialist areas and via portable devices.
- Our 3G synthetic football pitch is regarded as one of the best facilities in the city and our community/sports amenities include:
- A four badminton court sports hall equipped to accommodate a range of sports.
 - Drama studio.
 - Tennis courts.
 - Basketball court.
 - Indoor fitness suite.
 - Mirrored dance studio.
 - Indoor cricket nets.
 - Netball courts.



Welcome from our **Principal**



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At Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy (OSSMA), we have high levels of expectation. But with high expectations come increased levels of aspiration. We provide high-quality teaching and learning and excellent resources that allow students to flourish and give them the confidence to achieve anything.

We want our students to be able to compete with the best, to become the best. We want them to overcome challenges, to give them the ambition to achieve anything they want. It's not just about character building but providing opportunities to those who wouldn't usually have access to them. It's about bridging the gaps and ensuring that the students receive the education they deserve.

Here at OSSMA, we provide a safe environment, both physically and psychologically. We educate students about risks and how to remain safe. We expect our students to be able to walk proud amongst their peers and not to be afraid to offer help or ask for assistance if needed.

We also provide a unique curriculum that goes beyond the academic challenge of the classroom. Based on our values of confidence, resilience, enthusiasm, empathy, challenge and kindness (CREECK), every moment in the academy is a learning opportunity, from the student's first interaction with staff at the gate to the moment they leave.

We have an extensive personal development package both during and beyond the school day that we are committed to, offering students the chance to develop themselves personally and pursue their hobbies, interests, and talents.

Being a student at OSSMA is about much more than exam results. It's about developing the skills, knowledge and characteristics needed to ensure that everyone can reach their potential. The students of this community are as talented and as capable as anyone. Our purpose is to ensure that they prove that.

**Kelly Hassall,
Principal**

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Mathematics

Our Approach to Mathematics

Our academy offers a diverse and engaging curriculum that fosters a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Our supportive staff are dedicated to nurturing a love for problem-solving and encouraging students to tackle any challenge with confidence and resilience.

Embracing the Beauty of Mathematics

Mathematics is often referred to as the language of the world, and we strive to instil in our students a sense of enthusiasm and empathy towards this fascinating subject. Through creative and collaborative thinking, our students are prepared for the future and equipped with the skills to embrace the beauty of mathematics in all its forms.

How Mathematics Shapes Our Vision and Values

Our vision and values at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy—Confidence, Resilience, Enthusiasm, Empathy, Challenge, and Kindness—are reflected in the way we approach Mathematics. We believe that by mastering this subject, students can develop the confidence to tackle any challenge, the resilience to persevere in the face of difficulty, and the empathy to understand the world around them.

Our supportive staff are dedicated to nurturing a love for problem-solving.

Join us on this mathematical journey and discover the endless possibilities that come with embracing the beauty of Mathematics!





Science

Our science department provides an exceptional learning experience for all students, in line with the school's values of Confidence, Resilience, Enthusiasm, Empathy, Challenge, and Kindness.

Incredible Resources

We have state-of-the-art resources to support student learning and experimentation using a vast array of scientific equipment to support their practical learning and exploration. This fosters critical thinking skills in our students and encourages them to question, analyse, and explore the world around them.

Part of a Curiosity-Driven Community

We are part of a community that values curiosity, exploration, and discovery, creating a stimulating environment for scientific exploration.

Hands-on Experimentation

Students engage in hands-on experiments to deepen their understanding of scientific concepts and principles, which in turn develops confident scientists of the future who are ready to tackle tomorrow's challenges.

Join Us in Inspiring the Scientists of Tomorrow!

STEM Events and Trips

Our Science curriculum is comprehensive, covering a wide range of scientific topics to provide a well-rounded education. Students can also participate in STEM events and trips to enhance their learning experience beyond the classroom.

Ready to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

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**Sir Stanley
Matthew**



English

Our English Department at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy strives to instill a love for language and literature in our students. Our curriculum goes beyond just learning grammar rules and dissecting literature; it is about fostering a passion for expression and communication.

What We Offer

- **English Language:** Our students delve into the intricacies of the English language, honing their communication and expression skills.
- **English Literature:** From Shakespearean classics to modern poetry, we explore many literary works, fostering a love for literature.
- **Oracy Skills:** We emphasise the importance of effective communication, helping students express themselves eloquently.
- **Exciting Curriculum:** Our curriculum is designed to engage students and spark their curiosity about the beauty of language.
- **Family of Readers and Writers:** We cultivate a sense of community within our department and nurture a family of passionate readers and writers.
- **DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read):** We dedicate time for students to immerse themselves in the world of books, promoting a love of reading.
- **World Book Day:** On World Book Day, we celebrate the joy of literature and storytelling through engaging activities.

At Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, the English Department is dedicated to nurturing a love of language, literature, and learning. Join us on this journey of exploration, expression, and communication.

Modern Foreign Languages

At OSSMA, we believe in embracing diversity and preparing our students for a multicultural and multilingual society. Our Modern Foreign Languages department is designed to not only teach languages but also to open doors to endless opportunities for our students.

Key Points:

- **Four Key Skills:** Our language curriculum focuses on developing the essential skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in various languages.
- **Gateway to Endless Opportunities:** We emphasise that languages are not just subjects but gateways to different cultures, traditions, and ways of thinking. Learning a new language broadens students' perspectives and enhances their global awareness.
- **Fostering Empathy and Global Citizenship:** Learning different languages fosters empathy, understanding, and global citizenship. It allows students to connect with people from diverse backgrounds and deepen their appreciation for cultural differences.
- **Bilingualism and Multilingualism:** Being bilingual or multilingual is a significant asset in today's interconnected world. It opens opportunities, boosts cognitive skills, enhances adaptability, and makes individuals more versatile and resilient in an ever-changing global landscape.



Computing



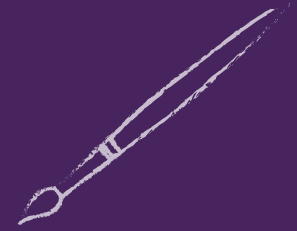
In today's ever-evolving world, technology plays a crucial role in shaping the future. Our Computing Department stays at the forefront by introducing students to the latest technological advancements, including:

- **Software and Hardware:** Our state-of-the-art computer suites provide students with the tools they need to excel in their studies allowing students to learn to navigate a variety of software and hardware systems, honing their technical skills.
- **Modern Technology:** We incorporate modern technologies to ensure our students are well-equipped for the digital age. From basic programming languages to advanced coding techniques, our curriculum covers fundamental concepts in computer science, preparing students for future challenges.
- **Digital Media:** Students explore the world of digital media, learning to create and manipulate various forms of digital content. Creative minds are nurtured through hands-on experience in video editing and animation. Our curriculum adapts to the ever-evolving world of technology, keeping students ahead of the curve.
- **Networking & Cybersecurity:** Students delve into the world of networking, gaining insights into how systems communicate and interact. Understanding the importance of cybersecurity, students learn how to protect data and information online.
- **Data Analysis:** Analysing data is a crucial skill, and our students learn how to extract meaningful insights from complex datasets.

Our Computing Department is not just about teaching technology; it's about preparing students for a future where digital literacy is essential. Join us on this exciting journey into the world of computing at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, where technology meets education, and possibilities are limitless.

**Preparing students
for a future where
digital literacy is
essential.**

Art and Design Technology



At Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, we believe in providing our students with a dynamic and engaging learning environment. Our Food and Design Technology departments are designed to instil a passion for creativity, critical thinking, and real-world skills in our students.

Product Design and Engineering

- **Hands-On Learning:** Our students dive into practical projects, getting their hands dirty (in a good way) and learning through experience. Students develop skills in working with materials and tools from crafting to construction.
- **STEM Integration:** By designing innovative solutions, we explore the intersection of science, technology, engineering, and maths, connecting classroom learning to industry practices and preparing students for future opportunities.

Embracing Challenges, Inspiring Growth

Our Food and Design Technology departments go beyond mere skill-building. We empower students to think critically, solve problems creatively, and understand the mathematical and scientific principles behind their designs.

Art & Textiles

At OSSMA, we provide a welcoming environment for every artistic passion to flourish, fostering a love for art among our diverse group of students. We believe in nurturing creativity and ambition in all our students. Our Art & Textiles department is a vibrant space where students are encouraged to be creative and imaginative, exploring various artists and art movements, as well as the world of fashion.

Students are given opportunities for personal growth and development as they express their artistic voices and explore new artistic horizons. Our curriculum blends modern and traditional design, ensuring that students are exposed to a wide range of artistic techniques and styles.

We invite you to explore our Art & Textiles department, where creativity knows no bounds and where each student is supported in their journey towards artistic excellence.

Passion for creativity, critical thinking, and real-world skills in our students.



Performance

Physical Education

At OSSMA, we believe in the holistic development of our students, nurturing their physical, mental, and social well-being. Our Physical Education (PE) department is designed to instil values of confidence, resilience, enthusiasm, empathy, challenge, and kindness, in line with our school's vision and values.

Key Focus Areas of our PE Department:

- **Developing Children:** Our PE curriculum aims to develop students physically, mentally, and socially, fostering overall growth and well-being. We encourage students to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle through exercise and healthy eating. We aim to instil a lifelong love for physical fitness, encouraging students to stay active and prioritise their health and well-being.
- **Inclusivity:** We embrace inclusivity, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to participate in physical activities regardless of skill level or athletic prowess. From team sports to individual pursuits, our PE department offers a wide variety of activities to cater to different interests and abilities.

Emphasis on Health and Wellbeing:

- Our PE department focuses not only on physical fitness but also on promoting positive mental health among students. We take a holistic approach to health and well-being, considering the interconnectedness of physical, mental, and emotional aspects. We provide a supportive and encouraging environment where students are motivated to strive for excellence while feeling valued and supported.

Our PE department aims to empower students to lead healthy and active lives, develop essential life skills, and cultivate a positive attitude towards health and well-being.

Cultivate a positive attitude towards health and well-being.



Drama

At OSSMA, we believe that drama is a vital part of a well-rounded education. Our drama department is designed to nurture talent, creativity, and skill in all our students, regardless of their background. We strive to create a supportive community where everyone is encouraged to participate, learn, and grow together.

Key Highlights of our Drama Department:

- **Talent Development:** We focus on discovering and nurturing the unique talents of each student. Through acting and performing or learning about the technical side of theatre, students develop confidence and a sense of belonging.
- **Annual School Musical:** Our school proudly presents an annual musical production that showcases the talents of our students.
- **Public Speaking:** Students have opportunities to develop their public speaking skills through various performances and scripted oracy.

- **Lasting Memories:** Our drama department creates lasting memories and fosters a love for drama in our students, forging strong friendships through collaborative projects and performances. Drama at our school is all about having fun, exploring creativity, and shining on stage.

Experience the magic of drama at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, where every student can shine, grow, and create lasting memories.



Music

At OSSMA, we provide a vibrant and engaging musical experience for all our students. We believe in fostering a love for music and creating a safe space where students cannot only learn, but also express themselves and explore their unique musical talents.

Instruments

Our music department boasts state-of-the-art keyboards for students to practice and perform on. Students have the opportunity to learn and play the ukulele, adding a fun and unique element to their musical education. Our drum kit allows students to explore rhythm and percussion dynamically. Experience the rich sounds of the Caribbean with our Steele Pan Drums, or immerse yourself in the rhythms and beats of African drumming, learning about different cultures through music.

Facilities

Our dedicated practice rooms offer students a quiet, focused space to hone their musical skills. Students can also unleash their creativity in our recording studio, where they can record and produce their own music.

Music Education

By developing an appreciation for different genres and styles of music through active listening and encouraging students to express themselves through composing their own music, students can showcase their musical talents through various performances and concerts.

Our music department is all about fun and enjoyment. We focus on creating an educational environment that is exciting and enjoyable. Students can explore their musical passions and bond over their shared love for music, making learning a truly rewarding experience.



Humanities

History

At OSSMA, we believe that understanding the past is crucial for shaping the future. Our History curriculum is designed to engage students in exploring the human past, understanding significant events and developments, and recognising how history influences modern society.

Key Points Covered in Our History Curriculum

- Our students are encouraged to analyse historical events and develop logical arguments based on evidence and critical thinking. Through the study of history, students gain insight into the interconnectedness of politics, economics, and sociology, and how these aspects have shaped societies over time.
- From ancient civilizations to modern conflicts, our curriculum covers a wide range of important events in history, allowing students to develop a comprehensive understanding. We believe in preserving historical memories and learning from the mistakes and successes of the past.
- Our history lessons incorporate diverse perspectives and voices, ensuring that students gain a well-rounded understanding of historical events. We celebrate the achievements of individuals and communities throughout history, inspiring students to strive for excellence.
- Students are encouraged to explore the process of discovery and innovation that has shaped human history. Lessons promote open-mindedness, critical thinking, and empathy towards different cultures and perspectives.
- Our curriculum fosters healthy political debate, encouraging students to engage in discussions about governance, power, and social structures. Students learn about different political ideologies and systems, including capitalism, fascism, and republics, and their impact on societies. We emphasise the importance of democracy, equality, and freedom in building a just society, aligning with British values.

Explore the complexities of the past and prepare to shape a better future.



Geography

Geography is a subject that sparks a sense of wonder about the diverse places around the world. Through our curriculum, we encourage students to question, investigate, and think critically about global issues that impact our planet and its inhabitants.

Focus Areas

Environment: Our Geography curriculum delves into topics such as sustainability, recycling, and climate change, empowering students to understand the importance of preserving our planet for future generations. Students learn about the causes and effects of climate change and the actions they can take to combat this pressing issue.

Urbanisation: We explore the phenomenon of urbanisation and its implications on societies, economies, and the environment. We emphasise the significance of protecting endangered species and biodiversity for a balanced ecosystem.

Geographical Phenomena: Students take their learning outside the classroom and show geographical phenomena in the real world through various trips. Students are equipped with various skills that allow them to collect their own fieldwork data and later prepare them for future careers.

Join us on this exciting journey of exploration and discovery as we navigate the complexities of our planet together, where every student has the potential to make a difference.

Religious Studies (RS)

At OSSMA, we believe that Religious Studies plays a crucial role in shaping our students' understanding of the world around them. Our curriculum is designed to respect the views of others, explore faith, delve into moral issues, and examine the impact of different societies and cultures on beliefs and practices.

Focus Areas

- Students will have the opportunity to learn about major world religions, understanding the fundamental principles and practices that shape these belief systems. Throughout KS3, students will study the six major world religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism) as well as the Baha'i faith.
- Through studying various faiths and cultures, our students embark on a journey of self-discovery, developing their own sense of identity and belonging in a multicultural society. Our curriculum encourages students to critically analyse different viewpoints, fostering respect for diverse perspectives and promoting empathy towards others.

We provide a safe and inclusive environment for students to express their thoughts and beliefs, fostering respect and understanding. We empower students to engage with different faiths, cultures, and beliefs with an open mind and respectful attitude.



Personal Development

At Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, we believe in nurturing and developing our students not just academically, but as individuals with a strong sense of character and purpose. Our vision and values of Confidence, Resilience, Enthusiasm, Empathy, Challenge, and Kindness form the foundation of our approach to personal development.

Our focus on personal development goes beyond academic results. We are dedicated to providing our students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for life beyond the classroom. Through a variety of experiences and opportunities, we aim to shape their attitudes towards careers, everyday life, hobbies, interests, and more.

Key Areas of Personal Development

- **Personal Experiences:** We believe in providing diverse experiences that broaden students' horizons and help them discover their passions.
 - **Career Exploration:** Our students have the opportunity to explore various career paths through visits to colleges, universities, and engaging in work experience placements.
 - **Extracurricular Activities:** From after-school clubs to sporting events, we encourage students to participate in activities that spark their interests and develop their talents.
 - **Trips and Travel:** Students have the chance to participate in both overseas and UK trips, fostering a sense of curiosity and cultural awareness.
 - **PHSE (Personal, Health, and Social Education):** Our comprehensive PHSE curriculum equips students with essential life skills, including building friendships, managing relationships, and making informed decisions.
 - **Duke of Edinburgh:** We support students in undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award, promoting personal development through volunteering, physical activities, skills development, and expeditions.
- **Learning Beyond the Classroom:** We recognise the importance of learning experiences outside traditional settings, encouraging students to explore the world around them and apply their knowledge in real-life contexts.
 - **Building Friendships:** Our focus on kindness and empathy fosters a supportive and inclusive community where students can build lasting friendships.
 - **Representing the Academy:** Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles and represent the academy with pride, developing confidence and communication skills.

Engaging Parents and the Wider Community

We believe that the support of parents and the wider community is crucial in fostering the personal development of our students. Through open communication, collaboration, and shared values, we work together to create a safe and nurturing environment where all students can learn, thrive, and achieve, no matter their background.



A well-rounded education that prepares them for life beyond the classroom.



Transition into Year 7

At Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, we understand that transitioning from primary school to high school can be exciting and daunting for students and their parents. We aim to make this transition as smooth as possible, minimising any anxiety and worry along the way.

What to Expect During Transition:

- **Exciting Opportunities:** Students can sample lessons, meet new friends, and get to know our dedicated staff.
- **Familiarising with the Environment:** We provide opportunities for students to explore the building and facilities, ensuring they feel comfortable in their new surroundings.
- **Transition Support:** Our transition summer school and extended settling-in programme are designed to help students adjust seamlessly to their new academic journey.
- **Designated Outdoor Area:** Year 7 students have an exclusive outdoor space for breaks and lunch, fostering a sense of community and belonging.
- **Warm Welcome:** Our welcoming atmosphere encourages students to wear their OSSMA uniform with pride, embodying our values of Confidence, Resilience, Enthusiasm, Empathy, Challenge, and Kindness.
- **Exceptional Support:** With excellent pastoral care and an exceptional SEND department, we ensure every student receives the support they need to thrive.
- **Caring Staff:** Our supportive and caring staff are dedicated to guiding students through their OSSMA journey, emphasising our vision of creating a safe place where all students can learn, thrive, and achieve, no matter their background.

A smooth transition sets the foundation for a successful academic career. At Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, we are committed to providing a nurturing environment where every student can reach their full potential. Join us on this exciting journey!

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