



As we get close to the end of the school term, we are excited to celebrate what our students have achieved.

During the last week, students will enjoy a special rewards day with outdoor games and quizzes, as well as their celebration assemblies to recognize their efforts during the school year.

We are also looking forward to our annual sports day, and the PE team is busy preparing for this fun filled and action packed event.

Next week you will also receive our end of year letter with information about the forthcoming academic year.

Kelly Hassall
Principal

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 15th July

Rewards Day

Thursday 17th July

Sports Day

Friday 18th July

Last day of term

Thursday 21st August

GCSE Results Day 9-11am

Mon 1st & Tues 2nd September

INSET days

Wednesday 3rd September

Students return to the academy

ATTENTION NEW INTAKE PARENTS

If you were unable to attend our Information Evening, don't worry! Uniform collection will take place at the academy on Saturday 12th July. Please call the school office on 01782 882200 to book an appointment time to ensure a smooth and organised collection. We look forward to welcoming you and your child soon!

SCHOOL SYNERGY - DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Calling all OSSMA parents! Stay connected with our FREE Synergy App and celebrate your child's success!

Get instant updates on:

- CREECK Awards
- Attendance, detentions, and school events
- Messages from teachers

It's super easy to use:

1. Download from the App Store or Google Play
2. Log in with your credentials
3. Update your contact details in seconds

Accurate information (phone, email, medical) ensures you never miss a thing! Plus, download by July 16, 2025, for a chance to win a £50 voucher!

Need help? Join our App Onboarding Event here at school on July 15, 3:30–4:30 PM. Further support and other events will be available in September!

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8 BOOKS IN 8 WEEKS - OSSMA STUDENTS TAKE ON THE CARNEGIE CHALLENGE

Over the past eight weeks, a dedicated group of Year 8, 9, and 10 students embarked on an exciting reading journey, tackling all eight shortlisted titles in this year's Yoto Carnegie Awards. As part of the national Carnegie Shadowing Scheme, students read, reviewed, and debated a wide range of thought-provoking books, exploring new perspectives and voices. After completing the challenge, they voted for their favourite book for the Shadowers' Choice Award, connecting their reading experience with others across the UK.

Celebration Day: Live Stream & Buffet

To celebrate their achievement, students gathered in the Learning Resource Centre to join the national live stream of the official winners. The event ended with a well-earned buffet and ice lollies, giving students time to reflect, chat and enjoy the reward for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Showcasing Student Voices

Every student received a Carnegie Shadowers' Magazine, which features not only their own reviews but also writing from students who shared their reading journey. These reviews offer fresh insight into the short-listed books and aim to inspire other pupils to pick up a Carnegie title themselves.

How to Get Involved

Want to support your child's love of reading? Encourage them to explore a Carnegie shortlisted title! These powerful and engaging books are available to borrow from the school's Learning Resource Centre and through the Sora App, where students can access both eBook and audio-book versions to suit their individual needs and preferences.

We are proud to prioritise an inclusive library environment, ensuring that all students, regardless of reading level, feel welcome and supported in their reading journey.



ANOTHER WIN FOR TENNIS CHAMPS

The Year 9 Boys are City Tennis Champions 2025!

The boys all contributed to the victory winning a total of 25 games (2nd placed school won 21 games).

There were lots of schools at the event, where the boys played in some very competitive matches. Well done to Aiden W, Ethan W, Charlie H and Max D.



RESULTS

GCSE Results Day Thursday 21st August 9-11am

Year 11 students are invited in to collect their exam results on the above date between the hours of 9am and 11am. If students are unable to collect results in person please can they email sjones@ossma.co.uk to receive a form to complete, nominating a designated adult for collection on their behalf.

No results will be issued over the phone or to anyone without completion of the nomination form, with prior notice.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM TRIP A PROFOUND AND UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

On 1st July, 51 students from OSSMA had the privilege of visiting the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Newark—a deeply moving and educational experience that left a lasting impression on all who attended.

The visit began with *The Journey*, a powerful exhibition that immersed us in 1930s Berlin through the eyes of a young Jewish boy named Leo. Through his diary, students followed the rise of Nazism, stood in the aftermath of Kristallnacht, and rode the Kindertransport—gaining a unique and personal insight into the experiences of Jewish children during the Holocaust.

Students then walked through the peaceful and reflective memorial garden, where students laid stones in memory of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust—an act that allowed for a moment of quiet respect and personal contemplation.

In the museum's main exhibition, students explored the historical timeline of the Holocaust, examining artefacts, testimonies, and multimedia displays that brought to life the devastating impact of prejudice, persecution, and genocide.

A highlight of the day was a truly humbling conversation with Holocaust survivor Stephen Frank. Stephen shared his personal story of growing up in Amsterdam, his family's journey through multiple concentration camps, and his remarkable survival. Our students listened with great sensitivity and asked thoughtful, compassionate questions during a Q&A session that left many deeply moved.

The visit concluded with a seminar on modern-day antisemitism and the lessons we must continue to carry forward from the Holocaust. The session helped students reflect on the importance of remembrance, tolerance, and standing up against hatred in all its forms.

Throughout the day, our students were a credit to the academy—demonstrating maturity, empathy, and a deep engagement with the subject matter. Staff at the museum commented on their exemplary behaviour and insightful contributions.

This was more than just a school trip—it was an experience that will stay with our students for years to come. They return not only with a deeper understanding of the past but also with a stronger sense of responsibility for the future.



REWARD DAY

Ormiston
Sir Stanley Matthews
Academy

Tuesday 15th July 2025
9-3:30 pm

ORMISTON SIR STANLEY MATTHEWS ACADEMY

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Laser Tag Arena •
- Bungee Run •
- Demolition Ball •
- Human Table Football •
- Go Karts •
- Aztec Obstacle Course •
- Popcorn •
- Candy Floss •
- Burrito Bar •
- And much more!



Keep collecting those positive points to be eligible.

As we approach the end of the summer term, and ultimately the end of the academic year, the attendance team would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers in their support this year, as every year, it is appreciated.

We are very happy to say that at this point in the academic year, we have seen an improvement across the whole school in overall attendance.

Summer term and whole year rewards will be issued in the final week of the term.

Polite reminder - holidays during term time are unlikely to be authorised unless they are for extenuating circumstances and this may result in a fine from the Local Authority (currently £80 per adult, per child). Should you receive a penalty notice, then the next holiday in term time will automatically be declined regardless of the reason, and the Penalty Notice then increases to £160 per adult, per child.

A third holiday within a three-year period will, unfortunately, result in an immediate referral and this automatically gets heard at Court, where fines around £1000 will be issued per parent per child. Please note, this is a directive from the Department for Education and the academy has to implement the rules. Once the Penalty Notice has been submitted to the Local Authority, it cannot be withdrawn, therefore it is essential that any in-term holidays are notified to the school, via a Leave of Absence form (available from reception) with a minimum of 4 weeks' notice.

This is so we are able to review your request and send a response out in a timely manner. Holidays in term time, taken without submission of a Leave of Absence form will automatically be declined and referred to the Local Authority.



BUTTON BATTERY SAFETY

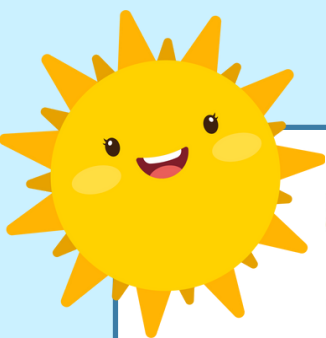


Button batteries are small, round, silver-coloured batteries that come in many different sizes and types. They power many of our devices to make our lives more convenient.

Most button batteries pass through the body without a problem. But if a lithium coin cell battery gets stuck in the food pipe, energy from the battery reacts with saliva to create caustic soda. This is the chemical used to unblock drains!

This can burn through the food pipe, to the main artery and lead to catastrophic internal bleeding and death. The chemical reaction can happen in as little as two hours. However, sometimes it takes days or even weeks.

Lithium coin cell batteries can also cause life-changing injuries. There is a risk that the food pipe is too badly damaged for a child to eat normally again or the vocal cords are too badly damaged for a child to speak normally again. For further advice follow this link <http://bit.ly/4lc194N>



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Holiday Activities and Food - Stoke-on-Trent

The Hubb Foundation and Stoke-on-Trent City Council are inviting you to join us for some holiday fun!

Thanks to funding from the Department for Education (DfE) we are pleased to bring you Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme to Stoke-on-Trent for 2025!

What's in it for your child?

1. They get to try new things, we have lots of activities provided by some brilliant local providers.
2. They get to have fun, no day or hour will be the same.
3. They will be able to see their friends and make new ones.
4. We will ensure all children are fed at the session.

What's even better... It's a FREE programme for children aged 4 - 16 and is aimed at those who are eligible for Free School Meals.

Do you want your child to join the fun?

Visit our website **or** scan the QR code below to book on to a session.
<https://www.thehubbfoundation.com/what-s-on>

*Don't forget if your plans change then cancel your booking so another child can come along.

Kind Regards,

The Hubb Foundation

