



As we approach the festive season, this newsletter reflects on some of our recent achievements and highlights upcoming activities within our community. We are pleased with the progress made during the Year 11 mock examinations and the interventions implemented, as well as the dedication demonstrated by our students in completing coursework for their vocational courses.

Our forthcoming Christmas Fair on 16th December promises to be a delightful event, featuring local stalls alongside traditional activities, including our festive Santa's Grotto.

We also look forward to our 'Strictly Come Dancing' event on 18th December, where staff members will compete for the coveted Glitterball trophy. We are confident it will be an engaging and enjoyable occasion.

As we enter the festive season, we wish our OSSMA community well and hope they are enjoying a restful and peaceful time.

Kelly Hassall
Principal



**OSSMA Christmas Jumper Day is
Friday 12th December – let's see
those festive knits!**

DIARY DATES

Friday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner in the Bistro

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Fayre 5-7pm

Friday 19th December

Non Uniform Day £1 donation

Academy closes at 12:15pm

Monday 5th January

INSET day. Academy closed to students.

Tuesday 6th January

Students return to the academy

Wednesday 7th January

Year 11 Parents' Evening

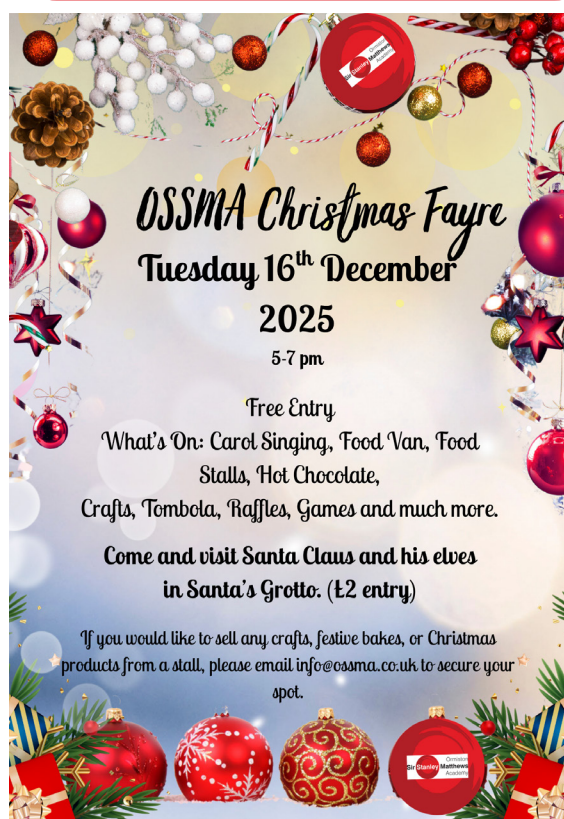


Table Tennis Update

Students played their first game in the North Staffs Table Tennis League recently. The team won the fixture 12-8 against St Margaret Ward. Well done to:

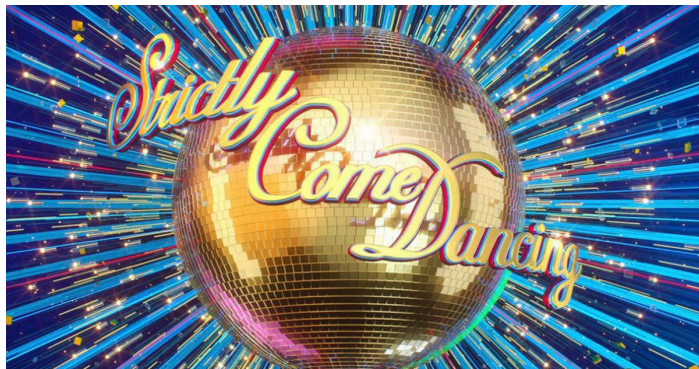
Aiden W, Ethan W, Charlie H, Jack T, Hunter M, Mason B, Toby M and Charlie B.



Strictly Come Dancing!

WHO WILL TAKE THE GLITTERBALL TROPHY!!

On Thursday 18th December our staff will compete for the glory of the glitterball. To raise money for Year 11 Prom we are hosting our own Strictly Come Dancing event. Tickets are available for students to purchase on Parent Pay for £2.50 and the event is from 3:30-4:30pm.



ESports Champions!!!

Newcastle college have seen an increase in the number of students from our school who choose to take their E-sports course, and so invited OSSMA students to a taster day.

Throughout the day, students took part in 3 sessions:

The first was game character design. Students were assigned a random game genre and type, and asked to design characters to fit into the game using online character development software. Special mentions here to Sam M, Tyler H and Oliver H for their 'epic fantasy' characters, and to Nico C for his 'modern civilian' character.

The second session was more focused on the E-sports industry with an insight into how competitive tournaments are run, and the chance to try games such as League of Legends, Overwatch and Geo-guessr.

Finally, our students broke into teams of 4 to take part in a Rocketleague tournament, OSSMA absolutely dominated the competition to take both places in the final. The rest of the attendees sat in the media centre whilst the final was broadcast live to them, along with commentary from a professional E-sports commentator.

Our runner-up team consisted of Tyler H, Oliver H, Ivan T and Sam M, whilst the overall winners were Lucas S, Tommy S, Harrison P and Nico C. OSSMA's first ever E-Sports trophy is on the way!



Young Leaders....

Recently our Student Leadership Team visited Stoke Sixth Form College to take part in a leadership and team work workshop.

The students took part in 3 main sessions:

- A workshop on structure and stability. Students had to work as a team to build a brick from paper, that would support the weight of a real brick at the end of the session. The clear winners from the 4 groups that competed were Warren, Lilly-Paige, Faith and Dylan so a big well done to them!
- A communication workshop led by the college's Performing Arts department, where the students had the opportunity to practise their public speaking skills by using the skills of connecting with their audience and ensuring congruence between their speech and body language.
- A final challenge where communication and team work was put to the test in a fast paced 20 minute activity, where teams scored points for each section of the challenge they completed successfully. Well done to Nicole, Eva, Josie and Layla's team on winning this challenge.



In addition to this, students learned about misconceptions surrounding ability and understanding, as well as getting a small insight into A level Philosophy. One of the highlights of the day was student helper Jacob T, who left in OSSMA in 2024. Jacob is currently undergoing mock interviews in preparation for his real-life interview at Cambridge University, where he intends to study Philosophy. Well done to all involved!

OSSMA Girls and Boys Football!

The following students played football recently against St Thomas More Y11. We completely dominated the game and came away with a 4-0 victory which could quite easily have been double that.

Well done to: Nik B, Brayden D, Alfie R, Reece L, Harry B, Lucas S, Callum B (1 goal), Harrison C, Harrison P (1 goal) Arslan M (1 goal), Aaron R (1 goal) James P, Ashley D

The following pupils represented the school and played against Trentham Academy recently. It was an absolutely amazing performance and we won 17-0. Well done to: Jaime - Leigh R - 1, Brooke S -1, Daisy C -1,

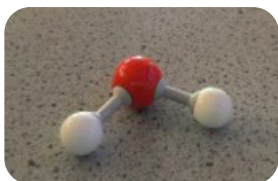
Isla R, Faith R GK - clean sheet, Mya C -6, Peyton E, Lacey Lou C -1, Kiesha C, Tyler - Mai R - 7, Olivia C and Lottie C.

The Under 14s Girls Team have also played Saint John Fisher in the first round of the County Cup. We won 12-2 playing some fantastic football, superb passing and movement and scoring some fantastic goals!

Well done to: Peyton E, Phoebe T -3, Tyler Mai R -4, Mya C - 4, Jaime Leigh R -1, Star B, Olivia C, Lottie C, Hephzibah O, Lexi F, Isla R, Daisy C and Faith R.

Well done to all our OSSMA players!

Science STEM Club

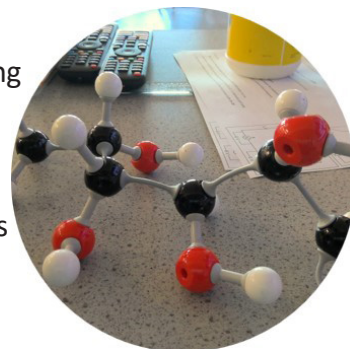


This week, our science STEM club students have been building models of compounds using Molymods.



The students have been discussing the type of bonding that takes place to form certain compounds and how many bonds certain elements can make.

The science department is very proud of our Science STEM club; every member is fully committed and participates with laser focus and an amazing curiosity for science.



Amazing Stardome Experience

On Wednesday 19th November 2025, Year 7 enjoyed an interactive experience with the Stardome titled 'cells, cells, cells'.

The session was in conjunction with Staffordshire University Higher Horizons, and the focus of the session was to showcase the importance of STEM subjects and how they link to careers and the wider world.



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Student Absences

- **Phone:** Call our main number and press 1 to report an absence.
- **Simply leave your child's name, what year they are in and the reason for their absence.**
- **If you need someone to call you back, please mention this in your message.**
- **Email:** Send absence details to absence@ossma.co.uk
- **Please note: You do not need to speak directly to our reception team for absences; this helps keep our lines free for urgent calls.**

ParentPay Support

- For any ParentPay queries or login details, please email: parentpaysupport@ossma.co.uk
- We will respond promptly with the information you need

General Enquiries

Email: office@ossma.co.uk for:

- Synergy codes
- Non-urgent enquiries
- Complaints
- General questions

We aim to respond within 48 hours, often sooner, depending on the nature of your request.