

What an exceptional Spring term we have had. Firstly, I would like to extend my congratulations to our Performance students who achieved success at the regional finals of OAT's Got Talent. Well done to all those involved.

Our Performance Faculty also impressed everyone with their production of High School Musical. Organising such a high-calibre production requires significant dedication and effort from both students and staff, and this success is a testament to their hard work.

At the academy, we highly value providing students with extracurricular opportunities. Recent trips have included visits to the Imperial War Museum, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and our annual trip to South Africa.

As we approach the examination season, I would like to wish our Year 11 students the very best of luck. Their dedication and progress continue to inspire me daily. I also extend my support to our Year 10 students, who have begun their first mock exam window, demonstrating great maturity and commitment.

As always, I am immensely proud to serve as Principal of OSSMA and to work with such talented and dedicated students.

I wish everyone a restful break and look forward to welcoming the students back refreshed and ready for the new term.



**Kelly Hassall**  
Principal

## OSSMA'S GOT TALENT

Every year OAT hold an Ormiston's Got Talent competition and places are hotly contended!

OSSMA had four entries that went to the regional finals that took place recently. Noah T sang, Amelia G did a solo dance, our dance club performed and our High School Musical cast performed a song. All were absolutely amazing, they performed with style, flare and confidence.

Our dance club won first place for the secondary school category. We are so proud of how they performed and conducted themselves throughout the day.



### DIARY DATES

**Monday 13th April**

Students return to the academy

**Monday 4th May**

May Day Bank Holiday

**Monday 18th May**

Year 10 Work Experience Week

**Friday 22nd May**

Last Day of Term

**Monday 1st June**

Students return to the academy

# World Book Day 2026!

Here at OSSMA World Book Day is always a fantastic team effort led by our Reading and Literacy Queen Mrs George. Students were thrilled to see the efforts of staff who dressed up as characters based on their career from famous books. Our Humanities team were conservationists, our Maths team were spies and our English team were bankers. All in all it was a fantastic effort that the students loved.



## We are the champions!

Ormiston Academies Trust held a quiz during World Book Day that our Year 10 students participated in.

Our Year 10s stormed the podium after pure domination from the start! Ashton was on the button, speed was everything! The winning team included Ashton B, Rylee M, Corey T, Ava L, Thomas B, Kieran B, Levi B, Destini E, Hyatt H, Lacey G, Emily F and Angel S.



## Bankers' Brunch

During World Book Day there was also a Bankers' Brunch held in the English Hub.

During the brunch the students discussed our academy DEAR reads, their favourite books of all time and which books should be banned.

They also participated in the OAT Bingo activity. Levi B, Y10, was the happy winner of a tub of Quality Street, which he generously shared with the other students. The students invited the brunch were those who have demonstrated a commitment to reading and are reading ambassadors.



## High School Musical 2026...that's a wrap!

Congratulations to our students and the Performance Faculty on their amazing production of High School Musical. We are so proud of everyone who participated, whether it was on stage or behind the scenes, the show was incredible!

A big thank you to Miss Parkes and Mrs Jenkins for all their hard work, and a special mention for all our students who made it so memorable.



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# A trip to the Imperial War Museum

Recently our History team took 58 Year 9 students to the Imperial War Museum North. As well as exploring the museum, students took part in a workshop titled Life in Nazi Germany 1919–1939. The session explored key themes including dictatorship and control, propaganda, youth movements, and the impact of Nazi policies on everyday life. Students engaged thoughtfully with artefacts and source material, demonstrating strong contextual understanding and historical empathy.

Several students stood out for the clarity of their explanations and their ability to build on each other's responses in a collaborative and academic manner. They asked perceptive questions and showed genuine curiosity about the topic. Well done to Tristan D, Rio B, Krystal B, Logan L, Marwa T, Tom C, Azaan H, Noah T, Matt M, Jack F, Jacob G and Eva K.

During the workshop discussions, students confidently presented their ideas and supported their opinions with evidence. Their contributions were articulate, insightful, and reflective of impressive oracy skills. Our Year 9 students conducted themselves throughout the visit with maturity, focus, and respectful behaviour. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school, and we are very proud of the way they represented us.



# STEM Successes



## Year 9 Forensics Stoke-on-Trent college

Fourteen of our Year 9 students went to Stoke-on-Trent 6<sup>th</sup> Form College for a morning of forensics in conjunction with Higher Horizons.

Students completed forensic tasks to identify evidence using various scientific techniques. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and students demonstrated exemplary behaviour.



## Stoke Scholars-Staffordshire University

26 of our Year 10 students went to Staffordshire University recently for their follow up event in conjunction with Higher Horizons.

Students completed 'Apprentice' style tasks to create a product for a particular generation born person. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and were a credit to our academy.

Staff were impressed with a particularly original "Protein X, X-tra milk, X-tra muscle" design.



## STEM OLYMPICS Stoke-on-Trent College

Five students were accompanied to Stoke-on-Trent College for the above event.

Our students were amazing and had a fantastic day. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for Biology and had the most unique trundle wheel. The students were amazing and represented our academy impeccably.

Thank to Fatima B, Alfred R, Scarlett T, Aina H and Riley B.



## OAT STEM Project - Harper Adams University Visit

As part of an ongoing project, six Year 10 students visited Harper Adams University in Newport for a day of STEM activities.

The highlight of the day was the Rally car tyre change challenge. The overall winners were Oliver W and Miruna C, well done!!



## Move Your Way!

Recently Miss Bryan took some of our Year 8 students to the Stoke School's 'Move your way' Festival. This was organised for girls who lack confidence and self-esteem to try and encourage and inspire them to try new things.

The girls were an absolute pleasure and had the best time- especially on the bikes that created them a fruit smoothie! It was an amazing day for Lily HR, Lilly P, Jorgie B, Jessica T, Jessica P, Lilith E, Poppy C, Skyla O'R, Scarlet H, Amy C and Lexi B.



## National Champion!

Alfie R from Year 10 is now U16 National Hammer Champion 2026.

On his very last throw, Alfie launched an incredible 58.79m, smashing a championship record and securing gold. After five throws he was sitting in 4th place. The pressure was on.

Alfie didn't panic. He stayed focused, trusted his training, and delivered a personal best when it mattered most.

What an amazing result - well done Alfie!



## Badminton Trip!

We took 40 pupils to watch the 'All England Badminton Championships' in Birmingham. This was a reward trip for the pupils who regularly attend our badminton extra-curricular clubs.

They all had a great time and are inspired by some top performances from the best players in the world.



## Fantastic Football!

Well done to our Under 14 girls football team who played St Thomas Moore recently and were amazing - winning 8 - 0. The students were a credit to OSSMA so congratulations to Mia B, Lottie C, Holly B, Leisha B, Hephz O, Isla R, Jaime-Leigh R, Faith R x 1, Daisy C x 6, Mya C, Poppy C, Rose D and Losana B!

## Netball Success!

Congratulations to our students who participated in the City Netball Competition.

Our students were a credit to the academy and were so enthusiastic showing lots of potential - winning 3 games and scoring over 10 goals which is amazing as this was their first competitive tournament as a team! Well done to Hephz O, Leisha B, Mia B, Daphne N, Lily D, Mirabel E, Lexi F, Star B, Lynell M and Lily Grace P.



# Happy Easter!

— Join us for Easter fun on the farm! —




## Easter Events


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-  1, 2, 9th Holiday Club HAF  
11 am - 2 pm
  -  4th Saturday Club Aiming High (10 am - 12 pm)
  -  6th Holiday Club HAF (10.30 am - 12.30 pm)
  -  6th 1.30 - 2.00 Family Farmer Session  
(Feeding & close animal encounters) £15 per family
  -  8th Holiday Club HAF (11 am - 1 pm)
  -  8th 13.15 - 15.15 Animal Pottery Painting  
& meet our fur friends (£15 per child)
  -  18th Family Day Aiming High (10 am - 1 pm)



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