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What's Happening at Ormiston!

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Senior Team Introduction

As we near the end of another academic year, it is a great time to reflect upon the amazing opportunities and incredible success of our fantastic students since our last newsletter.

It has been a jam-packed term with some sad goodbyes to our Year 11s and lots of welcomes to our new year 7s. The year 11 cohort have worked incredibly hard in preparation for their final examinations, with P6, P7, early mornings, half term, Saturday AND Sunday revision sessions. The exam season culminated in an emotional last day and brilliant Leavers' Assembly. This was followed by the prom at the BET 365 stadium, where the students and staff made a huge effort and all looked amazing and had a night to remember!!

The transition day and evening for the Year 6 students, parents and guardians who will join us in September was very well received by all and we cannot wait to see you all. They all made an excellent impression on our staff with excellent manners and a real focus on learning.

Our Year 10 students have had a hectic end to the year as they prepared for and sat their Y10 mock examinations. We have a mock exam results event to look forward to before we break up for summer. Year 10 have also been engaged with work experience and we have had some brilliant reports back about how well they have worked and represented themselves and the academy.

The extra-curricular clubs have been well attended and students have flourished. We are proud to announce the formation of our new culture and diversity leadership team and thank Miss Amoah for setting this up. Many of our sporting students have represented the academy, city and county at a variety of athletics events and we are very proud of them all! Many thanks to our brilliant PE department for the encouragement, coaching and transportation of our students(See inside for more information).

There has been a plethora of trips to further and higher education establishments to really push and focus our students on aiming as high as possible. These include the Y10 maths fest and the Year 10 STEM events held at Keele University and the year 8 university trip to Staffordshire University.

Year 7 students enjoyed an enlightening trip to the mosque in Normacot and were blown away with the beauty of the building.

This term has also seen students enjoying a cultural trip to Paris, led brilliantly as always by Mr Tidy... 'c'etait fantastique!"

The science faculty and many other willing staff took our year 7 students to Chester Zoo and had an enchanting day with the animals.

We are now looking forward to our annual sports day (postponed once due to our wonderful summer climate!!) and our end of year reward trips to Alton Towers and Uttoxeter Cineworld. The last day, our house competition day, promises to be exciting, fun and tension filled, with LOTS of prizes and rewards, culminating in the final 'scores on the doors' as we crown our house champions for 2023... Who will it be?

All that is left to do, is to wish you a happy, restful and safe summer and we cannot wait to welcome you back on Tuesday the 5th of September for another packed, exciting, eventful and most of all, hugely successful year.

Mr Martin

House Points and Competitions

City Super 8 Athletics

Some of our more sporty students took part in a city wide athletics championship at Northwood Stadium on 6th June. Mr Maxwell couldn't have been prouder of the amount of hard work the students put in and some of our boys also won the relay! Well done to all who took part.



Extreme

Reading Competition Summer 2023



What Do I Have to Do?

- Get someone to take a picture of yourself reading in an unusual location or situation! Please be careful and remember safety first!
- You could dress up in a costume or create an unusual scene in your living room. You don't need to go anywhere.
- **Deadline Friday 8th September.** Please email your photos to Miss Brammer (nbrammer@omera.co.uk) or bring a copy to the Library.
- Winners will receive prizes and house points. Extra house points are up for grabs if you persuade your form tutor/teacher to take part.



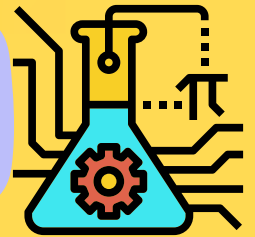
Happy Extreme Reading!!!



Extra Curricular Highlights

STEM Club

Mr Taylor runs the STEM club every Wednesday Week A lunchtime. There are always amazing mind-boggling work going on and the students involved get to take part in national competitions. If STEM is your thing, speak to Mr Taylor to register interest.



Sports Clubs

SPORT

Multi-Sports Club every Monday with Stoke City Football

Netball every Tuesday with Miss James

Cricket practice on Wednesday - Invite only, register interest with Mr Goodwin

Badminton every Wednesday with Miss James and Mrs Sutton

Girls' Football every Thursday with Mrs Sutton

Baking Club

Mrs Brereton runs the Baking Club every Thursday Week B after school. Treat your loved ones to a yummy dessert - or eat it on the way home....we won't tell anyone!



Mindful Colouring

Join Miss Cooper and Mr Cotterill for a fun and peaceful colouring session in F64 every lunchtime. Calm your mind and relax with some artwork.

BE KIND
TO YOUR
MIND

Craft Club

Craft club runs at lunchtime every Thursday for years 8 and 9 run by Miss Gibson and Miss Bailey. There are only 10 slots available so register interest quickly!



In Harmony Orchestra Club

Mr Jones runs the orchestra club on Tuesdays. Please speak to Mr Jones to register interest.





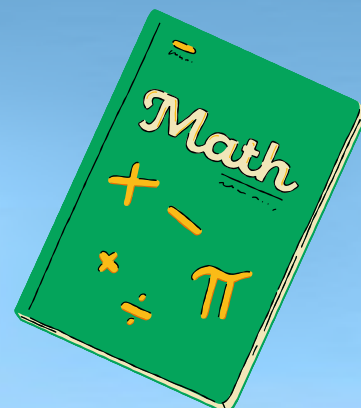
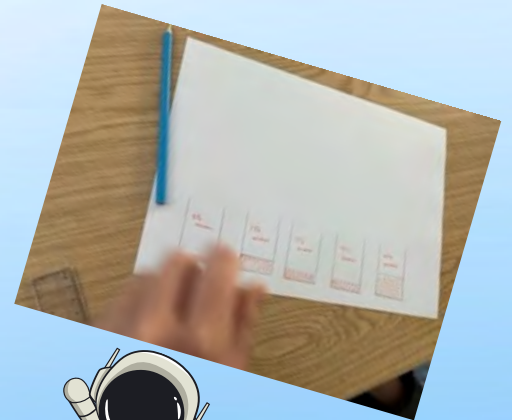
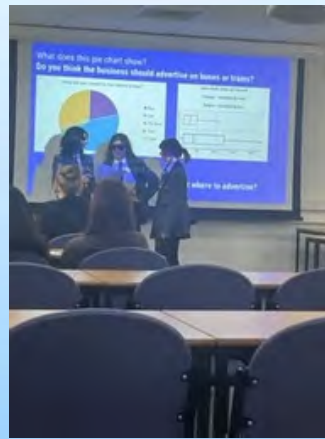
Subject Spotlight

Mathematics



A group of our best mathematicians in year 10 took part in the Women in Maths conference at Keele University on 4th July. As part of the day, the group explored many different aspects of mathematics, delivered by some of the most influential women mathematicians working today. They even had the chance to listen to an astronaut and discuss with them how mathematics is used out in space!

Miss Pavitt



Universities in Focus

On Tuesday 27th June we were lucky enough to be able to take our Year 8 cohort to Staffordshire University for a taster day of Uni life! The day began with an introduction to higher education and explored some of the myths about access to university and finance. Students enjoyed a Q&A session with some current undergraduate students and asked them some very insightful questions! Students experienced a tour of the campus looking at some of the educational facilities as well as looking at some of the on-site student accommodation, and then had the chance to be part of a degree course taster session. These sessions, delivered by the Staffs University lecturers, included Law, Sport's Journalism, Forensic Science, Comic Arts (Mr Hammond's favourite, ask him about his 'Batman Scooby-Do') and probably the students' (and Mr Davies') favourite, Engineering. Our Year 8 students were fantastic ambassadors for Ormiston Meridian Academy, were very engaged in the tasks and left with some excellent ambitions for their future career options! Thank you to Higher Horizons and Staffordshire University for hosting and well done to Year 8 for an excellent day!



Culture and Diversity Student Leadership Team

We are very excited to announce the formation of our new Culture and Diversity Student Leadership Team. The team consists of students from Years 7 to 10 who have sent in written applications and gone through a rigorous interview process. The students are required to adhere to a strict code of conduct which best represents the academy's standards and values of Courage, Honesty, Ambition, Integrity and Respect. The members of the leadership team are:

I. Kurban	T. Ridge
K. Davule	L. Gakache
H. Shabbir	S. Osayande
V. Chakanyuka	A. Butt

NEW



STEM Visit to Keele University

Mr Taylor took some of our year 10 students on a visit to Keele University on 19th May to take part in a day of STEM activities. The students thoroughly enjoyed the university tour and talks by lecturers on renewable energy and maintaining biodiversity. We were even able to visit the Horwood energy centre which the students loved. We talked to two experts who showed the students Keele's state-of-the-art £22 million programme called the 'Smart Energy Network Demonstrator'. They showed us all of the data that is collected from the energy farms each day and how they distribute this around the campus. Well done to all students who attended this fantastic day out.



Maths Feast at Keele University

On 15th June, Mr Hammond, Mrs Green and Mr Mohammed took some of our year 10 students to Keele University to compete in Maths Feast - A challenging team competition testing mathematical, team-working and communication skills. The Maths Feast is organised on a regional basis with over 70 events taking place across England. Well done to our students who competed, showing impressive maths skills and teamwork -

L. Llewellyn, C. Mogbo, C. Middleton, J. Bloor, A. Williams, E. Potts, E. Infantino, M. Greatrex.

Check out our book sale where you can pick up a bargain - 1 book for 20p, 3 books for 50p

Library and Reading

Summer Cake Raffle

We held a fundraising raffle during last half term which was a resounding success. We raised £116 which will go towards helping us to keep our library well stocked and allow us to continue to provide the students with a comfortable area for them to read and study.



The winners of the raffle were J. Bloor in Year 10 and Mrs L Blunt in our admin office. Well Done!!!

Donations

We received a massive donation of books from Mrs Rostron which included a collection of Roald Dahl books, Science and Maths Dictionaries and lots more. Mrs Munro has donated dozens of non-fiction books to our library. Thank you also to Mr Burgess, Mrs Corbishley for their fabulous donation of fiction titles.

The Science Department and Mrs Thorley have donated plants to brighten up our library. - a huge thank you to you also.



LGBTQ+

In honour of pride month, check out the library's LGBTQ+ books. These fiction and non-fiction books look at famous members of the LGBTQ+ community along with fiction stories featuring LGBTQ+ characters.

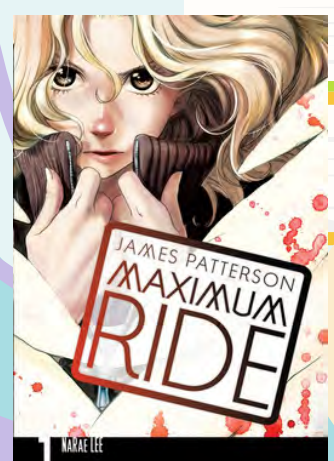


Sporting heroes books

We currently hold a number of the 'Football Hero' titles by Charlotte Brown. They are extremely popular with our sporty students and encourages some of our reluctant readers to finally give reading a try. If you enjoy sport please come along to the library and see which ones are available.

Book Corner

J Pearce in Year 10 is reading 'Maximum Ride' by James Patterson. A series of young adult science fantasy novels which centers on the adventures of Maximum "Max" Ride and her family, called the Flock, who are winged human-avian hybrids created at a lab called, The School 'I like the story and how the main character has to save their sister'.



Short Story Competition

Well done to for their entry into our short story competition. Students were invited to write a story in 50 words only. Quite the challenge! Have a go if you think it's easy.....

Academy Good News

**Year 11 Leavers'
Assembly**
15th June

The time had come to say farewell to the class of 2023 as we held our final year 11 assembly on Thursday 15th June. There was reflection on this past year of exams, revision (cramming) and the anticipation of waiting for results day. We also reflected on the past 5 years the students have spent in the academy. We watched them grow and have so many high hopes for their future. Good luck year 11 and aim high!

Our year 11 students were finally able to celebrate the end of a stressful and hugely important year in their school career and get together with Ormiston staff at Bet365 Stadium for our annual Prom. The students and staff in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal followed by an evening of dancing and merriment, the memory of which will remain with them for years to come.

Year 11 Prom
30th June

Congratulations to Mr Walker on the occasion of his wedding on 15th April. We wish him and Mrs Walker all the best for the future!!

We welcomed back Mrs Prendergast from maternity leave. We hope she enjoyed her precious family time but it is lovely to have her back.

**WELCOME
BACK!**



OMERA SPORTING HEROES

Alfie Williams

Age: 14
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu & Mixed Martial Arts

Also likes:
Football & Rugby

Role Model:
George St. Pierre



Alfie competes and fights in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu and Mixed Martial Arts. Alfie has competed in these tournaments since the age of 9, he has a strong dedication to the gym and trains 5 nights a week for 3 hours a day. He fights out of Stafford Fight Factory for his MMA, boxing and kick-boxing and for his BJJ he fights out of Gracie Barra Stafford.

Alfie has been active with his dedication to this sport since the age of 4, between the ages 4-6 Alfie did kickboxing where he found his passion for this career. From the ages 6-8 Alfie wanted a change and went to Tae-Kwondo where he became World Champion at the age of 7. Alfie then heard about MMA and wanted to try it out. Little did he know he would find a love and passion for this sport and has planned to one day become UFC Champion.

Alfie has got 27 Gold medals, 11 Silver medals and 9 Bronze medals. These medals Alfie had competed for within 2 years (not including lockdown), and was invited to fight for a title in London against the best of the best in his categories. Alfie won the match in 1 minute 22 seconds via armbar. Alfie is very well known within the BJJ and MMA industry from people all over the UK. Alfie is competing almost every weekend, and he went to a competition one weekend and got invited to train with the England Youth MMA Squad, not knowing that it was a trial to become part of the squad.

Alfie's biggest achievement would be making it into the England Youth MMA Squad, Alfie was over the moon to find out he was in the England squad and to be representing England in the 4-nations. Since starting MMA he has always wished to be in the England Youth Squad as it is a good step to being in the UFC. Alfie can't wait to compete and represent England in the 4-nations in July. He has already achieved so much in his career, he has got 4 sponsors so far who help him out in many different ways. 1 of his sponsors are a BJJ clothing brand who provide Alfie with custom clothing items for when he competes, he then has a sponsor who provides him with his meal preparations so he has got the correct nutrients he needs to aid performance. One of Alfie's sponsors are really supportive with what he does, they provide him with pedal bikes so that Alfie can go on his bike to allow him keep fit and active when not at the gym training, they also go and support him when he competes and fights.



Clubs:





Most memorable moment was representing England in London & Winning!

Careers and Work Experience



Work Experience Week

Our year 10 students embarked on their work experience placements from 10th July to 14th July. For most of our students this was to be their first glimpse into the world of work and helped them to determine if the field they have chosen is right for them. They had first hand experience of true working environments and may have even cultivated contacts within their chosen area of work.

The specific hands on experience gained by the students during this week is crucial and it's fantastic to hear the feedback from students and the employers who receive them. Well done year 10! You did us proud!



Year 10 Careers Interviews

Mrs Chambers, our careers advisor, predominately sees year 10 students for careers interviews. During these appointments, Mrs Chambers will discuss what subjects the students enjoy and what careers path they would like to follow.

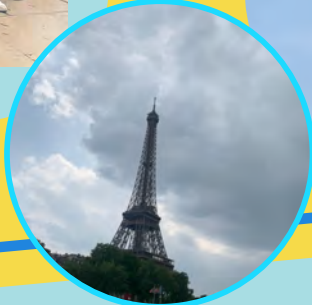
Mrs Chambers helps students to look at available courses for their chosen field and predicted grades based on their mock exam results. Students will be seen multiple times over year 10 and supported through applying for college courses.



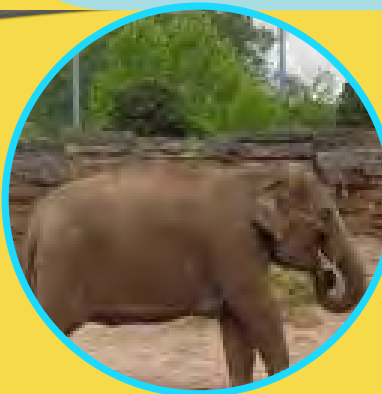
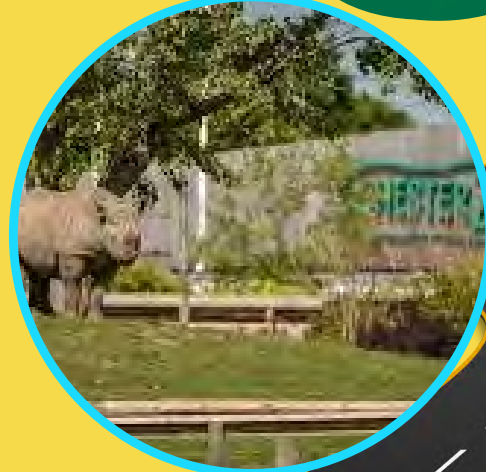
Out and About...



Paris Trip



Chester Zoo





What's Next at Ormiston...?



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Academic Year 2023-24



AUTUMN TERM 2023

INSET Day	Monday 4th September (staff only)
Y7 and Y11 (only)	Tuesday 5 th September 8.40
All year groups	Tuesday 5 th September 11.00
Half Term	Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November (inclusive)
Students in	Monday 6 th November
INSET DAY	Friday 24th November (Staff only)
End of Term	Friday 22 nd December

SPRING TERM 2024

Open for Students	Monday 8 th January
Half Term	Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February (inclusive)
INSET DAY	Monday 19th February (Staff only)
Open for Students	Tuesday 20 th February
End of Term	Friday 22 nd March

SUMMER TERM 2024

Open for students	Monday 8 th April
May Day	Monday 6 th May (academy closed)
Half Term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May (inclusive)
INSET Day	Monday 24th June (Staff only)
Open for Students	Tuesday 25 th June
INSET Day	Monday 22nd July (Staff only)