

# Meridian Media

## What's Happening at Ormiston!



### Senior Team Introduction

As another exciting term draws to a close, I am delighted to share the amazing activities and accomplishments that have taken place here at Ormiston Meridian Academy. The Autumn Term has been nothing short of extraordinary, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to excellence. One of our key focuses this term has been ensuring strong starts to every lesson, with an emphasis on robust recall and retrieval strategies. This has been supported by a staff voice initiative, allowing us to continuously improve based on the invaluable feedback of our teaching team. Similarly, we've also engaged with parents, gathering feedback during our Year 7 Settling-In Evening, and we look forward to sharing insights from this in our next newsletter. This term, our academy was brimming with excitement during the Yousafzi Takeover, where students presented on the critical importance of literacy in shaping lives. Their presentations were thoughtful, impactful, and an excellent example of how our students are developing not just academic skills but also a profound understanding of global issues.

Our Year 11 GCSE Preparation Evening was another key event, designed to provide students and their families with the tools and strategies needed for exam success. Teachers provided practical advice on revision techniques, shared key subject-specific insights, and helped families understand how to best support their children during this crucial time. This was followed by the Year 11 GCSE Celebration Evening, where we honoured the hard work, resilience, and accomplishments of our Year 11 students. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their efforts and to inspire them as they continue their journey toward success.

The academy has been alive with opportunities for students to grow and thrive in different areas. Our Year 10 students had the unique opportunity to attend a live performance of Macbeth. This not only enriched their understanding of the text but also brought Shakespeare's words to life in a way that deepened their engagement with the story. For our Year 7 students, the Enrichment Event, which included all students watching Treasure Island, allowed them to explore new skills, interests, and opportunities, fostering creativity and curiosity as they settled into secondary school life. Additionally, Year 7 students will be a visiting the pantomime, which we are sure will bring laughter and excitement while providing a memorable cultural experience.

We were also proud to celebrate the Silver Award in Music, a testament to the incredible talent and hard work of our students in the performing arts. Their achievements continue to inspire us all and highlight the diverse strengths within our school community.

The academy once again came together to support a worthy cause, raising funds for Children in Need. This was a wonderful reflection of our commitment to inclusion, not only for children across the country who require support but also for those within our local community. Additionally, we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day, with students and staff taking part in a festive show of solidarity and togetherness.

The term also featured our Magic Manners March, a rewarding celebration of our students' impeccable manners. I've been amazed by the countless positive interactions I've had with our students, who continue to make us proud every day. Their politeness, respect, and consideration have been a constant highlight of my walks around the academy.

As we look forward to the festive season, I want to extend my gratitude to our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families for making this term such a success. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2025. Thank you for reading, and I hope you enjoy this latest edition of Meridian Media.

Miss Vigus



# Attendance

## The Importance of Attendance

By

Tristan Smith Y8



Attendance! It's a big thing! It could change your future.

Attendance matters if you aren't in the school building you can't expect to learn anything. For example, if your attendance is 90%. Not too bad you may think? Think again, you have missed 182 lessons! In which you may have been taught important information you need for assessments or learning checkpoints.

This will start a chain effect. If you have days off, you don't learn and if you don't learn, you don't do well on tests. If you don't do well you may be moved sets and won't reach your full potential. If you move sets you might fail your GCSEs and this will mean you won't get a good job.

Thank you for reading and don't miss a day of school!!



Getting to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If your attendance during the school year...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

### EVERY DAY MATTERS

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity



# House Points

## Final Scores



# HOUSE RESULTS

**1ST**

**Bridgewater**



**2ND**

**Yousafzai**



**3RD**

**Turing**



**4TH**

**Simmonds**



**Houses of OMERA**  
at Ormiston Meridian Academy

**Bridgewater**

## HIGHEST PERFORMING FORMS THIS WEEK

**7Y1**

**8Y3**

**9Y2**

**10ANI**

**11CW1**

**Simmonds**

**Turing**

**Yousafzai**





# UK BEBRAS 2024

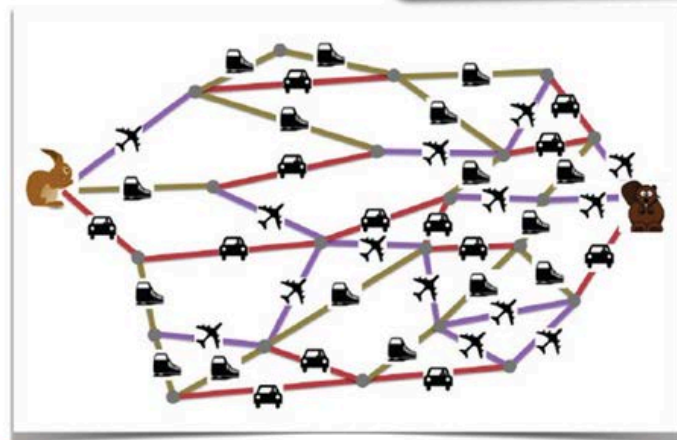
Computational Thinking Challenge  
4 - 15 NOVEMBER



**Ecologically Friendly Trip**  
Rob the rabbit would like to visit his friend Bell the beaver. The map shows several possible routes that Rob can take. Different symbols stand for different means of transportation. Traveling one step:

- by airplane costs five ecology points,
- by car costs three ecology points,
- by train costs one ecology point.

**Problem:**  
What is the least number of ecology points required to complete the journey by any route?



In November, all Computing students (all students in KS3 and all students who have selected GCSE Computer Science in Year 10 and Year 11) took part in the annual Bebras computational thinking challenges. These challenges are organised by the University of Oxford alongside the Raspberry Pi foundation and are undertaken by 400,000 students in the UK each year and over 3 million worldwide. Students were presented with 18 online puzzles and were given a 45 minute timed session to see how many they could correctly complete independently. Students could achieve Merit or Distinction certificates if they perform well. The puzzles were received extremely well and students had a great time decomposing the problems and trying to work out the answers using their computational thinking skills that we have been covering in lessons. Results will be out soon!



# Extra Curricular Highlights

## Brilliant Book Society

Mrs Martin runs a book club after school on Monday and Wednesday 3.20-4.15pm. If you love reading or just want to improve, this is the club for you. We will be reading, sharing and reviewing books together, but most of all, having fun reading!



## Love Your Library

Do you know we have thousands of books in the school library, that you can borrow and take home, to read and share with your family? Mrs Martin and the library team will be on hand to help you select from our wide range. The library is open to every students at lunch time and after school. If you are interested, please get a pass at break time from the library.

## Sports Society

There are a large number of sports clubs in school including: swimming, dance, basketball, football, cheerleading and multi-sports . If you are interested in any of the above please speak to the PE Department or consult your club timetable.



## Non-Fiction Reading and Writing Society

Join Miss Brookfield and Miss Campbell in S73. All year groups welcome. Thursday 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Help to improve your writing. Write articles for the newsletter...



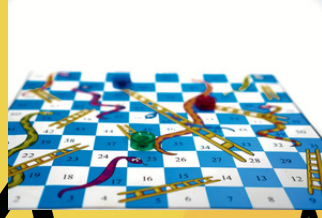
## HAIL Society

Mrs Martin runs the HAIL club Monday-Thursday after school 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Students are allowed to stay with parents permission and complete homework. Laptops are also available for any HAIL online.

## Other Societies

For other societies please consult the timetable in form rooms or on the school website.





# BOARD GAMES SOCIETY

Week B  
Tuesday  
Lunchtime

S24

with Mr Collins



# OMERA SPORTING HEROES

Also loves Netball & Rounders



Age: 15  
Horse Rider



Kyrah Ahmed

Role Model:  
Ros Canter



I am an intermediate horse rider and individual showjumper and have been riding for 4 years.

I train around 4-5 times a week. Some will be focused on fitness where I will do 40 minutes worth of canter work and hill work and some will be stamina where I will be land based doing lunging work, canter work around the arena on a horse. The standard of competition is really high and sometimes opponents will cheat by bringing affiliated ponies which isn't allowed.

In the future, I really want to compete at International level, in order to do this I will need to find the right horse and get more experience riding other horses as every horse is unique and different, I will need to make it through qualifiers where the FEI will select me to progress to the national or international team. Selection may be based on the approach you have with the animals and the results across previous competitions.

I have achieved in the top 3 places for nearly all competitions I have entered so far and even competed at Grassroots Championships at Arena UK. Ros Canter was part of the GB Team in eventing and is passionate about her sport, she isn't from a wealthy background and has worked hard to get to where she is and I would love to ride alongside her.

I ride for the following 3 clubs: Caverswall and District Riding Club, Knightly Riding Club and Ashwood Equestrian.

Caverswall  
& District  
RIDING CLUB




KNIGHTLY  
RIDING CLUB

Ashwood  
EQUESTRIAN



*My most memorable moment was qualifying for Grassroots championships because I have been trying for the whole season. I qualified in May last year and I am going to compete against top horses around the country.*



# Extra Curricular Highlights Student Leadership Team



## Children In Need 2024

Well done to our OMERA student leadership team for organising a fantastic bake sale to raise money for Children in Need 2024.

Staff and students raised a grand total of £417.69  
Students were also encouraged to wear something yellow and bring a donation.

Lots of fun was had by all and more importantly lots of money raised. Well done to all who took part and contributed!!!!!!







# Useful Contacts:



## Mental Health Support

MHST Leigh Tams is in school on every Tuesday. For students to talk to with their mental health concerns.

Useful information for both parents and students:

[combinedwellbeing.org.uk](http://combinedwellbeing.org.uk)

<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/services/mental-health-support-team>

National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK 0800 6895652 A confidential and supportive listening service for anyone 18 and over with thoughts of suicide. Available from 6 pm till midnight every day. Shout [www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org) Text 'Shout' to 85258 if you are in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you are struggling to cope and you need immediate help. It's available 24/7.

NHS 111 Telephone '111' – for a 24/7 helpline for all health enquiries. They also provide an online service at [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk).

Samaritans FREE Tel: 116 123 [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) For confidential emotional support for people in crisis, available 24/7.

Childline 0800 111 is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything that you are worried about, at anytime.

Staffordshire Mental Health Helpline Call free on 0808 800 2234 For people 18+, 6 pm – 2 am weekdays, 2 pm – 2 am weekends, 365 days a year. Text FREE on 07860 022 821 Online webchat [www.brighter-futures.org.uk](http://www.brighter-futures.org.uk); email: [Staffordshire.helpline@brighter-futures.org.uk](mailto:Staffordshire.helpline@brighter-futures.org.uk)

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) Central Referral Hub for up to aged 18, 0800 0328 728 (Option 1) 9 am – 5 pm, Monday to Friday. Multi-disciplinary teams of social workers, mental health nurses, therapists, clinical psychologists, mental health practitioners and child and adolescent psychiatrists.

Changes Health and Wellbeing 01782 411433 [www.changes.org.uk](http://www.changes.org.uk) You can self-refer online. Groups promoting wellbeing, personal recovery and peer support.

The Dove Service 01782 683155 [www.thedoveservice.org.uk](http://www.thedoveservice.org.uk) Counselling and support for adults, including bereavement and social groups, and children and young people affected by bereavement or life-changing illness. Self-referrals will incur a fee for counselling.

Savana 01782 433204/433205 [www.savana.org.uk](http://www.savana.org.uk) FREE one-to-one counselling service for anyone who has experienced sexual violence (male and female), Independent Sexual Violence Advisor Service and Youth Support. Self-referrals can be made online.

Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Talking Therapies <https://staffsandstoketalkingtherapies.nhs.uk/> Can self-refer online or on Tel: 0300 303 0923. Multi-agency partnership (Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust, North Staffs Combined Healthcare Trust, Changes Health and Wellbeing, North Staffs Mind, Burton and District Mind and the Dove Service), offering free psychological treatments



# The Mental Health Support Team



The Mental Health Support Team works with schools and colleges to embed a better whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing, as well as offering support to parents, carers, children and young people. We use CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) informed principles to provide support and interventions for a range of common mental health difficulties.



*Low Mood*

*Anxiety*

*Worry Management*



*Panic Management*

*Sleep*



*Problem Solving*

*Coping Strategies*

*Exam Stress*

## Where To Find Us

Scan the QR code to be taken to the Combined Wellbeing Portal, where you will find a list of Mental Health Support Team schools, as well as a range of self-help resources and other services. Alternatively, please contact us on the email address below.



[MHSTenquiries@combined.nhs.uk](mailto:MHSTenquiries@combined.nhs.uk)



<https://combinedwellbeing.org.uk/>



# Universities in Focus

University in focus: The University of Staffordshire

This edition, our 'University in focus' will be our very own University of Staffordshire! Previously known as Staffordshire university, it has gone through a rebranding process this year. According to Professor Martin Jones, vice-chancellor and chief executive the decision to change is about more than just a name. It encapsulates their vision for the future and the endless possibilities that education can unlock.

Lectures, teachers and staff at The University of Staffordshire are very proud of the work they, and their students do. For over a century they have been empowering individuals who, in turn, have transformed society across Staffordshire and beyond. They are proud that their roots run deep in the heart of the region, and our impact resonates far beyond our borders, acting as a beacon of knowledge, innovation, and opportunity. The University of Staffordshire says the new brand strategy is centered around the theme of 'possibility realised' and 'celebrates diversity, inclusion, and opportunity'.

This rebranding also coincided with the appointment of Major Levison Wood as Chancellor of the university. Levison, who grew up just down the road in Forsbrook, Blythe Bridge spent several years as a Regular Officer in the British Parachute Regiment where he served in Afghanistan fighting against Taliban insurgents in Helmand and Kandahar. He is famous however for his career as a best-selling author, explorer and photographer and, it was in recognition of this, that he was made an Honorary Doctor of Staffordshire University in 2017. To honour his new role he was installed in a special ceremony which took place this year, on May 1st..... Staffordshire day! In addition to this role, Levison is an elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, the Explorers Club and is an ambassador of Unicef. His expeditions across continents have also been the subject television documentaries, including walking the length of the river Nile, the Himalayas and all of central America.

The University of Staffordshire currently offers over 300 different courses, to over 11,000 students! Their most popular courses are Art and Design, Games design and development courses, as well as Criminology and Drama. In fact, the university's 'Games Institute' has won the 'Excellence in University/College – Industry Collaboration' category at the TIGA Games Education Awards. This award recognises the introduction of industry-led mock interviews to help prepare final year students for their future careers, and adds to their success as the university was ranked 1st in the UK and 5th in Europe by GAMEducation which recognises educational institutions with the highest employability, and the top student portfolios in video games education. According to the university's website, the annual tuition fee for undergraduate students studying full-time in 2024/25 is currently £9,250.



## Did you know?

WE THINK THAT VISITING A UNIVERSITY DURING YOUR TIME AT ORMISTON MERIDIAN ACADEMY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, WHICH IS WHY, BY 2025, EVERY STUDENT WHO GRADUATES IN YEAR 11 WILL HAVE VISITED THE UNIVERSITY OF STAFFORDSHIRE AT LEAST ONCE AS PART OF OUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT PLEDGE. WHAT WILL YOU GO ON TO STUDY?



# Subject Spotlight History.



## Subject Spotlight - History.

The month of November is an incredibly significant time in British, European and World History as it is Remembrance day.

As an academy and a community, every year, we come together to take part in the two-minute silence at 11am, to commemorate the Armistice and end of World War One. We wore our poppies with pride to show support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. It represents all those who lost their lives on active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day.

In form time and in assemblies we explored the legacies of D-Day, as this year marked the 80th anniversary of the landings. The D-Day landings of 6th June 1944 was the largest seaborne invasion in history. Along with the associated airborne operations, it marked the beginning of the liberation of France and western Europe.

As part of our social, moral, spiritual and cultural development we watched sand artist Kseniya Simonova's bring the story of D-Day to life. Finally, in our history lessons we paid tribute to those who sacrificed themselves for our liberty.

I want to thank all of our OMERA students for showing the upmost respect as they took part in the silence and listened reflectively to the 'Last Post'. I also want to thank Mr Martin for his organisation and delivery of this special moment of the school year. Lest we forget.

**Miss Bramwell**



COMING SOON!  
STEM MONTH  
AND CHILDRENS  
MENTAL HEALTH  
DAY....  
NEXT ISSUE.....

# Library and Reading

**BREAKING NEWS!**

THANK YOU 😊

Welcome to our school Library page. I hope you have enjoyed your first term in school and are looking forward to a well-earned break.

This term alone a new library leadership team has been appointed . The academy has been awarded £1000 by Tesco Stronger Starts to improve our non-fiction book selection. As an academy we are continue working with the National Literacy Trust to deliver outstanding reading provision for all. They have also just gifted us 100 books to add to our library and community book case.

One of the highlights of this term has been meeting all the new students and helping them explore their love of reading and expand there reading repertoire.

Finally, check out our community bookcase, where we are offering access to free books for all members of our community. See below for more details.

## Donations

Are you having a clear out ready for Christmas ? Do you need to make space for more books at home? We welcome donations of any books which are in good condition. To donate, please leave them at reception or pass them directly to Mrs Martin in the Library. These books will help to keep our library and new community bookcase stocked.



DECEMBER

## Books of the Month

We are celebrating the Christian festival of Christmas in the library. You will find a selection of displays and books on these topics in the library. Take out any Christmas related book in December and earn double library loyalty points. Please look out for more competitions to come as well!

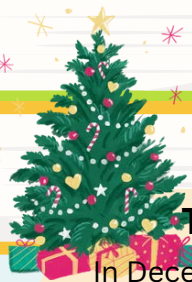
## Book Corner

One of my favourite books is Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte. It is a story of a young woman who has to have great inner strength and uphold her personal values. Set in a patriarchal point in time, Jane Eyre demonstrates 'girl power' and a refusal to accept any less than she is worth. This is a must read for any feminist!



## Winter Books

We know that it can hard to keep yourself entertained, on the long, dark, winter nights. So, why not grab a wintry tale from the library? We have everything from festive tales, to polar bears and arctic adventures. Any Winter themed book you take out, in the month of December, also earns you double loyalty stamps. Swap your completed library loyalty card for prizes. Why not sit in your favourite chair and cosy up with a book this evening or enjoy a festive tale this Christmas?



## The Big Christmas Book Review

In December, complete a book review, on a book you have read from the Library and you are automatically entered into a prize draw to win a Christmas hamper. Stocked with wintry books and goodies. The winners of this competition will be announced in the next issue.

**Winner!!!!!!!**

*Congratulations!*



**Congratulations to Naina, Y8. Her book review was selected by Miss Melia from the hundreds of reviews we received for the Spooky Book Review competition. We hope you enjoyed your prize and would like to thank all the students who entered; the standard was extremely high.**

**Look out for THE BIG CHRISTMAS BOOK REVIEW WINNER IN THE NEXT ISSUE.....**

**REMEMBER: Every time you take out a book from the library you will earn a loyalty stamp. Fill your card and exchange it for a prize. Double loyalty points are earned on any book from our theme of the month display.**

**LOYALTY PROGRAM**

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# Platinum Library Rewards

Winner!!!!!!!



**Congratulations to Wajeeha Zahoor in Y7!!! She is the first student in the academy to achieve her platinum reading award. This means she has read 50 books since September! Quite an achievement! I'm sure you will agree. Wajeeha is so passionate about reading she has read a book everyday at school and then taken extra books home to read. Well done and we hope you wear your platinum badge with pride.**

**Mrs Martin**

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# Did you know all of our students are enrolled into Stoke-on-Trent Library?



**On the 25th November 2024, Mrs Martin, invited Stoke-on-Trent Libraries into our academy. The purpose of this event was to enroll all year 7 students into the library and to explain to them how they can use their library cards to access free resources.**

**Janet Eardley from Stoke-on-Trent libraries talked to pupils about the ebooks and magazines they can access, on the library app, for free. She also talked about Meir library, the books they stock and events they run such as craft and Lego club. Again all free to our students.**

**This is something we do every year to ensure all students in our academy have free access to books and magazines they can read for pleasure outside of school.**

**We can proudly say we are the only academy in Stoke-on-Trent to do this and offer this opportunity to our pupils!!!!**







# Community Bookcase



**Want something to read over the holidays?  
Come along to the our community bookcase  
(opposite the school office) and pick up a book for  
FREE.**

**Books are available for all ages, to take away, free of  
charge.**

**All that we ask is when you have finished your book  
you pass it on to another person and share your love  
of reading . Alternatively, you can return the book to  
the case and swap for another. There is no need to  
sign books in and out. So, pick up a free book today  
and share your reading experience with your family  
and friends.**

# How to choose a good book

National  
Literacy  
Trust

Changing life stories

## Look!

Browse the bookshelves - it's a great idea to have a good look at the books.



## Check out the COVER!

Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?

## READ the blurb!

The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it makes you want to read the book?



## Think about the GENRE

This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?

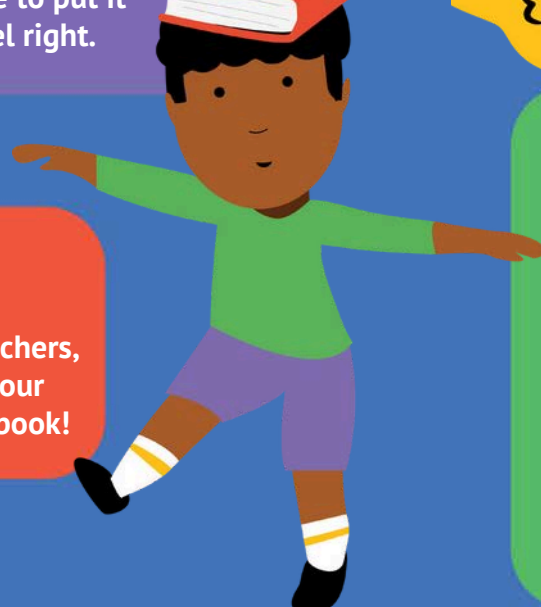
## TRY it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.



## ASK

...the school librarian, teachers, parents or carers and your friends to recommend a book!



## The RIGHT one

Use the five-finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word on the page that you don't know, count one finger.

If you get to five, the book is probably too hard, so put it back and try another one.

# Careers and Work Experience

## Y11 SEN College Visit

Mrs Latham took 11, year 11 SEND students to have a tour of Newcastle College, to support them on their decisions for when they leave school. Some students on return to school asked if they could make an application. Mrs Latham - School Careers Support was delighted to assist. On the visit students were given the knowledge of A levels, T levels, BTECs and apprenticeships.

Visiting the departments of Sports, eSports, Construction, Hair and beauty, Health and Social Care, Business, Drama and Media.



## Burslem College

Mrs Latham and Mrs Bickerton, part of the SEND Team took some Year 11 students to Burslem College to help them understand their next career pathway. The students had impeccable manners throughout the trip, asked relevant questions and showed an interest in the areas of their chosen pathway.





# Achievement Update

Autumn 2 Achievement Update  
Celebration of Excellence Awards Evening

On Thursday 5th December, we welcomed back students from the Class of 2024 for our Celebration of Excellence Awards Evening. With a red-carpet entrance and live musical performances (from Morgan Pennill and Melissa Morley), this special occasion recognised the hard work and excellence of our former students. The event was a heart warming occasion, with proud parents, family members, and dedicated teaching staff in attendance to honour the hard work and progress of our students. We would like to congratulate all the very worthy winners of the awards.

Notable awards were presented to:

- Atiq Muhammad, awarded the Principal's Award for Overall Achievement
- Zameen Naveed, awarded the Vice Principal's Award for Exceptional Progress
- Charley Knights, awarded the Anthony Ashton Award for Services to the Academy
  - Owen Beardmore, awarded the Gareth Jones Rising Star Award
- Chantelle, awarded the Tracey Podmore Award for Exceptional Attendance

In addition, over 70 other awards were presented to recognise the excellence of individual students in their GCSE and BTEC subjects. Students were awarded for the highest grade, most academic progress and special recognition.

We would like to thank our Sponsor – School's In – for their contribution to the evening as they provided all of the trophies for the event.

We are already looking forward to celebrating the successes of our current Year 11 students in 2025!



Let's  
Celebrate



# December at OMERA.....



## English Performances

We are lucky to have such an amazing English faculty who ensure that students are able to experience numerous live performances!

Year 7 have had a wonderful morning watching a National Theatre stage performance of *Treasure Island*, the book they've been studying in their English lessons. During the interval students were given a bag of pick 'n' mix to devour whilst chatting about the performance. When we asked students if they enjoyed the show, the answer was a unanimous 'yes'.

One student asked about the director's choice to portray Jim as a female. This production is directed, adapted and designed by women, and the director made the choice to tell the story of Jim as a lady. This sparked interesting conversations about artistic license - can you think about any other examples of directors changing aspects storylines or characters?

You can read more about the production and the interesting choice of characterisation on this article from *The Guardian* - <https://amp.theguardian.com/.../patsy-ferran-on-treasure...>

Previously, our whole Year 10 cohort enjoyed an in-school performance and workshop for their GCSE text, '*An Inspector Calls*'. Students were engaged and eager to show off the knowledge they have learnt over the first term and we were so proud to hear their fabulous contributions!





# December at OMERA.....

## Yousafzai

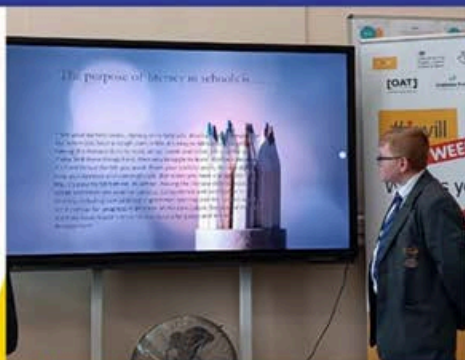


Houses of OMERA  
at Ormiston Meridian Academy

# YOUSAFZAI HOUSE TAKEOVER WEEK



**'We are lucky we have the opportunity to use literacy to help everyone. Some children around the world aren't as lucky as us and would love to have the chance to read. Therefore, don't throw away these opportunities that we are so privileged to have.'**  
**Year 9**





# December at OMERA.....

## Yousafzai



**Houses of OMERA**  
at Ormiston Meridian Academy

# YOUSAFZAI HOUSE TAKEOVER WEEK



**Well done to all Year 7 -  
9 students for your  
amazing pitches on  
'IMPROVING LITERACY  
FOR ALL'**



Ormiston  
**Meridian**  
Academy



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**WEEK**

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Provider





# December at OMERA.....

## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to or helped out with the Christmas Fair, on Saturday. It was lovely to see the sense of community in action. We hope everyone had a great time, and a massive thank you to Mrs Hope for all of her hard work organising the event. Merry Christmas!





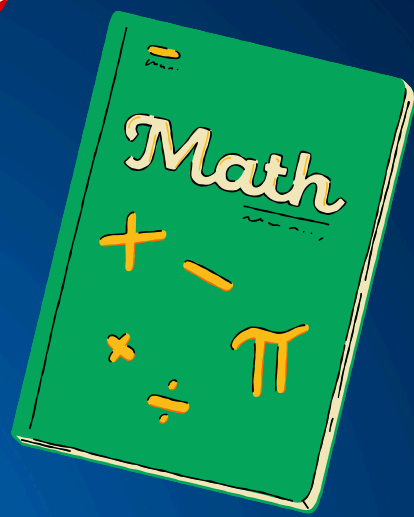
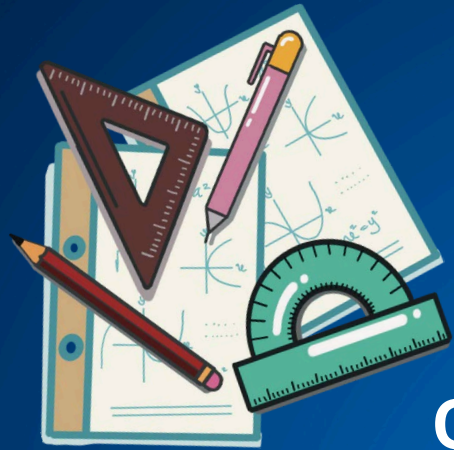


# December at OMERA.....

## Y7 MFL Spelling Bee

Alfie and Jamie Leigh, Year 7, did a fantastic job representing the Academy at the OAT MFL Spelling Bee Regional Final at Ormiston Horizon Academy. Félicitations!



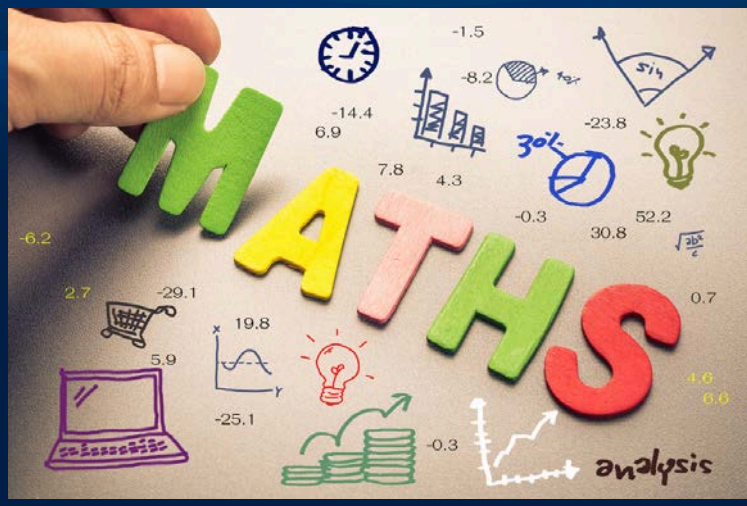


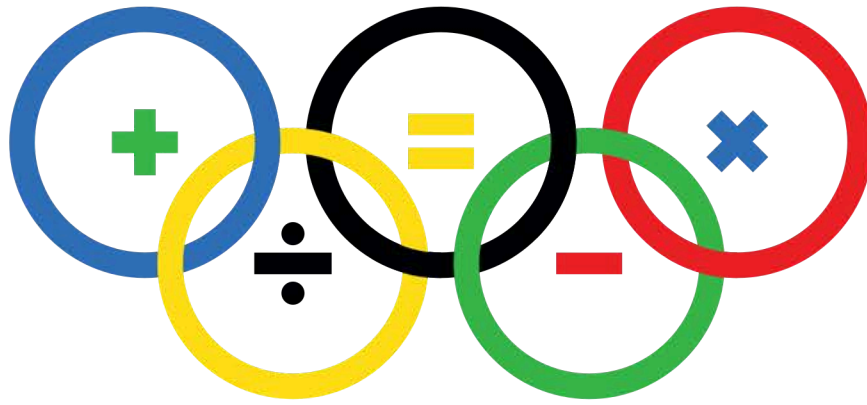
Coming Soon at  
OMERA.....

OAT Maths Olympics

Calling all Y7s..... Could you be a maths champion and bring home the cup for OMERa?  
Do you love problem solving or have a mathematical mind?  
Do you have what it takes to go for gold?

During the week of January 21st, Year 7s will be participating in a national OAT Maths Olympics event . Each team of four students will compete with others within the school to solve complex maths and analytical problems, with the winners going on to compete in regional and possibly national finals. Each team member will receive 100 house points, with the winning team receiving certificates and prizes from school, plus the chance of becoming holders of the OAT Maths Olympics Shield and winning £500 for maths enrichment within school.



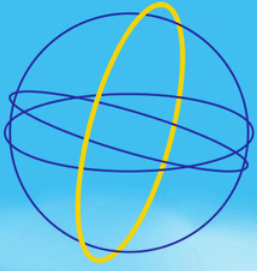


# MATHOLYMPICS IS BACK FOR 2025!

Teams of pupils across OAT academies will use mathematical and quizzing skills to compete for the OAT MathOlympics Shield and £500 for a maths enrichment activity for their school.

Does your team have what it takes to get through to the next round? Find out this January!

Any questions please contact  
[matholympics@ormistonacademies.co.uk](mailto:matholympics@ormistonacademies.co.uk)



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**Tickets: Adults - £5.00**

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# THANK YOU!



## Parent Voice Y7 Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents at the Year 7 settling in evening who gave us your feedback on your child's time with us so far. We were amazed to receive so many positive comments, and particularly pleased with how many of you praised the individual contact you've had with teachers. However, we want to be even better! Here are a few things that you said we could improve on and how we are doing / will do this :

**You said: communication of homework is unclear**

**We did :** we're launching the use of our Synergy app for HAIL (home and independent learning), meaning parents and students can easily see what has been set and when it is due by. Teachers have already been trained on this and students and parents will be getting details of this soon.

**You said : lunch queues are an issue**

**We did :** we've recently opened the new Alan Turing building canteen for Year 8 students, meaning less pressure on other canteens and hopefully quicker queues.

**You said : you need more information about clubs**

**We did :** we've recently shared our updated clubs and societies lists with students, on TV screens around the academy and via social media; we will do this regularly, every half-term.



# Social Media Get Connected....

Are you following us on Social Media?

Make sure you're following for up-to-date information about academy events, an exclusive look at the building of our new classrooms and regular details about exciting and engaging lessons that students have taken part in.

Mr Craddock

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