

Meridian Media

What's Happening at Ormiston!

May

Senior Team Introduction

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

This half term has been a short one, but it doesn't mean we have done things by halves, in fact it feels like we are trying to beat some sort of record of what we can physically fit into such a short period of time!

Our brilliant Year 11's are now fully into the throws of their GCSE examinations and we are so proud of how hard you are working in class, your P6 and 7 sessions and even on your weekends! Also, a huge thank you to all of your teachers who have once again, gone above and beyond to offer their time to help you prepare! We are very much looking forward to prom and celebrating your amazing results in August!

A huge well done to our Year 9 Brilliant Club cohort who graduated this month, celebrating their achievements at The University of Manchester, developing skills they will need for their future degree level studies and a huge thank you to Mr Watt for supporting them through the process. This is the most impressive set of results we have ever achieved!

A huge thank you and well done to Miss Dejak and her incredible, winning, Year 10 STEM challenge team! In collaboration with Higher Horizons, our students went up against other local high schools to deliver their project including considerations of funding for their weather station and research into the history of Florence Colliery as their chosen site. They scored an incredible 74/75 points from the judges!

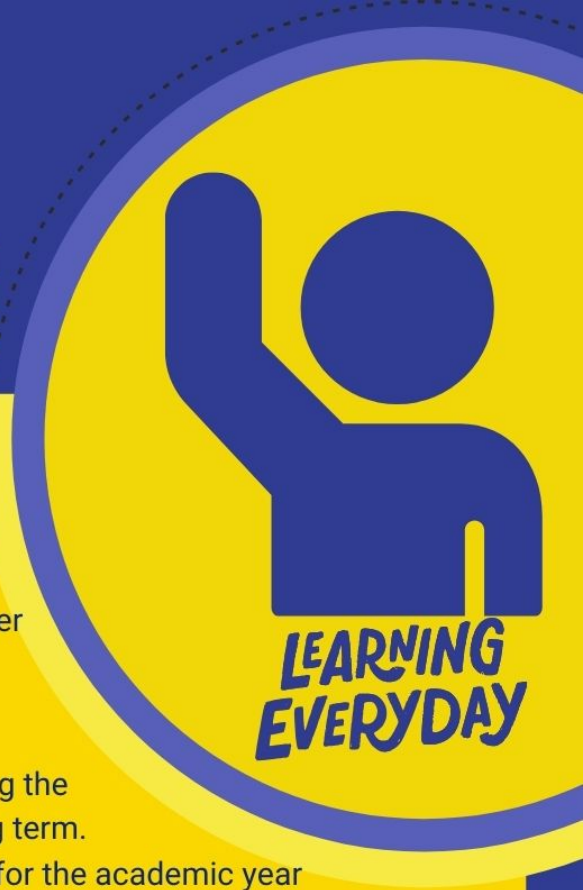
In school we have celebrated and honoured all of those who served our country with our VE Day Celebrations, making commemorative wreaths with messages of thanks and Mrs Wooton has launched her super 'Ayup Duck' campaign to promote mental health awareness; this will hopefully get people talking in their times of need and help direct them to the many services available. It's OK to not be OK!

We have also celebrated the grand opening of our fantastic Library with the Lord Mayor and the help of our incredible Library student leadership team. We encourage you all to go and see the fantastic renovations and use the learning resources and work spaces we have on offer!

And lastly, well done to all of our students who have improved or maintained their excellent attendance levels this half term. Did you know, that your attendance is directly linked to the outcomes you achieve? Many of you have been enjoying the prizes and incentives we have on offer, and don't forget the big prize draw at the end of this half term! Wishing you all a restful and productive half term,

Mrs Eldershaw

SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE



1. ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Easter Eggstravaganza

Congratulations to all the students that maintained excellent attendance during the Easter incentive period. We gave away over 200 Easter eggs as part of this improving attendance drive!

Silver Attendance Award

Students that had already been awarded the bronze award during the autumn term were eligible to go for the silver award in the spring term.

We are delighted that over 100 students have 100% attendance for the academic year earning their silver badge. These students can now go for gold in the summer term!

New Incentives

As we move through the summer term, we have new incentives to promote excellent and improving attendance.

- During the first half-term of the summer, we launched our Nifty 19 challenge. All students in school for the full 19 days will be entered into a prize draw worth £150 for one lucky family!
- As we target improving Friday attendance, we have launched our Fri-Yay challenge.
- We are arranging our end of year incentive trips with an emphasis on positive attendance.
 - Year 7 - A visit to Uttoxeter cineworld where they will watch a latest blockbuster release as well as participate in a bowling and ice skating session.
 - Y8, Y9 & Y10 - a return to a firm favourite amongst the students - Alton Towers!

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

Half-Term 5 Attendance

- Year 7 - 95.1%
- Year 8 - 94%
- Year 9 - 90%
- Year 10 - 92%
- Year 11 - 94.1%

HOME VISITS

As part of our safeguarding practices, we will routinely visit students we haven't seen in school for a number of days. This may be the case even if you have communicated the reasons for absence.

REPORTING ABSENCES

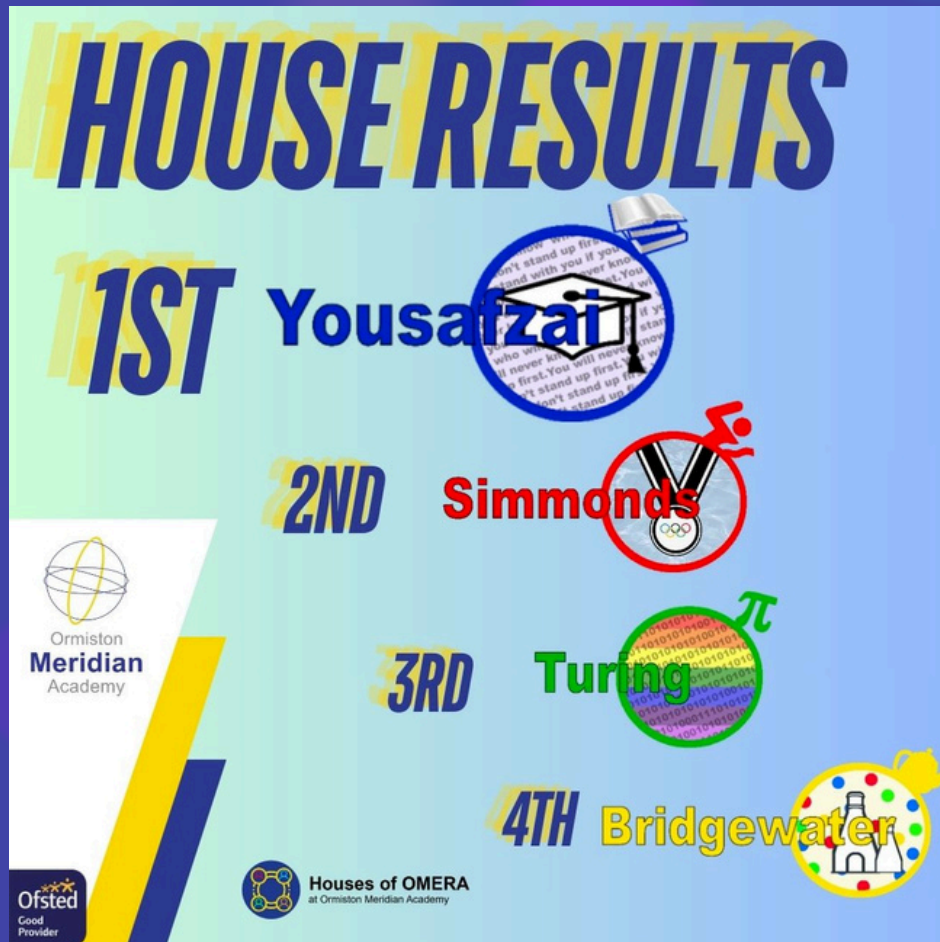
A friendly reminder - it is the responsibility of parents and carers to inform the school each day their child is absent.

Reporting absence can be done by:

- sending a message via School Synergy.
- calling the absence line on 01782377100 and selecting option 1.
- emailing the attendance team using - attendance@omera.co.uk

House Points

The scores so far...

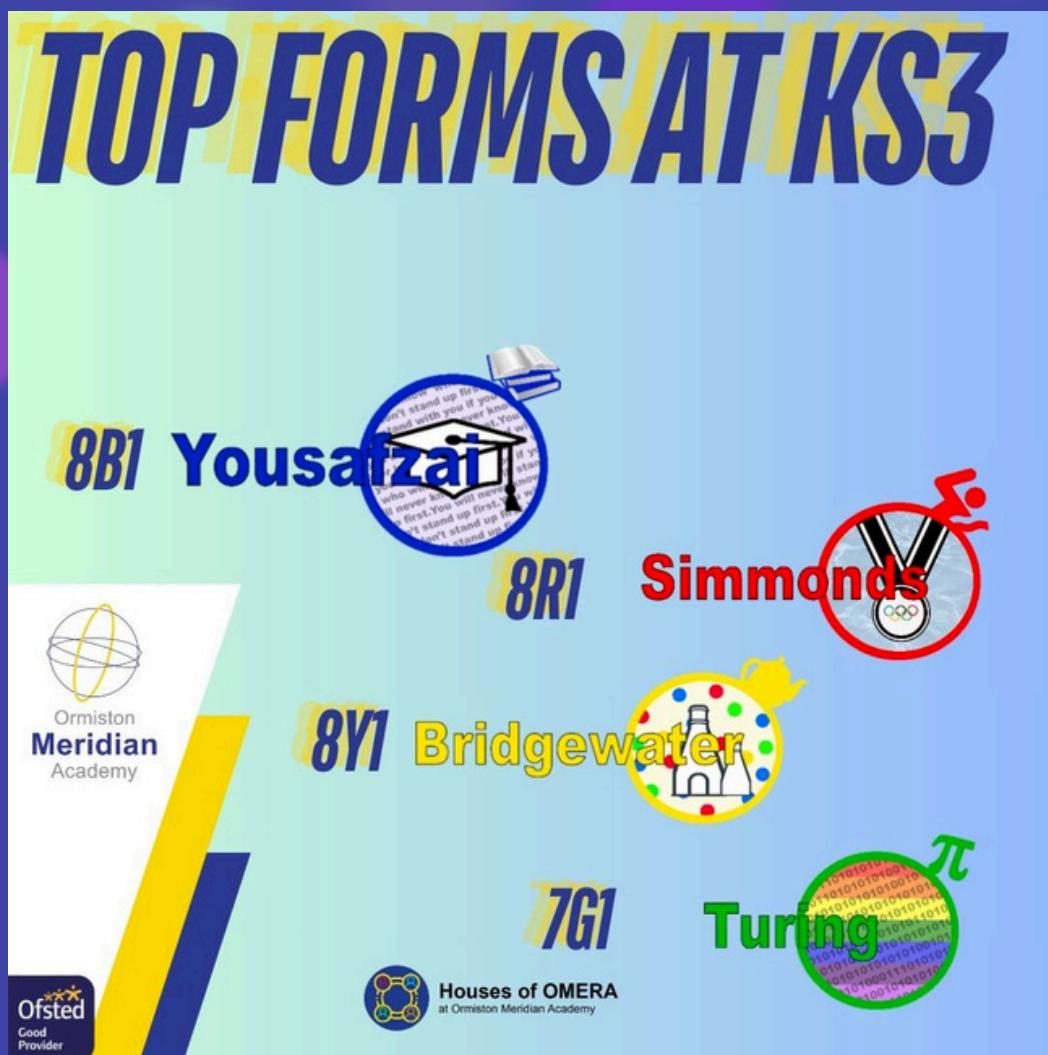


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TOP FORMS AT KS4

11HME

Yousafzai

Simmonds

10ANI

Bridgewater

Turing

Ormiston Meridian Academy

Ofsted Good Provider

Houses of OMERA at Ormiston Meridian Academy

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Extra Curricular Highlights

Brilliant Book Society

Mrs Martin runs a book club, after school, on Monday and Wednesday, 3.15-4.15pm. 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. If you are interested, please get a pass at break time from the library.

Sports Societies

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.



Active Lunchtimes

Join staff ,every lunch time, in your year group areas for active fun. This includes walking, badminton, football and netball/basketball to name but a few...



ECO Society

ECO Club runs every Tuesday, lunchtime, in S29. This club is open to all year groups. Want to save the planet? Have a passion for recycling? Contact Miss Kirkham for details.



Reading and Writing Society

Fancy yourself as a budding journalist? Love to read and write? This is the club for you every Friday lunch time in S73.



Extra Curricular Highlights

Want to get involved with school projects, competitions & projects to make Ormiston Meridan Academy more environmentally friendly?

Do you **RESPECT** our natural world and the people who live there?

Do you have the **COURAGE** to campaign for what you believe in?

Are you **INSPIRED** to make the world a better place?

This year, we are working towards achieving the prestigious 'Green Flag Award' again – could you help to make this happen?



Eco Society – S28 – Every Tuesday
Lunchtime with Mrs Staton



Cinema



Society

What is it?

A chance to help write, direct, and act in a film!

When? Fridays P6

Where? S72

Why?

For fun!

To develop your creativity skills.

To explore future career options.

To build your Cultural Capital.

To find friends with similar interests.

To help prepare for Film Studies at A Level or beyond.

To make the most of your time at school.

To build your imagination.

To make friends.



Extra Curricular Highlights

Last term, the wonderful members of our academy's Reading and Writing Society placed an entry into this year's Shine School Media Awards.

The Shine School Media Awards is a national competition rewarding UK secondary schools who produce an outstanding newspaper, magazine or multimedia project.

Our students created their very own newsletter that focused on mental wellbeing and the steps we take within school to promote good mental health.



HAIL/Revision Society



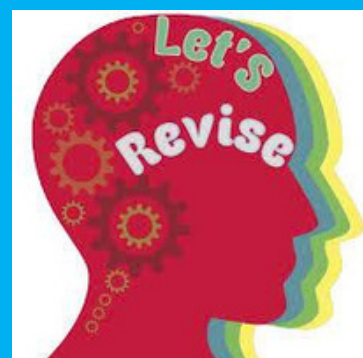
Don't have access to a computer at home or just need some help with HAIL? Do you need to revise?

Then come along to the library.....

Monday-Thursday 1.20-2.00pm & 3.15-4.15pm.

All are welcome.

Just turn up, no need to book.



Universities in Focus



University in focus... Durham university

Established in 1832, Durham University is the third-oldest university in England after Oxford and Cambridge! Durham University was founded by an Act of Parliament and granted a Royal Charter in 1837 by King William IV but the idea of a university in Durham had been discussed as early as the 16th century! The Durham Cathedral Chapter played a vital role in its actual foundation, providing both the endowment (funding) and the buildings. Throughout history, the Church is often linked with education! Durham was initially intended to provide education for Anglican clergy, and it had strong ties to the Church of England and Colleges such as University College (1832) and Hatfield College (1846) were established early on. Durham was also innovative as it began to develop a broader academic curriculum than many other universities! Post-WWII expansion brought more colleges and departments, and the university began admitting more students from diverse backgrounds and in the 1950s and 1960s, it embraced science and modern subjects alongside traditional humanities and theology.

Today, Durham is a collegiate university with 17 colleges and is consistently ranked among the top universities in the UK and globally. It is known for its academic excellence, especially in subjects like theology, history, physics, and law, as well as for its distinctive college system, historic buildings and World Heritage Site status (which includes Durham Cathedral and Castle).



Universities in Focus



Durham University even holds its graduation ceremonies, known as Congregation, in the historic Durham Cathedral. These ceremonies are scheduled twice a year: in Winter (usually January) and Summer (typically early July). While the ceremonies are held in Durham Cathedral, they are not religious events. Graduates are required to arrive at least 2 hours before the ceremony commences to allow time to be robed and to participate in the procession across Palace Green to the Cathedral, but more recently, for family members who are unable to attend the graduation celebration in person, the ceremonies are even live-streamed online.



Durham University boasts a number of notable alumni across various fields.

Some prominent names include the journalist Jeremy Vine, comedian Nish Kumar, actor Ed Gamble and travel writer Bill Bryson. Some of the most popular courses at Durham University include Law, Psychology, Economics, Business, and Computer Science and these courses often rank highly both nationally and internationally!



Mrs Eldershaw





Careers



The Importance of Work Experience – Thank You and a Reminder

As part of our commitment to preparing students for life beyond the classroom, we place great importance on work experience. It provides young people with the chance to develop key skills, build confidence and gain a first-hand understanding of the workplace. These experiences can be pivotal in helping students explore career ideas, understand what different roles involve and make more informed decisions about their futures.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents, carers and students who have already found a placement and uploaded the details to Unifrog. Your support is greatly appreciated and it is wonderful to see the variety of opportunities our students are set to experience.

A Reminder to All Students

If you have not yet submitted your work experience placement, please, make it a priority. Students must log in to their school email, follow the link to Unifrog, and fill out a new placement form.

It is essential that all placements are uploaded to Unifrog as soon as possible. This allows the school to carry out the necessary checks and verifications to ensure the placement is safe, appropriate and meets our standards. Without this step, students may not be allowed to go ahead with their placement.

We are looking forward to seeing all students take part in valuable and inspiring experiences that support their development and ignite their futures. If you need help with the process or have any questions, please speak to your form tutor or a member of the careers team.





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

<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 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.

Samaritans FREE Tel: 116 123 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 0800 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; email: 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 You can self-refer online. Groups promoting wellbeing, personal recovery and peer support.

The Dove Service 01782 683155 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 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

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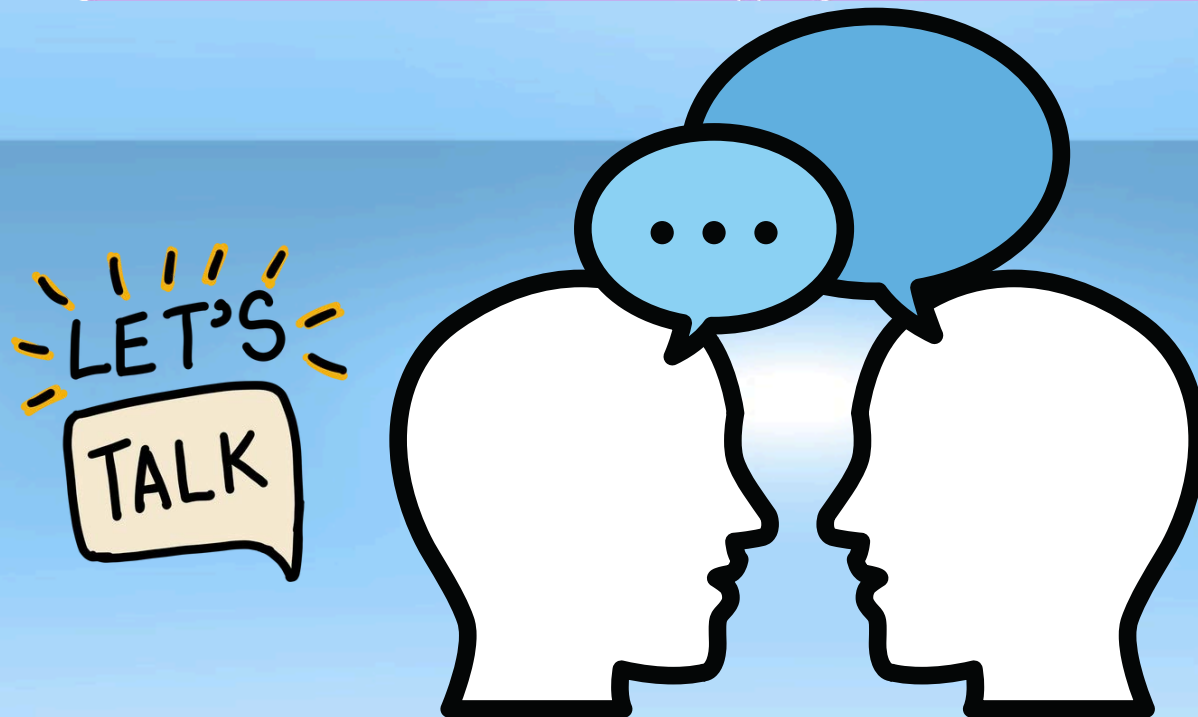
Need Help Today? Let's Talk.....

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SPEAKING TO
SOMEONE IN SCHOOL, OR IT'S THE EVENING
OR WEEKEND... Let's talk

letstalk@omera.co.uk



If at any time you find yourself feeling unsafe, are experiencing bullying, or know someone who is, we are here to help. Our 'Let's Talk' reporting system is a safe and confidential platform to ensure that your worries are addressed promptly and with care. Remember, you are not alone, and reaching out for help can make a world of difference, to you and students in our community. Complete and submit the form if you are experiencing any difficulties, and we will support you.



**LET'S
TALK**

**ASKING
for
HELP
is OK**

The Mental Health Support Team

Available now in your local Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire schools and colleges

Panic Management Sleep

Worry Management Exam Stress



*Low Mood Problem Solving
Anxiety Coping Strategies*



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.



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

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





Subject Spotlight

Drama



Performing Arts Spotlight

Fi fi fo fun..... Christmas at the Regent Theatre definitely begun with the Performing Arts department, who were delighted to take Year the whole of Year 7 students to see the Pantomime 'Dick Whittington.' This took place at the Regent theatre on 18th December, which really did kickstart the festive season.

Jonny was reunited with Christian Patterson who made a triumphant return to play Sarah the Cook and Kai Owen who starred as King Rat.

We joined our hero Dick Whittington (and his trusty cat!) as he sought fame, fortune and happiness journeying to become Lord Mayor. We were captivated from the start of the ultimate magical pantomime adventure and followed Dick on his journey wondering if he could outwit the evil rodent King Rat and free the city from his team of revolting rodents?

With amazing special effects, stunning sets and beautiful costumes direct from The London Palladium, Dick Whittington was packed with all the traditional pantomime ingredients Stoke audiences know to expect and we were transported on a magical panto adventure like never before!



On Monday 3rd February 2025, Year 8, 9 and 10 were invited to Warner Brothers Studio Tours – 'The Making of Harry Potter' on Monday 3rd February 2025. This trip was a collaboration between the Drama and Dance departments and is a fantastic opportunity for those students who are interested in opting for these subjects at KS4, to step into the world-famous authentic sets of the most successful film series of all time.



Subject Spotlight

Drama



Who would have thought Watford to be a magical place? Well, it turns out that it is precisely that! Having driven down Diagon Alley (the M1), stopping at Weasley's Wizarding Wheezes along the way (the M1 service station), we arrived. As keen as a whole bus load of Hermione Grangers, we disembarked the Knight Bus (our coach) driven ably by Ernie Prang (not the actual name of our lovely driver from Copeland's!) ready to be immersed in the wonder and excitement that is Hogwarts. A day of educational amazement followed; an interactive lesson on transfiguration (make up and costumes) was followed by a tour of the studio where we saw props, costumes, sets and vehicles from the films. It was a fantastic day with students, who are just as magical as any that ever set foot in Hogwarts



On 12th February 2025 a group of 29 Year 10 students, who study Drama and History, were invited to attend a Holocaust workshop provided by the New Vic Borderlines. This was an experiential workshop, with interactive elements to recognise the stages of genocide and ways to achieve intervention.

Developed in partnership with the Imperial War Museum, The Button Game explores the stages of genocide and the manifestation of the stages in contemporary society and ways to achieve a diversion/intervention); Rescuing the Names, created with Professor Caroline Sturdy-Colls and inspired by Shulamit Imber Yad Vashem, honours and humanises the individual stories behind the statistics of hate; and Make Your Peace fosters acts of compassion.



Subject Spotlight

Drama



The workshop was designed to engage students in exploring their roles in achieving "Never Again."
Students engaged well with this and treated it with maturity and seriousness; provoking discussions that really reflected their empathy and understanding.





Subject Spotlight

Drama



On Tuesday, 11th March, I had the immense privilege of accompanying Year 10 student Sophie Cooke to the Regional Final of Ormiston's Got Talent. Facing 14 competing schools, Sophie delivered a captivating performance of Dorothy's iconic "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz. While she didn't place in the top three, her performance was met with a resounding round of applause, reflecting the audience's appreciation.

Sophie demonstrated exceptional talent, professionalism, and grace throughout the event. Her poise and dedication were evident, embodying the spirit and values of OMERA. She truly showcased what it means to be an ambassador for our academy.



We had the pleasure of performing at Stoke Sports Partnership Dance Festival at the Victoria Hall on 24th March. It was a fantastic evening showcasing all ages from across the local community, we thoroughly enjoyed watching each piece and seeing how other schools interpreted 'Reading is dreaming with our eyes open'. Our piece consisted of students from years 7-9, the girls did an amazing performance showing their blossoming skills as dancers. Thank you to all the parents for coming to watch. We can't wait for next year!



Subject Spotlight

Dance



On 8th to 11th April, we were so excited to welcome you all to our theatrical extravaganza, 'The Wizard of Oz'.

Once again, we are so pleased to have acquired faces new and old taking to our stage, giving students the opportunity to take part in this magical journey.

We want to offer a huge congratulations to all of the students involved in this production for their courage, commitment and ambition, which resulted in a fantastic show and which we were able to share with over 1500 people across our community, as we performed matinees to Primary schools and two evening performances to family, friends and the community.

We wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible support during the production nights of The Wizard of Oz. Your hard work, dedication and passion truly brought the magic of Oz to life, it would not have been possible without your efforts.

From the seamless coordination behind the scenes to the attention to detail onstage, you all played an essential role in making the show a success. Your commitment to excellence was evident in every aspect, and we are so thankful for the energy and enthusiasm you brought to each performance.

Thank you for your time, creativity, and unwavering support throughout the entire process. It was an honour to work alongside such a dedicated team. We look forward to collaborating with you all again in the future!



Subject Spotlight

Drama





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On Friday 2nd May, Hannah Lines, Korey Oakden (double act) and Sulieman Mahmood were entered into the Ormiston's Got Talent Compere competition. This competition was launched to find a student host for the Grand Final of the OGT competition. This requires students that are confident public speakers who will bring energy and enthusiasm to the big stage at The Rep Theatre in Birmingham on Thursday 10th July. The winning student(s) will introduce our acts and engage with the audience and performers to ensure that everyone has a fantastic time. We wish them the best of luck and have everything crossed that one act gets through!

You'd think we'd be exhausted after all of that but we are still looking for opportunities to get students involved in performing at events. On 4th June Year 8 need to get ready for the adventure of a lifetime as the West End smash-hit production of The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe goes on a UK tour!

Step through the wardrobe into the magic kingdom of Narnia where a world of wonder awaits. Join Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as they meet new friends, face dangerous foes and learn the lessons of courage, sacrifice, and the power of love.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of C.S. Lewis's classic novel, watch The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe come to life in this spectacular production—a delight for all ages.

There are still some tickets available for this – pay on ParentPay to secure your place. Myself and Mrs Prendergast are in the process of organising a residential trip to take the Year 10 students to the West End.

I'm sure you will agree it has been a great year so far and there is still more to come.....

Miss James, Mrs Prendergast, Mr Jones, Miss Cooke



COMING SOON!
REVISION MONTH
AND PRIDE
NEXT ISSUE.....

Library and Reading



BREAKING NEWS!

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

This term we have been busy in the library celebrating our fantastic new library design! The renovation took place over Easter. Please see below for more details.

We supported our Y11s by making May a revision month. Students were encouraged to come to the library and make use of our fantastic new facilities. In addition, we had a wide range of revision materials, tips and guides on hand for the students to explore. As we come to the end of the term we are celebrating Summer with our books on holiday, travel, oceans and coastlines.

Next half term, we are holding our great reading race in the library. Sports Day is not just on the field. More news on this next issue....

Donations

Are you having a clear out?
Do you need to make space for more books at home?

We welcome donations of any books or magazines, 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.



Books of the Month

Next month, we are celebrating Pride month and the arrival of Summer! Take out any book, from these displays and earn double library loyalty points. Pride Month 2025, observed in June, is a yearly celebration commemorating the LGBTQ+ community. It's a time for the community to come together, celebrate their identities, and advocate for equality and acceptance.

Book Corner

A perilous adventure with dystopian and environmental themes that cut unnervingly close to potential reality, *The Dog Runner* is a tense, thrilling adventure full of close calls, but also glowing with heart, whether it's the relationship between Ella and Emery or their love for the "doggos" helping them get to where they need to.

A terrible fungus has swept the world, decimating crops and triggering a worldwide food crisis. With no grass to eat, even the chickens and cattle have died.

Come to the library to find out more!!!



Summer Books

We know that it can be hard to keep yourself entertained over the holidays. So, why not grab a new book from the library? We have everything: travel guides, oceans and coastlines.

Any Summer-themed book, you take out, earns you double loyalty stamps. Swap your completed library loyalty card for prizes. Why not read a book as a holiday boredom buster?



The Big Reading Race.....

Looking forward to Sports Day? We will be racing not only on the field but also in the library. We will be competing against each other, in houses, to see who can check out the most book and earn 20,000 housepointsMore next issue...

Library and Reading



BREAKING NEWS!



Stoke-on-Trent Live ✓

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📖 A city high school has unveiled a refurbished library and learning hub. And pupils at Meir's Ormiston Meridian Academy enjoyed a visit from Lord Mayor Lyn Sharpe along with Kelvin The Kiln - the mascot for the city's centenary celebrations. The original library at the high school has been turned into a new learning space thanks to funding from Ormiston Academies Trust.



Library and Reading



BREAKING NEWS!

The Lord Mayor, Kelvin the Kiln, The National Literacy Trust, Stoke-on-Trent Libraries and students from the academy, all attend the grand opening of our newly renovated library on 13th May at 11am .

The opening of this new chapter for our library is a significant milestone, and we are excited to share this achievement with the community. The new facilities have been designed with the aim of providing a modern, welcoming space for learning, reading, and community engagement, reflecting the values of accessibility and education that are at the heart of our mission.

The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a speech by The Lord Mayor, Mrs Stanyer and Victor Dorobantu, followed by an opportunity for guests to explore the new library space and its resources.

We now invite all students to come and join us to come and use our fantastic facilities and share in our excitement as we embark on this new chapter. We greatly appreciate your support in fostering a love of reading within our academy.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new look library soon!

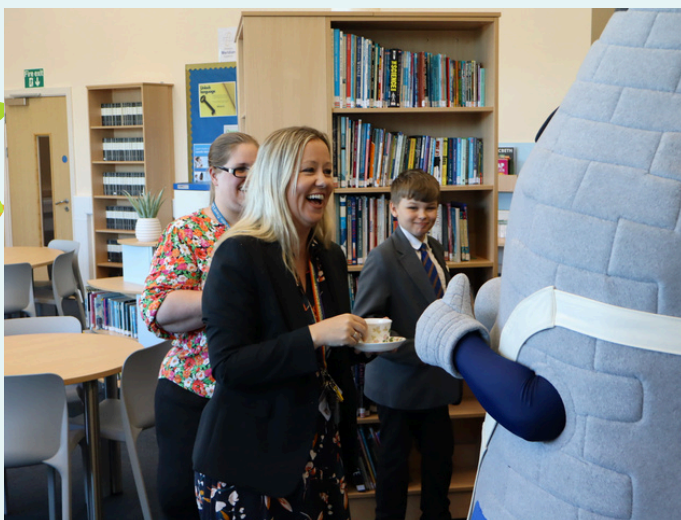
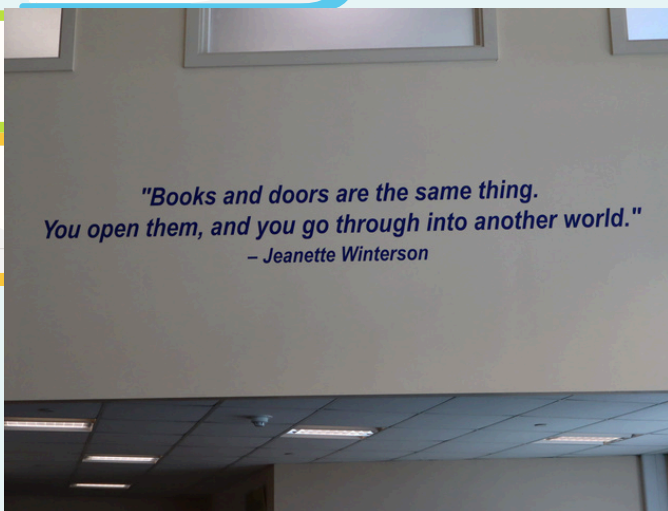
Mrs Martin



Library and Reading



BREAKING NEWS!



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I would like to say a personal thank you to the Library Leadership Team. I couldn't run the library without you!!!! Your dedication to sharing your love of reading, with others, is inspiring to all. You give up your free time to make the Library environment welcoming and to guide your fellow students in choosing books suitable for their interests by sharing your own literary knowledge. Your support and enthusiasm is what makes the Library so popular and my job so enjoyable.

Thank you again and enjoy your well earned rest over the half term.

Mrs Martin
Reading Co-Ordinator/ Head Librarian



Brilliant Book

Society



Love reading? Want to make friend and discover new books?

Then come and join us in the library....

Monday and Wednesday 3.15-415pm.

All years are welcome.

See Mrs Martin, in the Library, for a permission slip.



Ormiston Meridian Academy

Shaping Lives | Building Ambition | Igniting Futures

Reading Rewards



Have you joined our reading rewards programme?
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.

Rewards are as follows:

10 stamps- book mark

20 stamps- Bronze certificate and badge

30 stamps- Silver certificate and badge

40 stamps- Gold certificate and badge

50 stamps- Platinum certificate and badge

See Mrs Martin, in the Library, for more details.

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Community Bookcase



Who doesn't like a freebie?

Come along to 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.



Out and About....

Y10 OAT STEM CHAMPIONS!!!

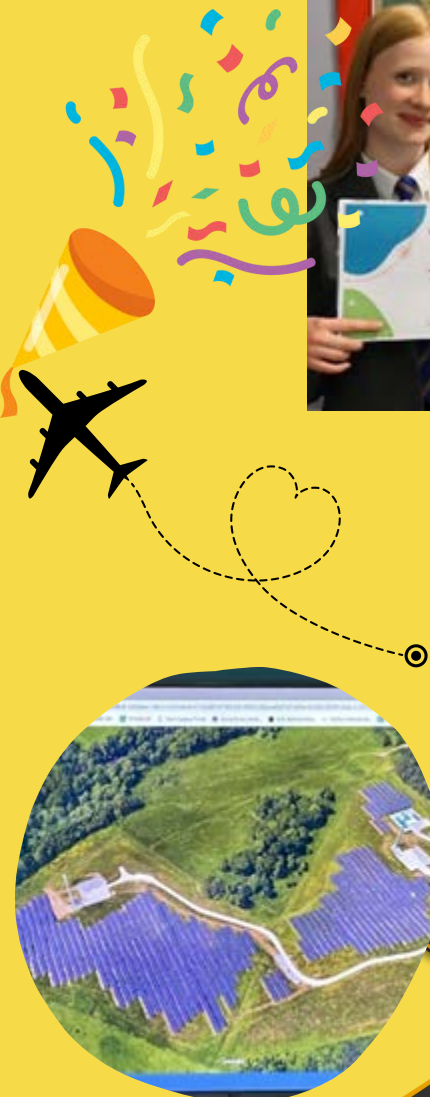


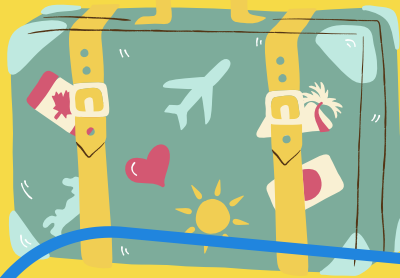
For six weeks a group of year 10 students have been working hard, with Higher Horizons, on a project all about sustainable energy, technological development and weather stations. The team had to research a suitable area to develop within a 5-mile radius of their school, using this area to design a sustainable weather station and an educational centre. Hannah, Zach, Olivia, Harry, Georgiana, and Korey worked very hard over the six weeks both in school and at home to research, design, and pitch their educational centre and weather station. As part of the project, students visited three university campuses to learn how these campuses can make use of sustainable energy and to gain a better insight into their future career options regarding STEM.



Students first visited Keele University, for the launch of their project. The team had a campus tour of Keele and saw their solar farm, wind turbines and hub that controls the energy supply for the campus. The hub is continuously monitoring the energy generated by the solar panels and wind turbines, and managing the supply to the campus or back to the National Grid if there is a surplus.

For their next visit, students travelled to Harper Adams University to have a more hands-on day looking at how to carry out engineering investigations, careers in the motorsport industry and agricultural applications of STEM. As part of the motorsport session, students were changing tyres on a rally car. This task got VERY competitive between the teams, with them each trying to better each other's times – the ultimate tyre changing champ was Korey with a time of 1 minute 10!





Out and About....

Y10 OAT STEM CHAMPIONS!!!



For the final part of the project, students visited Staffordshire University for the presentation of their project with the teams from OSSMA and OHA. The team were exemplary in their pitch, showcasing great teamwork, confidence and respect. The judging panel were so impressed with their ideas and project that when announcing the winners, Team OMERA were noted as being clear winners for a fantastic project – scoring an average of over 24.5/25! The team will enjoy their prize day out soon as a congratulations for their hard work and success.

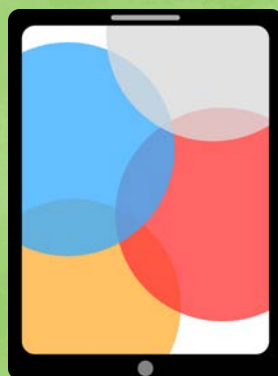


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HAIL On Synergy....



A reminder that Home and Independent Learning (HAIL) tasks are now recorded through Synergy.

Students and parents can track work that has been set alongside deadlines for work to be complete. For further tutorials, on how to see this, search “Ormiston Meridian Synergy” on YouTube.

To access the system, please either download the Synergy app (there are separate apps for students and parents), use the link on our website (ormistonmeridianacademy.co.uk) or go direct to omera.schoolsynergy.co.uk.

Parental access to the system is via a dedicated login that you will already have been given. Students log in using the Microsoft button and use the same email address and password that they use to log into Teams in school. If you have any questions or problems accessing the system, please do not hesitate to email gcraddock@omera.co.uk.

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