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What's Happening at Ormiston!



Senior Team Introduction

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we close another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved together this year and express my heartfelt appreciation to all students, parents, carers, governors and colleagues for your continued support. Our students have worked so hard, learned so much, and grown in ways that will last a lifetime.

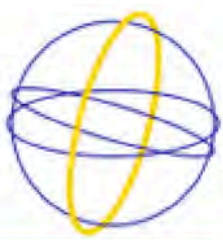
We are thrilled, as always, to share with you some of the wonderful events, accomplishments, and highlights that have shaped our school community during the last half-term in our final newsletter of the academic year. In this issue, you'll find updates on recent school activities, spotlight features on our incredible students and staff, as well as upcoming events you won't want to miss. Together, we can continue to foster a nurturing and enriching environment for all of our students to thrive.

I would like to highlight some very special events that have happened this year:

The year started with our best mathematics results ever, with grade 4, 5 and 7 results above the National average. Furthermore, we had more students than ever before gain a grade 4 in both English and mathematics and this was above the National figure and one of the highest performing in the City of Stoke-on-Trent. We are hoping for even more for this academic year and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the Class of 2025 have done superbly well!

Our attendance has finished in line with National figures and the Department for Education have published a national document informing us that we are 3.5% above similar schools across the country! We are every proud of this and attendance continues to be an academy priory next year because of the difference it makes our students' outcomes. Please continue to support us with this and thank you so much for all the times you have got your child up and in school- it makes a huge difference.

The opening of the 'Alan Turing' computing building was a huge success. The building was opened by Sir Ian Dudson, Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire alongside Dr David James and Professor Chris Headleand of the University of Staffordshire. We are very grateful to our friends at Staffordshire University for the very special partnership we have grown with them over recent years.



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The opening of our library was a wonderful event supported by Ormiston Academies Trust, The National Literacy Trust, Stoke-on-Trent Libraries, The Lord Mayor, Kelvin the Kiln and our fantastic Library Team. We now have state of the art facilities, for study, revision and reading,

In March, we had our Ormiston Academies Trust academy review where 10 senior members of Ormiston descended on our academy to review its current position. It was a very intense day but I am very pleased to tell you that our feedback was highly positive and demonstrated that our Quality of Education is strong with elements of exemplary practice.

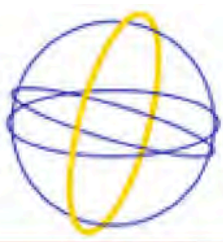
The Year 9 cohort sat our very first set Rank Order Assessments under exam conditions minicking the real GCSEs. Following a visit to St Thomas the Apostle School and Sixth Form in London (one of the highest performing schools in the country), we have emulated their Rank Order strategy to raise achievement and help our students achieve some of the best exam results they ever thought possible. We are looking forward to sharing their results with them

Our Prom was exceptional! the Class of 2025 has the most amazing night with some of the best arrivals we have evert seen! We are encouraging the Class of 2026 to out-perform them and will be launching our Prom criteria with them when they come back in Year 11!

We were City-wide winners at the highly contested Youth Speaks and Student Leadership competitions . This is the second year in a row we have won the Youth Speaks, beating all the schools, including St Josephs and Trentham High School hands-down!

I am so proud of all the students and staff for these achievements and they would not happen without the strong culture of collaboration, achievement and aspiration that students, parents and staff have created at Ormiston Meridian Academy- thank you all and well done!

I would like to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and commitment from the staff. I am very lucky to work with a team who are passionate about your child's education, shaping their lives, building their ambition and igniting their futures- thank you staff for everything you have done this year.



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Finally, to all of our students: Now it's time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the well-deserved summer break! Whether you're spending the summer with family and friends, going on a holiday, exploring new hobbies, or simply relaxing, I hope this time is filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of opportunities for you to reflect on all you've accomplished this academic year. Remember, learning doesn't stop just because school is out. I'm sure you will have some HAIL, especially Year 10! Keep your mind ticking over with some of your academic learning and read a good book or two! I am so proud of how far you've come this year, and I can't wait to see what you'll achieve in the next school year!

Enjoy every moment,

Mrs Stanyer

PS. We will see the Class of 2025 on 21st August for Results Day!



House Points Scores So Far.....



HOUSE RESULTS

1ST Simmonds

2ND Turing

3RD Yousafzai

4TH Bridgewater

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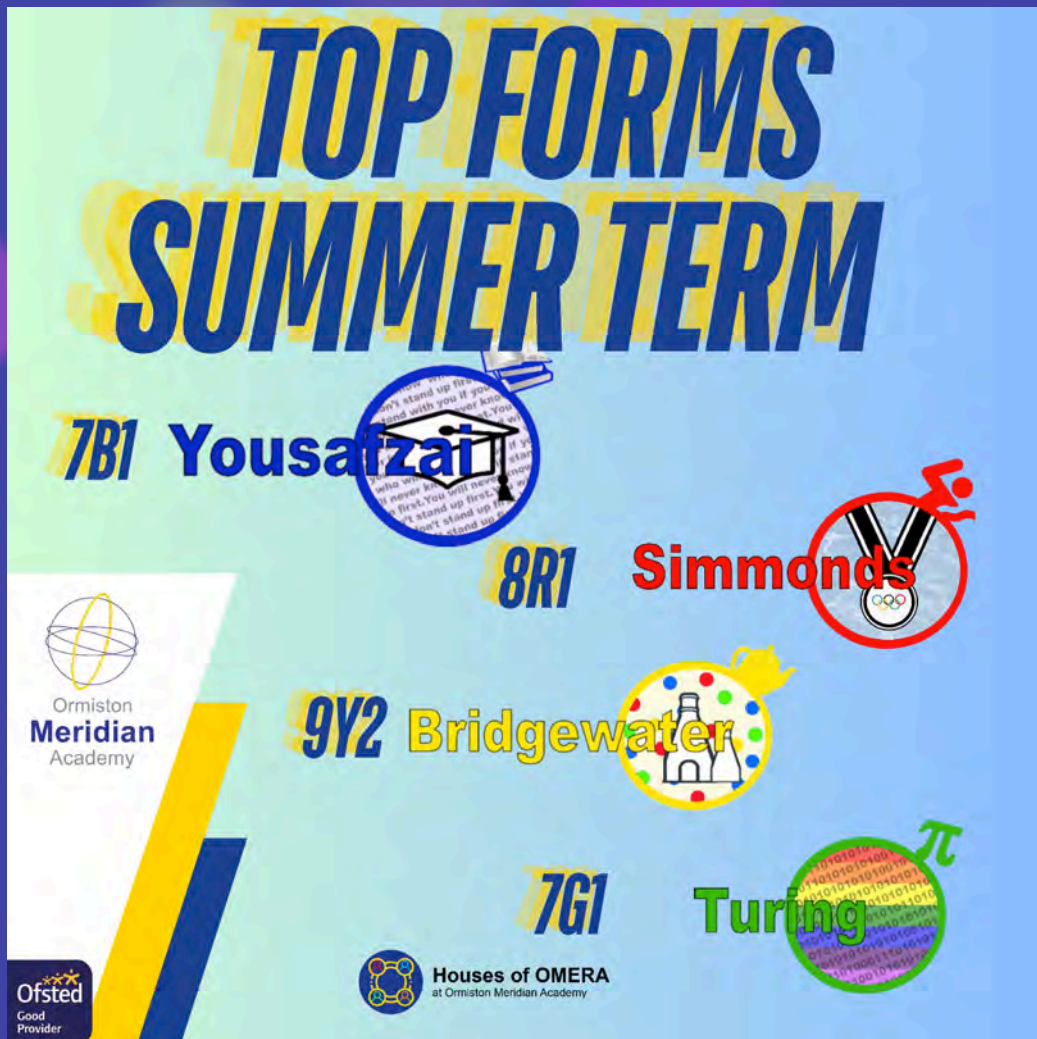
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Houses of OMERA at Ormiston Meridian Academy

Who will win? Your house points could make all the difference! You need to be in it to win it!



House Points Scores So Far.....



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Extra Curricular Highlights

PE Newsletter Summer 2025

Year 8 5-a-side competition - Thursday 8th May @ Excel

Mrs James and Mr Maxwell were extremely proud of their Year 8 5-a-side football teams that recently took part in a city competition. There were excellent performances from all of the students, and we celebrate their outstanding teamwork. #Futureleaders



U15/U17 CITY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS - Wednesday 21st May 2025, was our first athletics competition of the summer term. We would like to congratulate and thank all of our athletes for their commitment and achievements. We have experienced a number of individual merits over the course of the term and would like to recognise them below:

Six students qualified to represent the city team at the County Athletics on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Saturday 14 th June 2025 @ Northwood Stadium		
Lydia Kelsall	Intermediate Girls	Discus & Shot Put
Zac Fawcus	Intermediate Boys	Discus
Thomas-Oscar Adams	Intermediate Boys	Shot Put
Lilah Brookes	Junior Girls	Javelin
Ryan Parker	Junior Boys	800m
Isabella Stanyer	Junior Girls	Shot Put

Extra Curricular Highlights

Two of our students then qualified to represent Staffordshire at the Masons Cup on Saturday 21st June 2025 at Northwood Stadium. Congratulations to Lydia Kelsall who threw only a few centimetres off both her PB's in the discus and shot put, achieving a bronze medal in the discus. See her impressive distances below:

Lydia Kelsall - Intermediate Girls		
		
Discus	Distance = 28m 51cm	3 rd Place
Shot Put	Distance = 9m 17cm	

CITY YEAR 9/10 – SUPER 8 ATHLETICS – TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025 = 11th Place

CITY YEAR 8 – SUPER 8 ATHLETICS – THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025 = 9th Place

U13/U14 CITY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS – TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025 = 8th Place



Extra Curricular Highlights

Higher Horizons

Higher Horizons, are part of the Uni Connect Programme, funded by the Government to deliver free and impartial higher education outreach to schools and colleges across Staffordshire, Shropshire, and Cheshire. Our KS4 students were offered 15 hours of careers education in sport. This included the following:

- 2 hour coaching session
- 3 hours classroom-based careers discussion
- External Visit to SCFC and Staffs University

Well done to the following students for being fine ambassadors of Ormiston Meridian Academy and for their outstanding participation:

- Angelo Vasiliu
- Seb Ciolan
- Summer Rushton
- Jessica Booth
- Isabelle Poulson
- James Matthews
- Caleb Ford
- Harry Forrester
- Ethan Arkinstall
- Thomas Oscar Adams
- Charlie Vaughn Scott
- Adama Seck



Extra Curricular Highlights



STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION COUNTY TRIALS

We want to wish the following student the very best of luck for their up coming county trials. These students have been recognised for their outstanding ability in football. They are nominated by the school and have been selected for trials throughout July and

September:

Good Luck!!!

**Y8 Charlie Rowe
Y8 Amelia Maddox**

Y8 Taylor Weston

Y8 Riley Shelton

Y8 Josh Nicholls

Y8 Kyan Leese

Y9 Lilah Brookes

Y9 Gracie-Mae Parkes

Y9 Ryan Parker

Y9 Theo Roberts

Y10 Summer Rushton

Extra Curricular Highlights

Y10 Ethan Arkinstall

Y10 Thomas-Oscar Adams

OAT Games – Friday 27th June 2025

Again, we experienced a number of successes at the OAT Games as you can see below. Over the course of the day, 10 students, from each year group, participated in track and field events, a tug of war competition and a dodgeball competition. A great day was had by all!

The PE Team



14 Bronze Medals		
Year Group	Students Name	Event
7	Jamie Leigh Gibben	Long Jump
7	Zeeniah Butt	Shot Put
Year 9 - 4 x 100m Relay team		
8	Archie Maxwell	300m
8	Keeghan Johnson	800m
8	Taylor Weston	Long Jump
9	Theo Roberts	100m
9	Isabella Stanyer	100m
10	Isabelle Poulson	800m
10	Princess Sako	200m
10	Thomas Oscar-Adams	Shot Put

7 Silver Medals		
Year Group	Students Name	Event
7	Tyler Wallbanks	200m
7	Jayson McLane	Discus
7	Tyler Wallbanks	Shot Put
8	Charlie Rowe	200m
8	Charlie Rowe	Shot Put
9	Gracie-Mae Parkes	100m
9	Isabella Stanyer	Shot Put

7 Gold Medals		
Year Group	Students Name	Event
8	Archie Maxwell	Speed Bounce
8	Faizah Rehman	Discus
9	Lilah Brookes	Discus
9	Kiera Brennan	300m
9	Ryan Parker	800m
9	Gracie-Mae Parkes	Speed Bounce
10	Ethan Arkinstall	800m

Year 10 Tug of War Team

Extra Curricular Highlights

Paris 2025

Year 7 and Year 8 students embraced a hot and sunny trip to Paris last week! They visited the Trocadero and the Eiffel Tower, as well as seeing famous sights along the way including the Stade de France, where the national football team score their breath-taking goals, and the beautiful Sacré Coeur. Students also experienced a leisurely boat cruise along the Seine, soaking up the rays, viewing the incredible architecture of the Cathédrale Notre Dame, the Louvre Palace and the Assemblée Nationale, to name just a few of the incredible sights!

This was followed by another hot and action packed day, which began with croissants and pain au chocolat at the hotel. We visited Parc Astérix, the home of the famous characters Astérix and Obélix, and their adventures through Ancient Greece and Egypt, as well as the Vikings! Students bravely faced the terrifying heights of the Goudurix rollercoaster, reaching 90 mph as it zoomed through each of its 7 loops! The water rides were very popular too, as there was plenty of time and sunshine to dry off!

Finally, we headed back to the ferry port with lots of sweets and coach karaoke. Who knew that Miss Derbyshire and Mr Hayes could hold a tune?!

Current year 7 students must look out for the letter about next year's trip, so that at you can join us in 2026!



Extra Curricular Highlights

Year 8 Café Experience – Bienvenue à Café Omera !

On Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th July, Year 8 students were transported to Paris for a special French café experience. Organised by Mr Collins, the classroom was transformed into a lively French café, complete with music and a warm, Parisian ambiance.

Pupils ordered entirely in French, choosing between a pain au chocolat, croissant or gaufre, and drinks such as orange juice, apple juice, or hot chocolate.

They played a range of French-themed games including jeu des six familles, a quiz, and card-matching activities.

The students fully embraced the experience with enthusiasm and confidence.



Universities in Focus



University in Focus...

The University of Southampton prides itself as one of the leading research universities in the UK, with a rich history that dates back to the 19th century. Originally founded in 1862 as the Hartley Institution, the university began with a generous donation from Henry Robinson Hartley who was a wealthy, local wine merchant and philanthropist from Southampton. He left a substantial sum in his will to establish a centre for learning in the town as he believed that it was important for the local people of the area to have access to higher levels of education. The Hartley Institution opened on 15 October 1862 and was initially intended to provide higher education and cultural opportunities to the people of Southampton.



Henry Robinson Hartley



**The arrival of Prime Minister
Lord Palmerston for the
opening of the Hartley Institution
on 15 October 1862**



Universities in Focus



Over the years, the institution evolved, changing names and functions. In 1902 it became the Hartley University College, then in 1919 moved to its current Highfield Campus to accommodate expansion and modern facilities. In 1952 it gained full university status by Royal Charter, becoming the University of Southampton and awarding its own degrees. This marked its formal establishment as an independent university and in the decades following its university status, Southampton expanded rapidly with excellent faculties in engineering, medicine, oceanography, and electronics, among others. It was also a founding member of the Russell Group in 1994, a prestigious association of research-intensive UK universities.

The university is known for key contributions to fields like optical fibre technology, Web science (through the work of Sir Tim Berners-Lee, a visiting professor), and aerospace engineering. Southampton is renowned for its Ocean and Earth Sciences faculty at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton (NOCS) and is one of the top facilities of its kind in the world. The university also has a strong global presence, with partnerships and campuses overseas, including in Malaysia. It is proud of its diverse student population with tens of thousands of students, from over 130 countries.

Southampton's famous alumni include: Sir Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the world wide web, who held a visiting professorship at Southampton and collaborated with the university's Web Science Institute, Justine Greening, former UK Secretary of State for Education, and previously Secretary of State for International Development and Sir David Payne, known for ground-breaking work in optical fibre technology, crucial to the development of global telecommunications.



Mrs Eldershaw





Achievement Update

As we come to the end of the Summer Term, I am absolutely delighted with the focus, commitment and maturity that our students have demonstrated across the assessment window. From our incredible Year 11 Leavers, to the Year 10s who sat their first formal mock examinations, and the Year 9 students that undertook Rank Order Assessments – we couldn't be prouder of you! The staff, and external invigilators who work across several schools, continue to be impressed by our students' resilience, the mutual support they show one another, and their positive spirit during these times.

For this final newsletter of the academic year, I asked some of our Year 11 leavers to reflect on their KS4 experience and examination journey in order to share their best pieces of advice with the year groups that follow in their footsteps.

This is what some of our students had to share:

'Attend school every day. Every lesson has a vital importance!' and 'It's never too late to make a change' Eduard E

'Year 11 will be over before you know it, so make the most of every piece of feedback' - Emily V

'Don't leave revision too late - start revising NOW' - Georgia N

'Fix your sleep schedule! It takes time to develop good sleep habits and you will definitely need lots of sleep around your GCSEs' - Jane M

'If you're unsure in the exam, take a guess. Don't leave any question blank' - Sharon

'Don't stress too much. Take all of the breaks you need - but plan your revision carefully' – Kashaf A

'Listen, listen, listen to your teachers!' – Leona G

'Never stop writing - don't leave anything blank - every mark counts' - Victoria C

'Always work your hardest. The hard work will pay off' – Humaira S

'Come to school every day! GCSE aren't that bad if you revise in advance' Thomas B

'Never stop learning' Evan H

'Sleep! The night the exam, don't keep your head in the books, get your head on the pillow!' - Marshall W

It is clear that our Year 11 leavers have developed essential revision and time management skills that will serve them effectively throughout their next stages of education and employment. I am so proud of them all and look forward to guiding the Class of 2026 through their exams next academic year.

Miss Peacock – Assistant Principal for Achievement

Alan Turing Building Grand Opening Ormiston Meridian Academy – 3rd July 2025

Ormiston Meridian Academy Unveils the Alan Turing Building

Ormiston Meridian Academy marked a transformative milestone on Friday 27th June with the grand opening of The Alan Turing Building—a state-of-the-art learning facility named in honour of the legendary mathematician and pioneer of computer science. The building stands as a tribute to Turing's legacy of brilliance, perseverance, and transformative thinking, qualities the academy seeks to instil in every learner.

This purpose-built space features three specialist IT rooms, each equipped with 36 high-spec PCs and 87" touch screen displays, two traditional classrooms, extended canteen space, and modern staff work areas - each element designed to elevate teaching and learning across the school and encourage technological curiosity.

The event was led by Academy Principal Claire Stanyer and Vice Principal Sam Darlington and was attended by a host of distinguished guests, including Sir Ian Dudson, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, who formally opened the building. Joining the celebration were Dr Jason Lines (Chair of Governors), Dave James (Governor), Helena Brothwell (OAT Education Director North), and Professor Chris Headleand, Head of the Games Institute at the University of Staffordshire.



Alan Turing Building Grand Opening

Ormiston Meridian Academy – 3rd July 2025

Speaking at the event, Professor Headle and captured the spirit of the occasion:

“Buildings like this aren’t just bricks and mortar. They’re launchpads that ignite futures... We’re not just cutting a ribbon on a building – we’re opening doors. Doors to new ways of learning and limitless possibilities.”

The event also celebrated the academy’s growing partnership with the University of Staffordshire, reinforcing a shared commitment to unlocking student potential through meaningful learning experiences and forward-looking educational pathways. Rooted in the Academy’s vision of shaping lives, building ambition, and igniting futures, the Alan Turing Building represents more than an investment in infrastructure. It’s a symbol of possibility—a space designed to empower learners with the tools, inspiration, and belief they need to thrive in an ever-evolving digital world.





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 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; 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



"Ay Up Duck!" – Supporting Our Students During Mental Health Week



As part of Mental Health Week 2025, all students at Ormiston Meridian Academy received a special gift – an ‘Ay Up Duck’ card and a small duck token. These thoughtful items were handed out to help raise awareness around mental health and to remind students that support is always available when they need it.

Mental Health Week is a time dedicated to highlighting the importance of mental wellbeing and encouraging open, honest conversations about how we’re feeling. It’s a chance to break down stigma, promote self-care, and ensure that everyone knows where to turn when things get tough.

The ‘Ay Up Duck’ card – a friendly nod to our local heritage – includes signposting information for students who may be struggling with their mental health. It outlines where they can go for help both within school and through external services, making it clear that no one has to face challenges alone.

At Ormiston Meridian Academy, we are committed to supporting every student’s wellbeing. If a student is experiencing difficulties with their mental health, we encourage parents and carers to contact the Pastoral Team. We are able to offer support through the school’s Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and other targeted interventions to ensure each student gets the help they need. The duck token is a small but meaningful reminder: you are never alone, and there is always someone ready to listen.

Let’s keep talking, keep supporting, and keep looking out for one another – not just during Mental Health Week, but every day.

Mrs Wooton



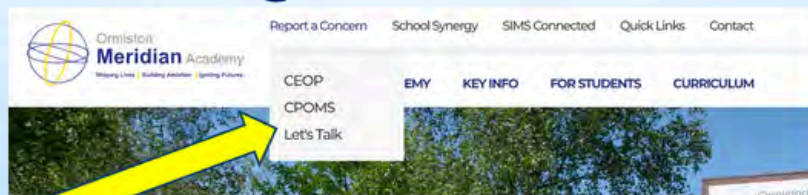
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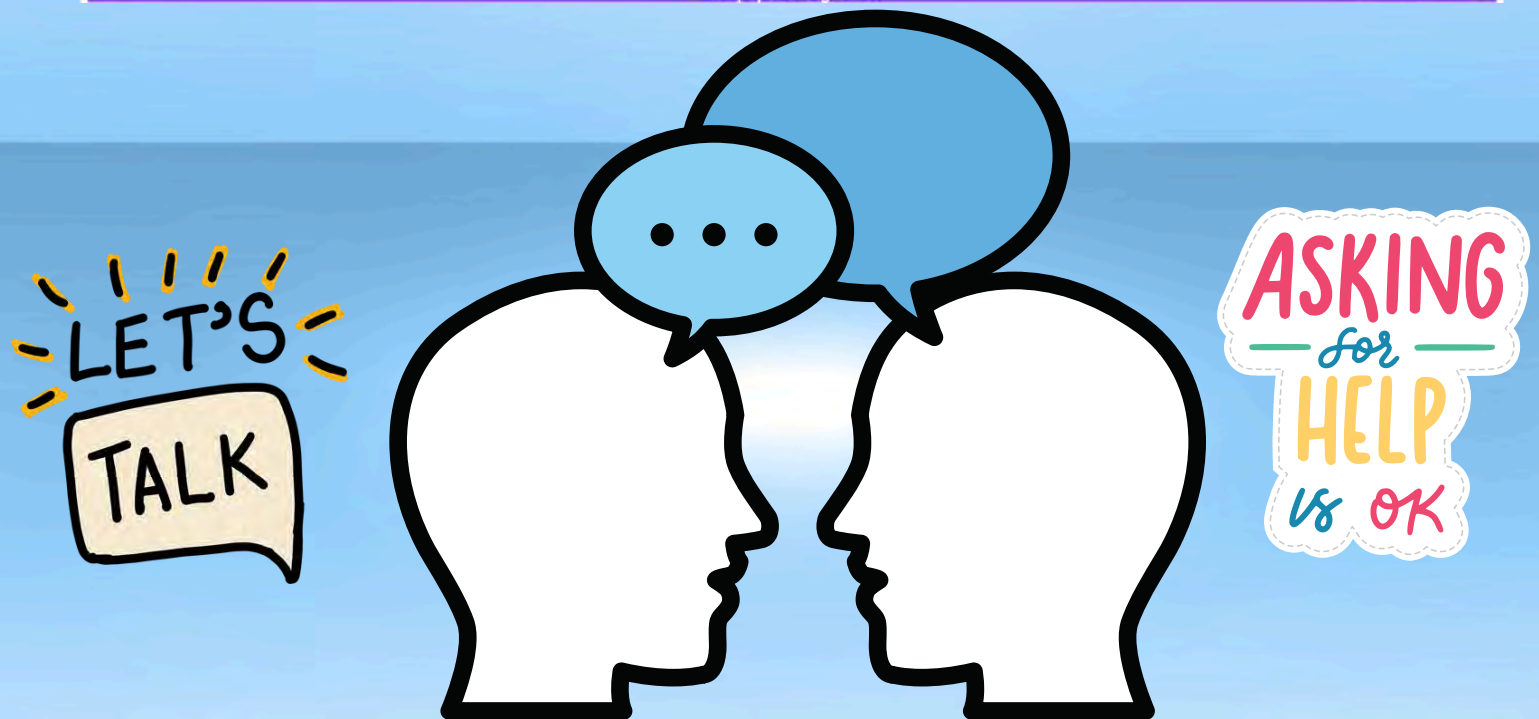
Need Help Today? Let's Talk.....

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.



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

English-Jet Set



This month, Year 8 Jet Set students, in 8AA1, were challenged to put themselves in the shoes of poet Thomas Hardy by writing their own rendition of his powerful anti-war poem 'The Man He Killed'. The task asked students to reflect on the senselessness of war and humanise both sides of the conflict.

The results were nothing short of impressive. The class tackled the theme with maturity and creativity. After much deliberation, three outstanding entries were selected as the winners for their emotional impact and poetic technique!

Here are the winning poems:

Adam Ali

Your barrel's shadow paints my face,
A trembling light - a moment's grace.
I see the doubt that grips your hand
Why must I die in this damned land?

Your eyes like mirrors, lost and wide,
Reflect the soul you try to hide.
No uniform can mask the truth:
We both are chained to war's uncouth.

Isabella Pass

Sleepless nights and long days
Waiting. Waiting, as time slowly drifts away.
The fear or being killed where we stand,
By some shell in some distant land,
In a war that wasn't mine.

I reflected on the enemy, the foe,
and I remembered why they told us we had to go.
Out of the trench, we climbed and climbed
None except the wounded and the dead were left behind.

Then I saw him staring at me, afraid.
In the space between the living and dead,
I felt sympathy.
No doubt he was pressured, just like me.
I see him, before the end and think,

You are the man who killed me.

**aim
HIGH!**

Subject Spotlight English-Jet Set



Tristan Parker

The white dove has set me free
Free from life, the tragic of day.
But the crow should be for me,
Because his life, I did slay.

Little did I know,
I would pay the price
A soldier in the snow,
I shot, as cold as ice

But in him I see a boy, like me
A boy who wants his family,
And then I learned to pity him.
Don't pity the dead, pity the living
They fight for love, because their life is grim,
But then the white dove flew right over him.

COMING SOON!
WE WELCOME OUR
NEW STUDENTS
AND THE SPOOKY
BOOK REVIEW.....

Library and Reading



BREAKING NEWS!

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

This year we have welcomed Mrs Sims, as Head of Literacy, turned our hand to poetry for Valentines Day and competed in reading competitions including the Reading Race and The Big Book Review.

If this wasn't enough we also welcomed the Lord Mayor to open our new look library .

Next half term ,we are welcoming our new Y7 students. I will be recruiting new members of the Library Student Leadership team and enrolling all students into Stoke-on-Trent Library.

See you in September, Mrs Martin!!

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

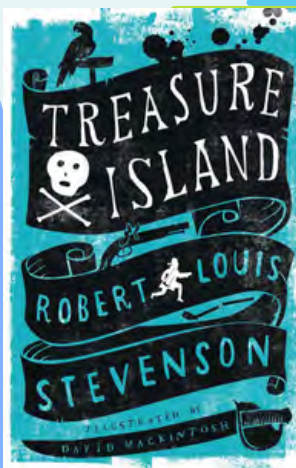
This month we have held the great reading race, where houses race to to check out the most books.

Sticking with the sporting theme, we have had a selection of books on display, fiction and non-fiction, celebrating sport and sport heroes.

In September, the theme of the month will be settling in, as we welcome Y7 with books about transition.

Book Corner

In Treasure Island, the young Jim Hawkins stumbles upon a treasure map belonging to the pirate Captain Flint. This leads him on a thrilling adventure to a remote island, where he encounters pirates, including the notorious Long John Silver, who also seeks the treasure. Jim and his loyal companions, including the ship's captain and the doctor, must navigate treacherous situations, including a mutiny, to protect themselves and find the treasure, ultimately leading to a journey of self-discovery and moral growth for Jim.



Summer Books

We know that it can hard to keep yourself entertained over the holidays. So, why not grab a new book from the library? We have everything from travel guides, to 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 Spooky Book Review.....

In October, share your love of everything spooky or scare your fellow students to death (only joking.) By recommending a book, from the horror section, to your fellow students, you have the chance of winning a spooky hamper.More next issue...

Library and Reading



Well
Done


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Well done to Brandon Bridgwood, in Y8. He has now published a book, on Kindle, entitled, Read more about the book below.


"The Skylands: An Adventure Brewin! is an enthralling novel that transports readers to a mystical and mysterious world beyond the horizon. In this captivating tale, follow the journey of Alex Waterwood, a young man who has always been fascinated by the Skylands and longed to explore this wondrous land. Against all odds, he takes a leap of faith and embarks on a journey that tests his strength, courage, and resolve. As Alex soars higher into the sky, he discovers a world unlike anything he has ever seen before, with floating islands, magical creatures, and ancient ruins that hint at a deeper history and purpose for this mystical world. Throughout his adventure, Alex faces intense trials and challenges that put his skills to the test. He must use his wits and perseverance to overcome these obstacles and continue his journey. With each step he takes, Alex uncovers the greatest mysteries of the Skylands, discovers the true meaning of adventure, and finds out what lies beyond the horizon. Along the way, he encounters fierce creatures, navigates treacherous terrain, and fights for what he believes in. "The Skylands: An Adventure Brewing" is a must-read for fans of fantasy and adventure. This novel is perfect for readers of all ages, who will be captivated by the vivid and imaginative world created by the author. With its engaging storyline, well-developed characters, and stunning visual descriptions, this book is sure to leave readers wanting more. Don't miss out on this epic adventure brewing in the Skylands.

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Reading Buddy scheme
Helps up students from
with reading for pleasure
the programme during



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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**THANK
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Thank you, to the Alumni 1210 Rotary Club. They have donated hundreds of books to the academy and our students, via the Books 4 Home scheme.

Many of our students have enjoyed taking free books home to share with their friends and family. I am sure they will be read and treasured for many years to come.

We could not have done it without you!!

Social Media Get Connected....

Are you following us on Social Media?

Make sure you're following for up-to-date information about academy events and regular details about exciting and engaging lessons that students have taken part in.
Mr Craddock

Use the links or QR codes below to find out more :





Parent Panel....



PARENT PANEL

Would you like to give us regular feedback and be part of shaping the way that we do things? Email us to be part of it!

feedback@omera.co.uk

If you have any feedback, either on things that you feel need improving or want to tell us about something we're doing particularly well, please get in touch! We have a dedicated email address to enable you do this. Please email feedback@omera.co.uk with your comments.

Leading Parent Partnership Award



We are pleased to announce that we are working towards this award.

The Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) is a nationally recognised award achievable by schools who work closely with families within their school community. This award helps us to improve the activities we have available for our families and supports better communication. The award is accredited after a visit from an external advisor.

Our school is working towards meeting the nine evidence-based objectives below:

- Demonstrate a commitment to work towards achieving the LPPA
- Make and implement effective plans to achieve and maintain the LPPA
- Show the school is a welcoming, communicative and friendly place for parents
- Promote the awareness and participation of all groups of parents/carers in supporting their children's learning and developing their own learning. In addition, the school holds and actively promotes a programme of opportunities and events for joint parent and child participation.
- Provide a good induction for all new parents/carers
- Provide parents/carers with relevant and user-friendly guidance and information to help them to support their children's learning
- Produce and implement parent-friendly policies to establish effective home-school links and to improve children's attendance, punctuality, progress and positive participation in school
- Provide good support for all parents as their children move through or leave school
- Summarise our achievements against the LPPA objectives and outline our future plans

Parents' Evening Feedback



YOU SAID...

Year 7 parents commented that they weren't aware that students could attend parents' evening.

WE DID...

We've changed the communication around parents' evenings to clarify that students are welcome to attend and discuss their progress with teachers and parents.



YOU SAID...

Parents said that they would like more support with their own learning.

WE WILL DO...

Watch out for communications from September. We will be signposting you to adult learning opportunities and providing our own subject-focused digital sessions.

Parents' Evening Feedback



YOU SAID...

You were not always able to make appointments with every teacher at Parents' Evening due to the number of classes a teacher has.

WE DID...

We have reduced the number of split classes next year by 70% to attempt to reduce this issue and will look at holding multiple events where possible. Parents are welcome to request a phone call / email if they were unable to see a teacher.



YOU SAID...

The transition information should also be made available electronically.

WE DID...

...exactly this! The Y6 transition information is now available on our website as a collection of PDF files.