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“A Shrektacular Success!”



We would like to extend our congratulations to every single student and staff member who contributed to this year’s spectacular production of Shrek. The show was a tremendous success, and it truly showcased the remarkable talent, dedication, and teamwork within our school community. From the captivating performances on stage to the outstanding work behind the scenes, every individual played a vital role in bringing this much-loved story to life.

We were delighted to welcome local primary schools and members of the wider community to enjoy the performances, as well as two completely sold-out evening shows. The energy, confidence, and professionalism demonstrated by our students were nothing short of inspiring, and the audience response was overwhelmingly positive.

Mrs Bates would like to give a special shoutout to both students and staff for their incredible efforts in making the production possible. In particular, we celebrate the dedication and creativity shown behind the scenes, including the exceptional work of a Sixth Form student who contributed significantly to the visual elements of the show.



A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts, creativity, and support made this production possible. Their passion and guidance continue to provide our students with such valuable and memorable opportunities.

Once again, congratulations to everyone involved in making Shrek such an unforgettable experience, this is an achievement the whole school community can celebrate with pride.

KEY DATES COMING UP

30 MAR
-10 APR

Half-Term

13
Apr

Summer Term begins

23
Apr

Y8 Parents' Evening

4
May

Bank Holiday

25 MAY
-29 MAY

Half-Term

KS3 Academic Awards

KS3 students who have achieved the highest academic merits were treated to an Easter Egg Hunt and Colouring Competition.

Chocolate prizes were up for grabs for both competitions!



Author Visit

Award winning author, Steve Skidmore delivered a literature session to our students when visiting our school.



National Secondary School Offer Day

We would like to say a huge welcome to those students who have been given a place at our school to start in September 2026!

Congratulations to you all, we can't wait for you to join our Sheffield Community, we are very excited to meet you all!

Sheffield Says

Our student ambassadors had an exciting morning where they gathered together and participated in our new student voice; 'Sheffield Says...' concept. There were some incredible and thoughtful discussions that took place and voices were heard as sensible and mature suggestions were put forward.



In celebration of International Women's Day, our school once again proudly hosted its annual event organised by a team of female staff, recognising and celebrating the achievements of women across a wide range of industries. This inspiring occasion continues to be a highlight of the school year, encouraging students to reflect on the impact, resilience, and success of women both locally and globally.

A key part of the event was the opportunity for our students to hear directly from a range of inspiring guest speakers. Through engaging presentations and interviews, our Business students as well as other invited students with an interest in these fields gained valuable insight into different career pathways, experiences, and the realities of working across various industries. These sessions were both informative and empowering, offering students the chance to ask questions and learn from real-world success stories.

International Women's Day 2026



In the lead-up to the event, students were invited to take part in a meaningful bracelet-making activity. With great enthusiasm, they designed and made bracelets to be gifted to every female member of staff. Inspired by this year's theme, "Give to Gain," and drawing on the spirit of exchanging bracelets (popularised by the Taylor Swift Eras Tour) the activity symbolised connection, gratitude, and empowerment and very much celebrated the strength and support found within our school community.



The event and its preparations were a wonderful reminder of the importance of uplifting one another and recognising the achievements of women everywhere. Students in every year were also given postcards to write and 'send' to a female teacher that supports and inspires them—over 1000 cards were sent!

A sincere thank you to Miss Cole who leads the event but also to all staff, students, and guest speakers who contributed to making this celebration so special.



International Women's Day Guest Speakers 2026



Talk 1 - 9:00am-10:00am
Gemma Thomas
Head of Retail Channel Marketing for Meta



Talk 2 - 10:00am-11:00am
Helen Murdoch
Women at War group Historian



Talk 3 - 11:20am-12:20pm
Hayley Williams
Owner of Award-Winning Skincare Clinic 'Haylo'

Y8 Basketball Team

The Year 8 Basketball team won the West Conference by winning 4 games then going on to play the winners of the East Conference. Victory was had for our team by beating Queen Mary's High School 12-10 away. Well done to our Year 8 Basketball team for their talent and dedication to the game!



The PE Dept took some KS3 students to the Yonex All England Badminton Championship at the Utilita Arena. It is one of only four Super 1000 tournaments on badminton's World Tour and is the only event of its kind in Europe!

Sporting Successes



Libby in Year 8 took part in a gymnastics competition and managed to Place 2nd on 1 piece Place 5th on 3 pieces and Place 5th overall. Amazing achievement for Libby- well done!

Staff Milestones

Congratulations to those staff who have reached very special professional milestones, we thank you for your hardwork and dedication.

Mr Shillam

Finance Manager
10 years' service

Mrs Whitehouse

Programme Administration Manager
20 years' service

Mrs Davis

Assistant Principal
20 years' service



Leisha, Samuel, Joseph and Beth put on a spectacular show for OGT showcasing their hard work and musical talent in front of other Ormiston Academies from across the regions. There was even a special guest appearance as the Mayor of Wolverhampton attended!

Ormistons Got Talent Final

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THE SPOTLIGHT

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Mrs C Bradley
Assistant Principal
SENDCo

“Inclusion is not just a priority; it is at the heart of everything we do.”

At Ormiston Shelfield Academy we believe that inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. We believe that every child, regardless of background deserves the opportunity to thrive in an environment where they feel valued, supported and empowered. Inclusion is not just about access – it’s about ensuring high expectations, expert teaching and tailored support so that every child can succeed. We are committed to removing barriers before they take hold, fostering a culture where differences are celebrated and creating classrooms where all children can participate fully. Our approach is rooted in collaboration between staff, children, families and external partners to ensure that every child gets the right support at the right time. Inclusion is an integral part of how we teach, lead and support every learner.

At OAT we have five values:

Ambition:

we believe everyone can achieve, and we aspire for excellence in all we do

Learning:

we are always learning and see development as the route to improvement

Perseverance:

we embrace challenge and learn through doing difficult things

Collaboration:

we achieve more through working together

Inclusion:

we break down barriers to learning and participation



Sparx Sessions

Monday - Thursday
3:10pm - 4:00pm
R3

Sessions run every week if your child needs a computer or a quiet space to complete any of their Sparx homework



Brilliant Club Graduation

Year 8 students have successfully passed their Brilliant club Assignment and attended Manchester University for their graduation ceremony.



Inclusive Attendance

Our commitment to providing the best support for your children has led us to collaborate with an organisation known as Inclusive Attendance. Together, we aim to empower children to attend school regularly and overcome any potential barriers they may face in their educational journey. Our new approach is rooted in an inclusive attendance model designed to ensure that everyone - our staff, families, and children - fully understands their individual roles and collective responsibilities in supporting school attendance, active engagement in learning, and addressing potential barriers.

To achieve this, we have introduced a Multi-Tiered System of Support, a tiered approach that caters to the unique needs of all children. It begins with our universal offer, progresses to Tier 2, which provides additional support for some children through early help services within the school, and finally, Tier 3, where we ensure that certain children and families have access to specialised resources if required. Effective communication with all our families is central to our academy values. In light of this, we have transitioned from reporting attendance in percentage form to a focus on the number of days missed. This shift simplifies the process, enhances communication, and helps all children and families have a clear understanding of the impact of missed school days on education. We have adopted a recognition-based approach that allows us to be inclusive and creative in acknowledging personal achievements and promoting the importance of regular school attendance among both our children and families. Our renewed focus on this inclusive attendance approach will ultimately help us create a culture where everyone at the academy, students and parent/carers share the collective responsibility for school attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance means being in school at least 96% of the time, which is at least 182 days of the year.

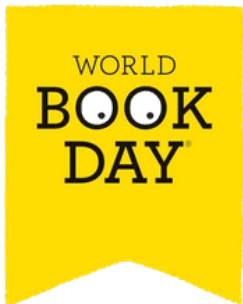
Target 96%+

WHAT DO DAYS OFF MEAN?

DAYS MISSED	GRADES
0 - 8 DAYS	EXPECTED GRADES
9 - 18 DAYS	1 GRADE BELOW EXPECTED
19 - 28 DAYS	1.5 GRADES BELOW EXPECTED
29 - 95 DAYS	2 GRADES BELOW EXPECTED
MORE THAN 95 DAYS	OVER 4 GRADES BELOW EXPECTED

WHAT DO LATES MEAN?

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	MISSED DAYS PER YEAR
5 MINUTES	3.5
10 MINUTES	7
15 MINUTES	OVER 10
20 MINUTES	14
30 MINUTES	OVER 20



Students enjoying World Book Day activities in the library. They decorated bookmarks, took part in a scavenger hunt, a treasure hunt around the academy and an emoji book title quiz.



Year 11 Workshops



This half-term we held two year 11 parent workshops after school to support both students and parents with their upcoming English and Maths exams in the summer- a very supportive and successful turnout!

KPMG Graduate Volunteers Inspire Our Year 11 & 12 Students

Our Year 11 and Year 12 students recently enjoyed an inspiring and action-packed day with a team of graduates from KPMG.

Supporting Year 11 Ahead of GCSE Exams

KPMG graduates spent the morning working closely with our Year 11 students, guiding them through GCSE Maths papers in preparation for their upcoming summer exams.

Students reported that the session significantly boosted their confidence. Working in small groups allowed them to ask questions, address misconceptions, and receive personalised support.

A Hands-On Afternoon with Year 12

In the afternoon, the graduates joined our Year 12 students in our community garden. Together, they helped tidy the space, build and paint barbecues, and prepare our newly installed shed—ready for an exciting programme of community projects in the summer term.

Students also enjoyed developing their cooking skills alongside the graduates, producing a range of pizzas and baked goods. This practical work was paired with valuable conversations about careers at KPMG, apprenticeships, and future pathways—supporting students as they consider their next steps after sixth form.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to KPMG for their time, enthusiasm, and generosity.

We look forward to welcoming them back next year!

KPMG



“A great opportunity to talk to individuals from different parts of the company – especially the lady who oversees apprenticeships.”

“A fun-filled day, a great experience.”

“More days like this please!”

Young Carer Awards

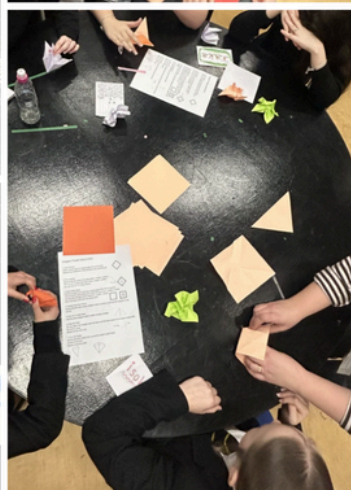
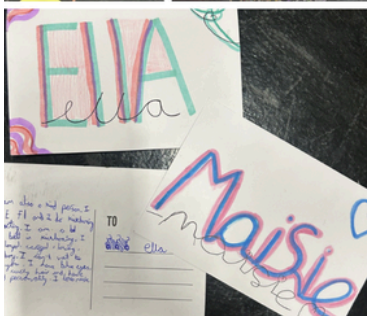


Miss Woods along with a few of our students and their families attended The Young Carer Awards. The Young Carers in schools award allows schools recognition for their good practice and ability to meet the needs of young carers.



Armed Forces Covenant

At Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy we are proud to support the Armed Forces Covenant. We recognise the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our Academy and our country. We are proud to support the Armed Forces Covenant and commit to ensuring that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly. At the beginning of March, Mr Riley attended the Walsall Town Hall to sign the Covenant.



Our Year 8s enjoyed welcoming a cohort of Bloxwich students for our 'RicNic' session. They worked together on creative tasks, getting to know each other and building relationships. It was a really positive and worthwhile session!



Principal's Breakfast

Mr Riley hosted a breakfast for the top Rank Order attainers. Well done to those students who enjoyed this special treat!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Cory	Amber	Violet
Poppy	Oliver	Archie
Silas	Liam	William
Maddison	Jacob	Mariam
Neil	Jeny	Mkaela
Ava	Emily	Imogen
Junior	Carrie	Atinuke
Isabel	Libby	Isobel
Ella	Paige	Alfie
Alfie	Lewis	Grace