

**Sir Stanley Matthews** Ormiston  
Academy

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# Welcome

Welcome to Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy's prospectus. All of the staff at the academy are committed to providing the highest possible standards in learning and teaching. We will go the extra mile for all our young people.

The academy is committed to developing each individual and helping them prepare for the rigours of adult life by achieving the highest possible examination results.

Our curriculum will help them develop into well-rounded adults who make a positive contribution to our community and beyond.

Mark Stanyer, Principal

## Our new build

Our £18.5 million building (featured on the front cover) has created a great learning environment for students and provides outstanding facilities for the community too.

Facilities include:

- A theatre with an integrated sound and lighting system as well as HD projection facilities.
- State-of-the-art classrooms for each subject area.
- A large atrium with internet café.
- ICT throughout the academy, in specialist areas and via portable devices.

Our new 3G synthetic football pitch is regarded as one of the best facilities in the city and our new sports amenities include:

- A four badminton court sports hall equipped to accommodate a range of sports.
- Drama studios
- Tennis courts
- Basketball court
- Indoor/outdoor fitness equipment
- Mirrored dance studios
- Indoor cricket nets
- Netball courts

Many subject areas have an innovative open space called the 'Social Learning Zone' to enhance the learning experience.

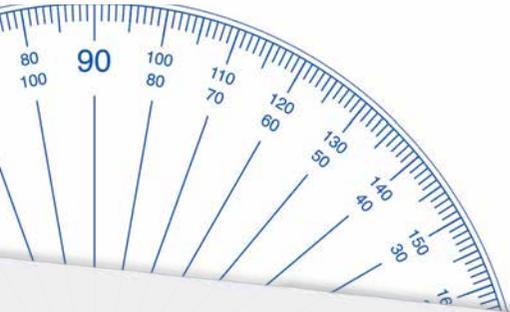




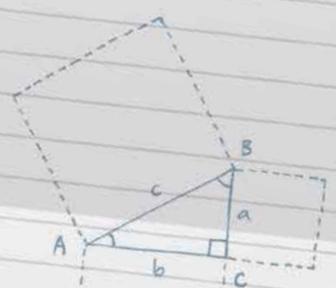
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## Mathematics



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### Mathematics

Mathematics is fun and we offer exciting and innovative activities both within and beyond the classroom. Competitions and clubs after school form part of our extended offer beyond the normal school day and help foster the true pleasure that mathematics brings.

The Mathematics Department is a passionate, friendly group who are driven towards improving the mathematical skills of the students in our care. We teach students in a functional manner that will enable them to apply their skills in everyday life.

Mathematics presents frequent opportunities for creativity, and can stimulate moments of wonder when a problem is solved for the first time, or when hidden connections suddenly manifest. It enables students to build a secure framework of mathematical reasoning, which they can use and apply with confidence.

Every child will have the best possible chance to leave the academy confident in their mathematical ability and achieving, at least, their target grade.





# Communications



## English, English Literature, and Media

The English Department is a creative, inspirational group which is dedicated to improving students' communication skills. We teach students to understand and manipulate the varied forms of communication used in the 21st Century.

In English, students develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills that they will need in society and employment. Students learn to express themselves creatively and imaginatively and to communicate with others confidently and effectively.

Every opportunity is taken for students to explore different uses of English and to enjoy freedom of choice in the books they read for fun.

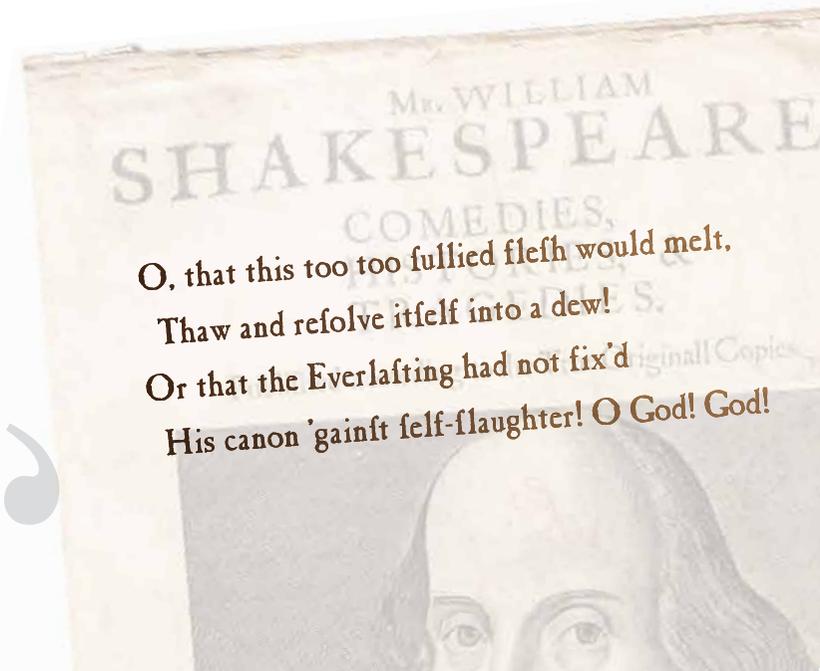
We offer media as an additional subject to further support students' understanding of the workplace; giving them increased opportunities to extend their functional skills in readiness for the world of work.

*All students are offered the opportunity to:*

- Go on regular theatre visits.
- Work with visiting writers, actors and poets.
- Enter national writing competitions.

## Literacy

Literacy is embedded into the curriculum across the academy. All lessons have literacy outcomes and key words. We are passionate about reading too. There is a strong reading culture which is supported by various initiatives, such as Accelerated Reader, D.E.A.R Time (Drop Everything And Read), form time and lunchtime reading sessions and, of course, World Book Day. Our weekly WOW word is used to develop students' vocabulary and is displayed around the academy as a prompt. Students are encouraged to "Say it, Spell it, Define it!" All form classes have a literacy focus that encourages participation in the weekly Literacy Quiz.



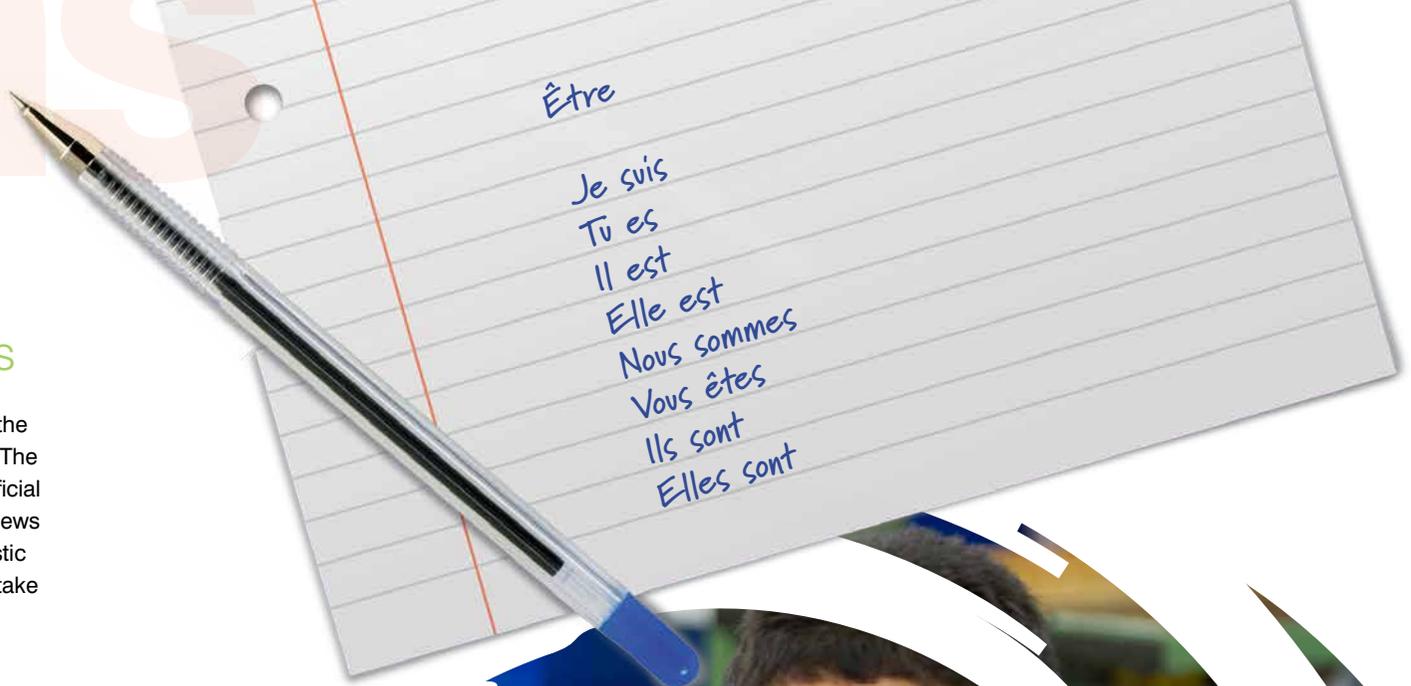
**O, that this too too fullied flesh would melt,  
Thaw and resolve itself into a dew!  
Or that the Everlasting had not fix'd  
His canon 'gainst felf-flaughter! O God! God!**

## Modern Foreign Languages

Languages are becoming more and more important in the multi-cultural and multi-lingual society in which we live. The study of a modern language is seen as extremely beneficial by prospective employers. At Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, students are helped to recognise their linguistic knowledge, understanding and skills that help them to take their place in a multilingual society.

The MFL Department is committed to ensuring that all students develop the four key skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students have access to a variety of resources such as internet and authentic texts in the target language.

Students have the opportunity to travel to France and Spain, which enriches their skills and enjoyment of learning a new language. Both French and Spanish languages are offered at GCSE.



# Business and Computing

## Business Studies

Business studies is a subject central to our ethos. It promotes the skills of teamwork, problem solving, independent thought and effective communication. These are the attributes most valued by employers and essential in helping students achieve economic well-being.

Students will be exposed to the world of work through guest speakers and visits to local and national businesses. Students get to know the relevance of their studies and where skills can be applied once they leave school. Our aim is to prepare our students for lifelong learning.

## Computing

Through computing, students understand how technology can be used to enhance both the work place and society. Students are encouraged to explore new ideas and enhance their creativity through a range of software and hardware. Computing offers comprehensive and accessible learning on a subject of key importance to the 21st Century.

The academy is at the forefront of curriculum development. Students have access to multiple pathways across the strands of ICT, computer science and digital media. Students experience a style of learning that has strong links to local employers.

The computing curriculum encourages computational thinking through coding and how computers work, and digital media through video editing, animation and Apple Mac technologies.



# Art and Design Technology

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## Art

Within the Art Department we encourage creativity and ambition. We provide an innovative and reflective art and design experience that allows students to be creative and imaginative. We cover a variety of different art specialisms from drawing, fine art, mixed media collage and textiles, to three-dimensional designs. Students will research artists and art movements to discover both conventional and unconventional processes. These will be used to inform their own creative pieces of art using a variety of materials and techniques.

We also provide opportunities to exhibit work and to provide artwork for the community, as well as working with local primary schools.

## Technology

Technology at Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy covers a broad range of subjects including:

- Resistant materials
- Product design
- Graphics
- Food
- Engineering
- Textiles

These use scientific, mathematical and ICT principles to problem-solve the design and production of real products, prototypes and modelling in 2D and 3D.

We build students' knowledge of the subject as well as linking with business and enterprise to give them access to big projects. Collaboration is a vital part of our curriculum.

All of our technologies offer real-world experience and training and are designed to enthuse and challenge our young people to help make a difference to the future of our country.



# Performing Arts

## Drama

Drama is an exciting and creative subject that is studied by all students in Key Stage 3. Students may opt to study the demanding and rewarding drama GCSE course at Key Stage 4. The subject aims to promote creativity and confidence and an appreciation of the art form. Students study a variety of drama skills, techniques and areas of study such as:

- Public speaking
- Monologue
- Duologue
- Scripted performance
- Devised performance
- Script writing

The Drama Department also offers a range of clubs and gives the students the opportunity to perform in the annual academy musical.

## Music

The Music Department engages students through a wide and varied curriculum, using a range of different skills, instruments and resources. All students have access to our ICT music suite, recording studio and two class sets of keyboards, which are used both in lessons and during extra-curricular activities. Students are offered free one to one instrumental lessons on a variety of instruments such as: strings, brass, woodwind, drum kit, guitar and vocal lessons.

The Music Department runs a variety of extra-curricular activities including: choir, orchestra, glee club, keyboard club and recording studio sessions. They regularly perform in the school and in the wider community.



# Training



## PE

The Physical Education Department makes a unique contribution to the academy life by aiming to develop children physically, mentally and socially.

We offer an exciting range of activities such as street dance, games, fitness and outdoor adventurous activities. Students have the opportunity to participate in both curricular and extra curricular activities.

There are sports teams for all year groups in most activities and we offer a range of inter-house competitions throughout the term and an annual sports day to enable all students to experience different levels of competition.



## Stoke City Football Club's Academy link

The Football Academy at Stoke City is extremely proud of its involvement with Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy.

From the outset we were very impressed with the vision, flexibility and ambition shown from the academy. This relationship has helped us foster and develop some of our gifted and talented players and will hopefully give them an advantage.

Specifically linking in with OSSMA allows Stoke City Academy players to have a more flexible timetable allowing them to train on an increased basis and at times that are more conducive to optimal performance. Any Stoke City Academy registered player who is a pupil at our academy will have a specific academic timetable ensuring that their lessons are placed at times that does not interfere with their football commitments, they will fulfil the entire complement of GCSE subjects and will not be hindered academically by the increased football contact time that they are receiving.

We firmly believe that there are no boundaries to what can be achieved, both academically and from a football perspective as we hope to have a line of players coming through the system, gaining the most from the structured environment that has been created by Stoke City Academy working in conjunction with OSSMA.



# Humanities



History

Geography

Religious Education

Sociology

Psychology

Health & Social Care

Humanities is a vibrant and successful faculty encompassing a variety of academic and vocational subjects, including history, geography and religious education. We strive to make lessons and experiences fun, challenging and successful.

We encourage active citizenship by arranging fairs, talent shows and events in the community, all of which raise money for the Year 11 Prom.

The Humanities Department takes its students on lots of wonderful trips and invites interesting visitors into the academy. Our trips and visitors have included:

- London – students tour the Houses of Parliament and see many other fantastic London sites
- The battlefields of Belgium and France
- Meeting Holocaust survivors
- Meeting World War Two veterans
- The Royal British Legion
- The National Memorial at Alrewas
- The Imperial War Museum Manchester
- The Museums of Liverpool



# Transition into Year 7

## Year 7 Transition

Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy recognises that many children find the move to secondary school very exciting, whilst others may find it daunting. We aim to minimise the anxiety and worry that can be present at this time by making sure that all new students experience some time at our academy before their first day. We offer all new students the chance to spend a number of days with us sampling lessons, meeting new teachers and even using the Bistro. Throughout the academic year we also have members of staff who work in collaboration with primary school staff to develop lessons or projects that can be delivered in the primary school and in the academy.

Year 7 also have a designated outdoor area exclusively for students at break and lunch times. This also enhances and encourages a smooth transition in their first year of the academy.

We offer a free uniform, free PE kit and a bus is available to collect Year 7 students in outlying areas and bring them to the academy, then return them to the pickup point at the end of the day.

We also have excellent transition links with all our feeder schools, and offer a number of subject specific days to all of them throughout the year. We offer our own expertise and resources enabling our feeder schools the opportunity to access areas of the curriculum they otherwise wouldn't, either at OSSMA or their own school.

We also put a huge emphasis on our pastoral care with access to external agencies e.g. school nurse, counselling service and SEN specialists.

*We are working with a number of partner primary schools to provide learning opportunities, in the academy, to students in Years 4, 5 and 6. This year we have supported the learning of over 500 primary school students.*



# Extended Schools

Our academy provides a range of activities and services beyond the school day to help meet the needs of students, their families and the wider community.

We aim to become “the academy that never sleeps,” at the heart of our community, where all visitors are made to feel welcome and to join in, whatever their passion.

Our new state-of-the-art building can now offer facilities for our community to hire too, with a mirrored dance studio, sports hall, gymnasium, 3G full size UEFA standard football pitch, outside full size football pitches, tennis courts, netball, badminton and basketball courts as well as outdoor fitness equipment and cricket nets.

Apart from the sport and leisure facilities, we can offer the usual classroom hire, conference facilities as well as a 400 seater theatre and drama studio.

We have a wide range of clubs and activities to develop the interests and skills of our students such as:

- ICT
- Cooking skills
- Song writing
- Drama production and music evenings
- Sport
- Languages
- Art/textiles

Many departments run additional lunchtime and after-school clubs as well as study support programmes such as Easter revision and Summer School.

Our ever popular Summer School offers a whole range of activities to suit all interests; so whether your child is interested in sport, drama, art, outdoor activities or academic studies there is something on offer. The activities often include trips to places of interest as well as a range of complimentary gifts for every child throughout the week. You can book your child in for one week or more, the choice is yours, but places are limited so book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Our students can also enjoy sporting success through competitive sport, sports days and a wide ranging fixtures list in all the major sports.





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