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Ormiston Academies Trust
Achieving more together

Raising aspirations and broadening horizons

About us

Our founder, Peter Murray, created the charity Ormiston Trust in memory of his sister Fiona Ormiston Murray, who loved children but was denied the chance to have her own when she lost her life in a tragic accident on her honeymoon.

In her name Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) was set up as a not-for-profit academy trust in 2008, and now sponsors 31 primary and secondary academies across the country giving young people access to first class education and access to opportunities outside the classroom.

"The importance of the enrichment programme is about developing the life skills of our students, and for some of our students it's about the spark that gets them going in terms of working towards academic achievement.

Peter Murray, OBE,
Founder and Chairman, Ormiston Trust

Our vision

We are committed to raising aspirations and broadening horizons. Our vision is for all young people to have the highest academic, social and practical skills to allow them to lead a fulfilling life.

The value of enrichment

We understand that to compete in the working world or higher education, social mobility is as important as the grades that young people achieve.

The demographic of our academies means that many students might never have access to live music or theatre, they might never have gone away on a trip or experienced the thrill of a professional sporting event.

It is therefore essential that we not only stay focused on raising educational standards, but that we also inspire young people to develop skills, talent and character through a wide range of activities. We encourage them to use their curiosity and creativity to find new ways of achieving their potential and to have the confidence, drive and resilience to follow their dreams.

As evidence of our commitment to enrichment, we already have resources such as the Forge Mountain Centre at Dinas Mawddwy in the Dovey Valley in Wales, and the Old Rep Theatre in Birmingham, for students to utilise.

We are determined to be the Trust that makes the biggest difference, both within and beyond the classroom. We want every OAT student to have the opportunity through our Enrichment Charter to:

- Experience arts and culture
- Experience live sporting events
- Visit British places/regions outside their local community
- Experience cultures and countries outside the UK through overseas trips
- Be a good neighbour in their local community
- Gain valuable experience of work
- Develop their character
- Make a positive contribution to society
- Develop lifelong interests and skills for life
- Learn outside the classroom

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Whether it be a trip to Kenya or something as simple as a horse riding lesson, it is often the first step in their realisation there is a great world of opportunity waiting for them and by working hard, further great experiences will open in their lives post-school.

Tuesday Humby,
Principal at Ormiston Chadwick Academy

How we've been making a difference

CASE STUDY 1

Through a relationship with The Transformation Trust, four students from **Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy (OSSMA)** were given the opportunity to enter, and subsequently won, a nationwide competition which saw them fly across the Atlantic to take part in the US 2016 Presidential campaign. The competition 'Inspire US 2016' enabled the students to work as interns for the final two weeks of the US elections, including a trip to Washington D.C. and the White House. The OAT students were part of a group of 20 students from schools across the country who had won places out of 500 applicants.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and not one that many people get. I am proud to have shared this experience with some fantastic people.

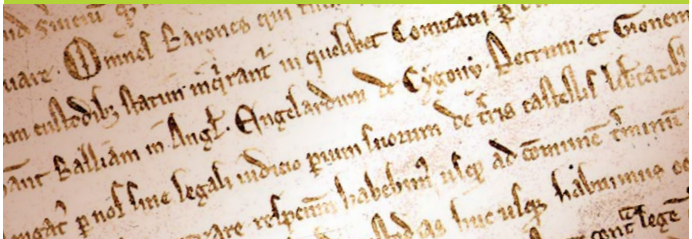
Korben Ward, sixth form student, Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy

CASE STUDY 2

Every year students from **Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy** in Runcorn, and **Ormiston Chadwick Academy** in Widnes, are given a unique opportunity to travel to Kenya, by raising money for the trip through sponsored activities, and with support from their academies. During their visit students and staff experience safari trips, both during the day and at night, visit a Masai tribe, spend time with local schools and even camp in mud huts for five nights.

CASE STUDY 3

Working in collaboration with the Citizenship Foundation, the **Magna Carta project** provided an opportunity for four primary academies to work together. As it was the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, the academies used this as a common theme to help promote pupil voice and to support the teaching and learning of British Values and democracy across the primary network. Through this, pupils had the chance to develop their speaking and listening skills. The project culminated in the production of individual school charters based on the principles of the original Magna Carta. Pupils also worked together to develop an OAT Primary Pupil Pledge which is now used by all of our primary academies.



CASE STUDY 4

More than 600 students participated in the first collaborative Ormiston Academies Trust 'Road to Rio' Olympic Games, held at the Northwood Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent. Students from five Ormiston academies took part in the games which were officially opened by the guest of honour, Paralympic Games silver medallist Mel Clarke. The event was made possible with sponsorship from Ormiston Trust.

Students from Tenbury High Ormiston Academy said:

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Meeting other Ormiston students around the country was an exciting experience that we will not forget.

It was great to see the support and sportsmanship displayed at the Road to Rio games. The activities were superb and exceeded our expectations… and made us feel united.

How to support us

We have already provided great benefits and opportunities for our students in line with our Enrichment Charter. But there is still much to do to broaden our impact and ensure they have access to these experiences through effective partnerships and collaborations.

Our students have already benefitted from partnerships with organisations such as UKSA, Youth Sport Trust, The Brilliant Club, Shakespeare Schools Festival, Dame Kelly Holmes Trust, Centre for Young Musicians and Debate Mate, to name but a few, as well as from funding from our founder, Ormiston Trust. We thank them all for supporting us!

To successfully deliver our Enrichment Charter across all our academies, and for every one of our 25,000+ students that so richly deserves it, we are looking to extend our partnerships with both organisations and individuals, in order to support all aspects of enrichment.

If you are interested in becoming an enrichment partner, please contact Julia Hayes at julia.hayes@ormistonacademies.co.uk or call 0121 236 5100.

> It's an absolute pleasure working with Ormiston Academies Trust. Over the last year the partnership has seen pupils from the Isle of Wight to Grimsby working with PhD researchers on university style programmes, as well as visiting The Brilliant Club's partner universities to get a further taste for Higher Education.
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> Joe Loudon, Midlands and South West Regional Director, The Brilliant Club

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To put it simply OAT is committed to our youngsters having the same opportunities that others may take for granted. That’s why we want to bring the Enrichment Charter to life and for every young person:

- to experience live music or classical theatre
- to experience the thrill of a high quality sporting event
- to visit and experience different countries and cultures
- to experience being away from home on a residential visit, to build independence and confidence.

We look forward to working with partners to achieve this.

Professor Toby Salt
Chief Executive, Ormiston Academies Trust

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