

Welcome from the Principal



We are fast approaching the end of the academic year and once again I am delighted to share with you some of our students' successes.

We now have fully trained mental health ambassadors in the academy to provide a real focus on how we can support our students. Alongside this, our anti-bullying ambassadors have been sharing their plans with staff and students to take forward in September alongside Mrs Musgrave, our staff lead in this area.

Sporting success at the academy continued with a group of students winning the Dragon Boat competition at Albert Dock, against some difficult opposition. How could there have been any other result with Miss McAuliffe heading up the team? Our students also showed just how inclusive they were at a recent tournament where

one of our students was prepared to play for another team in the spirit of togetherness. Well done Sam! Just last week I was particularly delighted when OBA beat our local neighbours OCA in a football match. Well done to all involved.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to a number of staff and wish them every success in their new schools.

We have some outstanding teachers joining us in September. A big thank you to Mr Donegan, who has made the decision to retire this summer. He shares his thoughts about OBA with you in the newsletter. We will all miss him.

I wish you all a happy summer break.

Mrs Evans
Principal

Key Dates

Friday 2nd September 2022

School opens for Years 7 and 12

Monday 5th September 2022

School opens for all year groups

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Donation of Football Boots



On Thursday 17th February the new 3G pitch was officially opened. Halton Borough Council and English FA funded this new facility and it is a great resource to have at our school. The pitch provides a superior all-weather surface that allows for local clubs to host training sessions and matches on a regular basis without the fear of cancellation due to the weather. It is a requirement that only football boots are used on the new surface. Knowing that this could mean an extra financial contribution from parents and carers, PC Hampson contacted the school and offered support through Sports Traider, a charity that supports young people throughout the country. At end of June PC Hampson dropped off 50 pairs of new boots. The school also bought hundreds of boots to help parents. This has enabled all pupils to have the right kit for their lessons on the fabulous new pitch!

Mental Health Ambassadors



On Wednesday 8th June several of our Year 10 and 12 pupils received training to become 'Mental Health Ambassadors'. This means we now have 34 trained mental health ambassadors at the academy. The group will be meeting shortly to discuss their plans and next steps. All of the students are very excited to put their ideas into action.

Dragon Boating victory for OBA!

In June OBA took part in a Dragon boating competition. When the day started, our pupils were very shy and somewhat reluctant however, by the end of the day they had formed into an awesome team who massively enjoyed their time together competing. Ms McAuliffe said, **“It was a joy to watch them develop their social skills and teamwork through the day. After the first race, we could see the joy on their faces.”**

In the first race against North Liverpool Academy and Calderstones, OBA won with an impressive time. OBA went on to then win their second race against St Peter and Paul's and North Liverpool Academy. This meant OBA had a spot in the grand final against Liverpool College and St Peter and Paul's. OBA had one of the top three racing times out of the eight schools competing. These other schools included: St Nicholas College, Birkenhead School, Gatracre and St Francis of Assisi.



The grand final was so tight but OBA came out as CHAMPIONS. OBA won every race they were entered into and proving to be the day's shining stars. We could not be prouder of our amazing crew.

Football Focus



Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy played at the inclusive football tournament with Cheshire schools at Moss Farm. It was a brilliant day that both staff and students massively enjoyed. Our students all showed amazing sportsmanship, kindness and enjoyment through the day. OBA were praised for having outstanding sportsmanship especially Sam Gorodkin who offered to play for the opposition as they were a player down. OBA played against six other schools from the North West: Culcheth High School, Fallibroome, Padgate Academy, Cardinal Newman and Adelaide.



Mr McGlory is a Total Warrior

This term Mr McGlory, alongside some family members took part in the Total Warrior Challenge in Leeds on Saturday 25th June. He had to compete by completing a 12-kilometre course and 25 obstacles - some through water, mud and one through fire. But the team managed to complete it in under 2 hours, with their original aim being under 2 and a half hours. Mr McGlory took on this challenge to raise money for the DEC Ukraine Appeal and with donations from friends, family, work colleagues and the OBA community, they have currently raised over £850 for the charity to support in helping refugees from Ukraine and those still in the country. Thank you to everyone who has supported us for this cause.



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



On Friday 8th July, 20 Year 9 students ventured from the academy with promising weather on the horizon to take part in their DofE Bronze Final expedition. Every student was well equipped and wasn't going to let anything put them off succeeding. Shortly after arrival, students were sent on their way with their first walk beginning at 10am. They walked for over 5 hours and covered nearly 17km finishing back at camp around 5pm. No rest for the wicked though, they were directed to put up their tents before making their dinner for the evening. This was all executed brilliantly!

The next morning, they were all up bright early, tents down and breakfast made. Then off out again for their second walk of the weekend. Finishing up at Riverington in the glorious sunshine!

Miss McKeivitt commented, "Overall the weekend was a resounding success and all students showed the upmost resilience, determination and impeccable behaviour! They all should be very proud of what they achieved. Well done from all the DofE staff involved!"



UCAS Trip

On Tuesday 28th June a group of Year 12 pupils visited the UCAS Convention in Liverpool. This gave pupils a chance to talk to further education and apprenticeship providers and gave an opportunity for our Sixth Formers to do more research into their post 18 options. The convention was attended by most of the leading Universities in the UK and throughout the day pupils had the chance to listen to a series of lectures about post 18 choices and pathways. The year 12s who attended the convention seemed to have some really good conversations about their future plans and returned to OBA ready to finalise choices and complete those all-important post 18 applications.

Knife Crime Performance



Altru Theatre Company attended OBA on Friday 1st July to deliver an informative and educational piece of theatre to Year 9 students, portraying the life of a young male, who had embroiled himself in situations which led to the use of a knife and physical violence. This piece explored the seriousness and possible consequences of knife crime and being involved in county lines. We were able to access this excellent opportunity through our partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and our school liaison officer PC Suzi Williams.





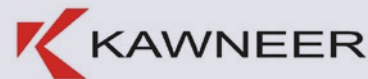
www.oba-careers.co.uk
6th form - Apprenticeships - College - University - Resources - Advice

This half term has been a busy one for careers education at OBA!

Most of our Year 10 and Year 12 students were able to attend work experience placements, which is something that hasn't been possible for the last two years. Students attended a wide variety of placements which included animal care, engineering and construction companies, solicitors, education settings and government agencies. Students were able to develop a range of employability skills as well as getting inside knowledge of the industries that they might want to pursue as careers. For the small number of Year 10 students who were unable to attend placements, careers sessions were delivered every day in school, including a virtual work experience project delivered by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT).

Our Year 9 students attended a "Learn to Earn" session, delivered by **Young Enterprise** and kindly

funded by **Kawneer UK**. This session covers budgeting for households, with students putting together a yearly budget for their dream lifestyle. They then learn how much you could earn in a variety of careers. This sometimes means that students need to set more realistic budgets, but the aim is also to motivate students in their school work – if they want to achieve their dream lifestyle then they will need to work hard! The session also covers labour market information, investigating which jobs there may be more or less of in the future, helping students to think about what the world of work might look like when they're applying for their first jobs.



Year 9 also attended three sessions delivered by Shaping Futures as part of their Lessons for Life programme. These included sessions on life at university, labour market information and the alternative pathways they can choose at 16, which included apprenticeships, college and sixth form. Year 9 also attended an options fair as part of Lessons for Life to help them to make the GCSE choices that are right for them.

Students and parents can access the latest careers advice, resources and opportunities by visiting our dedicated careers website at www.oba-careers.co.uk and look out for the re-launch of OBA Careers on social media in the next school year!

humanutopia

empowering young people to make positive change

HumanUtopia visited OBA in June to deliver their “Who Am I?” day to our Year 8 and Year 9 students. These sessions are both inspirational and motivational and can have a profound impact on the students involved, some of whom were brave enough to take the mic and speak in front of their year group for the first time.

The sessions cover students reflecting on their comfort zones and how they became the person that they are. The session then

moves on to consider how life could be if students could interact differently, and students are encouraged to work with others outside of their usual friendship group.

Students reflect on how the words and behaviour of others have impacted on them, and how they can also impact on the lives of others, both positively and negatively.

The session concludes with the students considering and listing

the best things about themselves and making positive plans for the future, which they then take away with them to keep.

OBA prides itself on being an inclusive and safe environment for all of our students and working with HumanUtopia enhances this further, creating a sense of community and warmth within the year group, with students now more able to consider the impact that they can have on others.



Lessons for Life Update

It has been a busy end to the academic year within our Lessons for Life curriculum at OBA this half term.

One of the key strands of our personal development curriculum is 'Relationships and Sex Education' which is statutory for all schools in the country to deliver. We have been extremely grateful the Halton 0-19 Healthy Child Service at Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for their input with our Relationships and Sex Education delivery. OBA's school nurse Alison Langton and her colleagues have been visiting us for the last eight weeks to deliver a practical, professional and informative session to all of our year 9 students about contraception, sexually transmitted infections and healthy relationships. These lessons have raised awareness and offered advice to our students in a very informative manner.

Another key focus of our Lessons for Life programme is Careers Education. We are thrilled that our year

10 students have been able to embrace their work experience placements for the first time in three years. Students spent time in Lessons for Life preparing for their placements and subsequently reflecting on these placements as part of their project named 'Enhancing Employability'.

Students in year 7 have been following an innovative project named 'We Will Cook' which is an initiative running across all Ormiston Academies to raise awareness of food choices, food waste and food poverty as well healthy nutrition and diet.

In year 8 our students have been learning about equality and have completed a project entitled 'Understanding and respecting protected characteristics'. There are nine different protected characteristics which are part of The Equality Act 2010, as summarised below.

PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Under the **Equality Act 2010** it is against the law to discriminate against someone because of a **protected characteristic**.

At Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy we **value** and **celebrate** diversity. At OBA we have a **zero-tolerance** approach to discrimination, bullying, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act.

 SEXUAL ORIENTATION	 AGE	 DISABILITY
 GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT	 MARRIAGE OR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP	 PREGNANCY AND MATERNITY
 RACE	 RELIGION OR BELIEF	 SEX

Mr Hussey, Leader of Lessons for Life commented, **"It has been a fantastic year for our Lessons for Life curriculum and we have enjoyed having a full year of no disruptions to students' education and development. We have formed and enjoyed a range of different partnerships with external agencies which enrich our provision as part of our**

determination to ensure OBA students become well rounded individuals ready for the future.

I would like to thank staff and students for their hard work and commitment to Lessons for Life and all parents and carers for their continued support. The next academic year promises to be even better for our Lessons for Life provision!"



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As part of our commitment to digital safeguarding we have recently formed a partnership with National Online Safety, an award-winning app and website. As a parent/carer at OBA you can access this excellent platform COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE.

To create your free account, please click this link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/ormiston-bolingbroke-academy> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics,

including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism

- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

You can access National Online Safety online via any device – including as a smartphone app. Simply search for 'National Online Safety' in your App Store/Google Play Store.



Monday 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th July. (No. place 16)	Camp Curiosity A 4-day summer camp project. Physical and craft-based projects	10-3pm Lunch will be provided for this activity
Monday 1 st August (No. places 10. Children will be booked on all 4 days)	Learn to play the Ukulele Come along learn a new instrument	Session 1.. 10-12pm Session 2... 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 3 rd August (No. places 20)	Line Dancing Come and have some fun with Pam	Session 1pm -3pm
Thursday 4 th August (No. places 8)	Sewing for Fun Have fun making bunting for your garden	Session 1pm -3pm
Thursday 4 th August Thursday 11 th August (No. 12 places at each session)	Cookery Classes Come and make some delicious treats to take home and share	Session 10-12pm
Thursday 4 th August Thursday 11 th August (No. 20 places each session)	Musical Theatre Come along and dance and sing ...enjoy	Session 1pm-3pm
Friday 5 th August (No. 10 places)	Feeling good about yourself Time to think about how we see our self	Session 10-12pm
Monday 8 th August (No. 10 places at each session)	Having Fun with Art A fun session creating our own masterpiece	Session 1... 10-12pm Session 2 ...1pm-3pm
Wednesday 10 th August (No. 10 places)	Loving our Garden Come and learn how to grow plants and vegetables	Session 1pm -3pm

Open to children age 8 -14 years
Children must be booked on before attending the session.
as places are limited
Where are the sessions held.....Brookvale Community Centre,
To book email mal@brookvalecommunitycentre.com





PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

Everton in the Community in conjunction with 'Kops N Kids' are pleased to announce our free community football session which is taking place on Monday evenings

Brookvale Recreation Centre
Barnfield Ave, Halton, Runcorn WA7 6EP

Ages 8 – 11 (4 – 5pm)
Ages 12 – 16 (5 – 6pm)

The session will take place indoors initially so please wear appropriate footwear, unfortunately we are not permitted to allow spectators at our sessions so parents will be unable to watch. Please arrive to the session 10 minutes early to ensure a smooth registration process.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at michael.connolly@evertonfc.com / 07813 996720



Goodbyes

As we reach the summer holidays, we will be saying goodbye to several staff members.

One of whom is **Mr Donegan** who has worked at the academy since 2008. Mr Donegan had these comments, "As the end of another academic year approaches, I am about to close my career in teaching. I started training in 1985 at the University of Liverpool and in the last thirty-seven years I have seen many changes, some for the better and many which have come and gone, sometimes to resurface years later!

In 2008 I arrived at Halton High to begin my time teaching Mathematics. A change of subject after twenty years of Science and Chemistry in South London. Runcorn for me was always the last stop before Lime Street when I used the train to come home to see family and the red men! Now it was my place of work and would remain so until I retired.

The biggest event was the move from council control to becoming an academy and the change of name to Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy. I followed my year nine form through to year thirteen, and I have stayed a member of the sixth form pastoral team since then. What I wasn't expecting, but was very proud to see, was a member of my first form here joining the staff and becoming a valuable and respected member of the OBA team.

The changes here have seen a complete facelift and expansion, new facilities, extension of the dining room, new labs, IT suite, salon at the front, theatre, dance studio, recording studio, along with almost a doubling of the intake.

While there have been many challenges, I will look back with pride at what I have seen develop at OBA. The children we receive in year seven leaving as young adults ready to face the challenges the world will throw at them has its own rewards.

For me, the time has come for me to turn over the baton to a younger generation of teachers and to retire to spend time with my wife, the cat and Liverpool FC! Cheap holidays and a bus pass at

60, (Mersey Travel) are some of the things I am looking forward to.

It is time to say goodbye and wish everyone associated with OBA, all the best for the future and to say thank you for last fourteen years."

We wish Mr Donegan a very happy retirement.

Other staff leaving us:

Rachel Dutton: After many years of service to OBA, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Dutton as she is relocating down south. Miss Dutton joined OBA as a newly qualified teacher and over the years has supported so many of her colleagues, pupils and local community. You might have even seen her dance moves featured on the OBA YouTube channel once or twice! Miss Dutton, the most competitive OBA house leader, never letting anyone live it down, winning many sports day trophies, will be missed by so many and we wish her all the luck in future, with a school that will be very lucky to have her!

Jenny Machin: We will be sadly saying our goodbyes to Miss Machin at the end of the school year as she is moving to a school closer to her family. She will be massively missed by all her students and all the staff, who never see Miss Machin without a smile on her face. Her Psychology and Sociology students love her lessons and she is such a fantastic teacher to watch, that her new school is incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated teacher. You will be missed Miss Machin, but good luck for the future!

Matt Buckley: Mr Buckley will be sadly leaving us at the end of the school year to go to Ormiston Chadwick Academy to be the head of music. We will miss him a lot but at least he's staying in the Ormiston family and will be working alongside our Music department on some exciting projects in the next school year. Best of Luck Mr Buckley!

Leanne Ray: We would all like to wish Miss Ray a massive good luck in her new school. Miss Ray has been a teacher at OBA for over ten years and she will be a huge loss to the Technology Department. The staff and students will miss

her dearly. Best of luck.

Laurence Reid: The English department are sad to say goodbye to Laurence. He has been a great addition to the English department and will be missed. Good luck in your new school.

Niamh Ryan: The dance department sadly say goodbye to Miss Niamh Ryan. Niamh has spent the past few years training to become a teacher and teaching dance and drama at OBA. Miss Ryan's passion, enthusiasm and commitment will be missed from both staff and students. We wish her every success at her new school.

Andy Dixon: Mr Dixon will be sadly leaving us at the end of the school year to go to Middleton College in Wales to be closer to his family. Mr Dixon has worked hard on promoting A level Maths within the Academy, as well as leading on the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and chess club. We wish Mr Dixon the best of luck; he will be sadly missed!

Megan Sutch: Miss Sutch is leaving OBA for pastures new; she is going to work at Bridgewater High in Warrington. Miss Sutch has been a great asset to the Maths department throughout her time at OBA and will be sorely missed, particularly by her form group. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

Linda Cahill: Throughout her time at OBA Linda has been great help to the caretakers and other site staff in her hard work cleaning around the academy - always trying to keep everywhere spotless! We would like to thank Linda and wish her the best for the future.

Ged Hatton: Geradette Hatton 'Ged' has worked in catering for 30 years starting in March 1992. She came to work at OBA (then Halton High) from HBC whilst also working in catering at Halton Hospital - busy bee. She is an integral part of our catering family and will definitely be missed by her catering team / friends. Good Luck in your retirement - it's well deserved.