



OBA NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Principal



This half term both staff and students have been doing their bit to raise money for charities close to their heart. Miss Styles and Mr Fenner put their running gear on and completed a 10k and a marathon respectively. Year 13 students continued their fundraising efforts with another bake sale which everyone always looks forward to.

Over half term our pop-up shop will be open - we have a selection of uniform available should you need some support. We also have blankets, dressing gowns and coats as we

recognise the difficulties that we will all face this winter. Please come and see us if you need some support.

Vouchers have been issued for half term for those entitled to a school meal - please check your emails for this.

Finally, school will close on Thursday 20th October, and I hope to see all students when we return on Monday 31st October.

Mrs Evans
Principal

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Ormiston Academies Trust
ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER

Introducing...

THE GREAT ORMISTON BAKE!

**For all staff
and pupils!**



On Friday October 14th over 70 students across Key stage 3 and 4 and numerous staff took part in the Great Ormiston Bake off. The bakes ranged from cookies, loaves, tray bakes and show stopping masterpieces. The cakes were judged based on their appearance as well as their taste by a select panel of staff.

All who entered worked incredibly hard to achieve such fabulous results.

The winning groups of the bake off for Ormiston Bolingbroke academy who will go through to the regional finals are:-

STAFF

1st - Tracey Allen

**STUDENTS KS3
COOKIE MONSTER
COOKIE CAKE**

Alfie Roberts
Kieran Anderson
Finn Sweeney

**STUDENTS KS4
MAMA MIA CAKE**

Holly Gilfoyle
Katie Molyneux
Well done to all!



SPORT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME AT OBA



Youth Sport Trust brought in World Champion Inline Skater Jenna Downing to train nine of our sports leaders to be part of a pilot leadership programme. We are 1 of 20 schools in England that were chosen for the study.

The leaders will work with 15 year 7 students that are struggling to settle into secondary school and students who may need to build resilience. The leaders will build a team they feel they fit in to. This will give these pupils a chance to work with likeminded people and a sense of belonging through play and sport.

Jenna Downing spoke to them about her resilience and how she became World Champion in a male dominated sport and after being diagnosed with MS. She went through different fun activities with the leaders and what skill it would develop. Jenna will work with the leaders for two more hours to help them plan their sessions for the year 7 group.

Football Primary Tournament



On 28th September OBA held a primary school football tournament. We had years 5 and 6 competing through the day. Joe Oribo (Halton School Games Organiser) organised it and our Sports leaders ran the day. Hillview won both tournaments. Our sports leaders were outstanding. They led all the warmups, officiated the games, organised the pitches and teams and even made sure primary staff had tea and coffee to warm them up. The leaders were Libbie Shepard, Bobby Cavanagh, Callum McCulloch, Lilly Nickson, Lewis Heller, Leon Murray, Rihanna McClennon and Amy Flanagan. Joe said they were a credit to the school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Friday 30th September Mrs Platt's form, 13B held a bake sale to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning and raise money for the charity. The year 13 pupils raised over £100 selling delicious treats. A massive thanks to the parents, teachers and pupils who supported this initiative – we couldn't have done it without you!



Miss Styles' Charity Tunnel Run

Head of English, Miss Styles recently took part in the Tunnel 10k to raise money for a charity close to her heart. Miss Styles told us,

'On the 11th September I took on the challenge of running the Tunnel 10k in memory of my nanna, Jean Freedman, who was an avid sports fan and former PE teacher. I initially aimed to raise £100 for Clatterbridge Cancer Trust but I was overwhelmed when I managed to raise £803, with Justgiving letting me know that I ended up in the top 20% of fundraisers in that month. Their email said 'our Mersey Tunnel 10k page was one of the most successful JustGiving pages last month. Out of thousands of fundraisers, you were in the top 20%.' I hadn't ever taken part in a race before, or ran 10km before but I wanted to push myself to do something difficult for me in honour of her.'

Well done to Miss Styles!



Marathon Man

Head of Sixth Form successfully completed the London Marathon on 2nd October raising £1978 for his chosen charities. Mr Fenner commented,

‘On the 2nd October I ran the London Marathon for two charities that are close to my heart. Having lost family members to both Dementia and Cancer, I felt it was only right to split the fundraising between two charities. Proceeds were donated to the following:

- Dementia UK in memory of both my grandmothers and my wife’s grandmother.
- Children with Cancer UK in memory of our nephew Chance who sadly lost his battle with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma last year at the age of 7.

Although I picked up running throughout the lockdown, I have never ran competitively and definitely not at 26.2 miles. With thanks to New Balance my London Marathon experience was amazing, providing us with start and finish line hospitality to fully embrace the atmosphere. I was very comfortable on the day and was on track to beat my target of 3hours 30minutes until my hamstring had other ideas at mile 15. I was determined to complete, and managed to carry on with the support of all the crowds, family & friends, bands and music that were playing throughout, securing a respectable 4 hours 19mins.’

A massive well done to Mr Fenner on his achievement!





On Friday 30th September we welcomed The C.E.L.L.S Project to OBA to deliver a day of awareness raising activities for year 10 students as part of their Lessons for Life curriculum. C.E.L.L.S stands for The Choices, Education, Lifelong Learning Skills (C.E.L.L.S) Project and is a registered charity, aiming to be one of the leading agencies in inner city youth crime deterrent in the Merseyside area and beyond. C.E.L.L.S is an initiative born from the need for understanding through education into the consequences of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity by using their experience as diverse measure to give tomorrow's society a better chance in life.

A key aim of the C.E.L.L.S Project is to prevent involvement criminal activity by offering education about the serious consequences of crime and by providing education and information to young people using first-hand experience.

On the day of the C.E.L.L.S visit we welcomed four people with different lived experiences who shared their stories about the effects of crime. This included a victim of knife crime, a person who had been involved in county lines drug trafficking, a person who had been arrested for drug and firearms offences and a lady who lost her home and her job because of her son's criminal activity. All of the individuals were open and honest about their lived experiences and shared personal accounts of how they and their families were impacted by the legal proceedings.

Other themes explored in this visit included:

- Anti-Social Behaviour and Victim Impact
- Crime and Consequences

- Drugs and drug awareness
- The effects on families and victims
- Gang culture
- Joint Enterprise
- Peer pressure
- Gun and Knife crime
- Victim Impact session
- Prison and Prison life


Lessons for Life coordinator Mr Hussey commented **“The C.E.L.L.S Crime Awareness Day was absolutely fantastic and a unique interaction which has undoubtedly enhanced our students’ awareness of crime. The fundamental British Value of ‘rule of law’ is a key feature throughout our Lessons for Life programme however it was brilliant to be able to welcome the C.E.L.L.S team to school to share their lived experiences of this area. OBA students were able to ask questions to our visitors which proved to be extremely interesting. I am so grateful to Shaun and his team from the C.E.L.L.S project for their time and for the stories they shared and to Cheshire Police who funded this opportunity.**


In other Lessons for Life projects this half term, students in years 7 and 8 have been learning about our stance against bullying with the project ‘OBA Against Bullying’. Students in year 9 have been learning about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and year 11 students have been developing their awareness of financial literacy with the project ‘Me and My Money’ where students have been learning about taxation, payslips, wage deductions, mortgages, borrowing money and budgeting.


ONLINE SAFETY ISSUES





Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy recognises that the internet is a fantastic resource that brings endless benefits. However, the online world also presents problems and risks which we all need to be aware of. These include:

Content
 Being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful content, such as: pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, anti-Semitism, radicalisation and extremism.


Contact
 Being subjected to harmful online interaction with other people; for example: peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes.


Conduct
 Everything that you publish and post online creates what is known as your 'Digital Footprint' and stays with you for life. Many people have said and done things online which they later regret. This can affect your reputation and your career.


Commercialism
 Young people's enjoyment online can sometimes lead to people unwillingly spending money online, risks include online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams.


Cyberbullying
 When technology is used to hurt other people's feelings without seeing them in person. Cyberbullying can often be more hurtful than face-to-face bullying.


Online Sexual Harassment and Abuse
 Young people may experience harassment, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or emotional abuse online. Such online harassment and abuse can be from people you know, as well as from strangers. People often feel like there is no escape from online abuse and harassment.


Disinformation
 Not all the information we see online is true for example 'Fake News' often appears online. You should only ever trust reliable sources.


Radicalisation
 Extremist organisations have been known to use the internet to try and encourage young people to share their views and ideologies.


Sexting
 When messages and indecent images are sent to/from a young person. This is against the law and can have serious consequences. Sometimes these images can be used in 'revenge porn' acts which is also against the law and can be very upsetting for the victim.

Privacy
 Personal details and information are sometimes hacked into by people with bad intentions, for example bank details to steal a person's money.




Catfishing
 Pretending to be someone you're not online by posting false information, or using someone else's pictures or name to impersonate them.

Online Pressure
 Many people feel pressured online to 'follow the crowd'. This can include getting involved in cyberbullying campaigns and using filters to look different. This often has a negative effect on a young person's self-esteem.

Overuse of Technology
 Some young people spend too much time using technology. This often has a negative effect on a person's performance at school, their health and well-being as well as their social life.

Copyright and Privacy
 Work shared online is often protected by copyright law and you may be breaking the law if you use other people's work or download content without permission or without paying for this service.

If you have an e-safety concern or would like more information on the above issues you should speak to **Mr Hussey - OBA E-safety Co-ordinator or ANY member of staff at school** who will happily support you.

As we start another academic year, we would like to share with all of our school community a reminder of some of the key issues which young people face online. Printed copies of this summary are available free of charge on request.

Education of online safety features heavily throughout the school curriculum and the three-step process we instruct all students to follow should they ever encounter an online safety issue is to: evidence, block, tell.

ONLINE SAFETY CONCERN?



1

EVIDENCE
 Get solid evidence of your concern by taking a screen shot or photograph.

2

BLOCK
 Put blocks in place to disconnect from the person causing you upset.

3

TELL
 Report your concern to your parents/carers, to Mr Hussey - OBA E-Safety Coordinator or to any member of staff at school.

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If you would like any further information or practical help with online safety matters please contact Mr Hussey, Digital Safeguarding Coordinator - I.hussey@ob-ac.co.uk

Education Insight Day



On Friday 23rd September, 27 of our Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students attended an Education Insight Day at the University of Chester. The day was aimed at students who are interested in a career in education or working with young people. The day included sessions on technology in education, working with older students, working with young people who have special educational needs and using persona dolls and puppets to promote social and emotional development in early childhood. There was also a tour of the university campus and an opportunity to learn about the education courses offered by the university. Careers education is an important strand running through all of our curriculum areas and there will be many other opportunities for students to learn about careers linked with other subjects throughout the year.



OBA are committed to providing all of our students with high quality careers education, making sure that each individual is prepared for their next steps beyond school at sixth form. Our impartial careers advisors are currently meeting with each Year 11 and Year 13 student, in addition to accepting appointments from students in any other year group. This year, we're looking forward to delivering careers education to all year groups through lessons for life as well as a range of careers speakers (including entrepreneurs, employers, colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers), a careers convention, work experience for Years 10 and 12 and employability sessions.

So far this year, Year 7 have received an assembly from a practicing doctor, speaking about employability skills and her route into the profession.

Find out more details about our careers programme on our website.

Enrichment at OBA

At OBA we pride ourselves on our rich and varied enrichment offer, allowing all of our students to have the courage to try something new or to follow up one of their existing interests in school. We offer 55 activities which include sport, art, music, subject-based clubs and wider interests such as British Sign Language, debating and journalism. Our enrichment activities are well attended and our enrichment programme is growing all the time and we welcome suggestions from students for new activities that they'd like to see on our enrichment schedule. Please feel free to contact Mr Oakes at m.oakes@ob-ac.co.uk with your ideas!



Monday

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| TA Support | TA lunch club | All years | Various | TA team | |
| Music | Open room | All years | G024 | Music team | |

Tuesday

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|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sport | Girls football | All years | Rec | Miss McAuliffe | |
| Sport | Boys football | Years 7, 10 and 11 | Rec | Mr King, Mr Barrett and Mr McIntyre | |
| Sport | Boys basketball | All years | Rec | Mr McIntyre | |
| Extra-curricular | BSL (British Sign Language) | All year groups | I-Zone | Miss Greenwood | |
| English | Reading and creative writing | Year 7 and 8 | G007 | Miss Ellis | |
| English | Poetry Club | All years | F006b | Miss Johnson | |
| TA Support | TA lunch club | All years | Various | TA team | |
| Music | DJ Club | All years | Recording studio | Mr Gosnay | |
| Music | Little Shop of Horrors Band | All years | G025 | Mrs Cathcart | |
| Music | Year 11 tuition | Year 11 | G024 | Miss Whittle | |
| Extra-curricular | OBallyship | All years | TA Room | Mr Allen | |
| Dance | KS3 Dance Club | Years 7, 8 and 9 | Dance Studio | Miss Walker | |
| Library | OBBS Club | Years 7, 8 and 9 | Library | Mrs Rayner and Mrs Towney | |
| Performing arts | Little Shop of Horrors | All years | Main hall | Performing arts team | |
| Science | Brilliant Club | All years | F019 | Miss Williams | |
| Extra-curricular | Dungeons and Dragons club | All years | F040 | Mr Kenny | |

Wednesday

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| Extra-curricular | Pride group | All year groups | G017 | Sixth Formers | |
| ICT | STEM Club - Bloodhound Racing Challenge and engineering challenge | Year 7 and Year 10 | F023 | Mr O'Leary | |
| Sport | Girls netball | All year groups | Rec | Mrs Riley | |
| Sport | Girls fitness suite | All year groups | Fitness suite | Mr Kenny | |
| Sport | Boys football | Years 8 and 9 | Rec | PE Staff | |
| Sport | Boys badminton | All years | Rec | Mr Barrett | |
| Sport | Boys 6 th form football | All years | Rec | Mr King and Mr Barrett | |
| History | Murder Mystery (Fortnightly) | Years 7, 8 and 9 | F028 | Mr Mercer | |
| TA Support | TA lunch club | All years | Various | TA team | |
| Performing arts | Little Shop of Horrors | All years | Main hall | Performing arts team | |
| Music | Year 7 Music Club | Year 7 | G025 | Mr Tallant | |
| Music | Guitar Lunch Club | All years | Recording studio | Mr Looker | |
| Music | Music Production Club | All years | Recording studio | Mr Eaton | |
| MFL | Spelling Bee | Year 7 | TBA | Miss Lamb | |
| Library | Homework, reading and research | All years | Library | Mrs Rayner | |
| Art | Art club | All years | Art rooms | Art team | |
| English | Harry Potter Lunch Club | All years | F006a | Mrs McGee and Miss Hicklin | |
| English | Student's Voices debate club | All years | Library | Miss Harding, Miss Cook and Mrs Rayner | |

Thursday

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| English | Journalism | All years | F008 | Miss Voss | |
| English | Film Club | Years 7, 8 and 9 | F006 | Miss Walsh | |
| Performing arts | Little Shop of Horrors | All years | Main hall | Performing arts team | |
| Extra-curricular | Chess Club | All years | G027 | Mr Kendrick | |
| Extra-curricular | Anti-Bullying Support drop in | All years | Intervention room | Mrs Musgrave and Mrs Towney | |
| Extra-curricular | Mindfulness meditation club | All years | TBC | Miss Lamb | |
| Dance | KS4 Dance Club | Years 10 and 11 | Dance Studio | Miss Walker | |
| Science | Science Club | Year 7 | G018 | Mr Murray | |
| Sport | Fixtures night | All years | Rec/Off site | PE Staff | |
| TA Support | Kinship Club (by invitation only) | Year 8 | iZone | Mrs Cooke | |
| TA Support | TA lunch club | All years | Various | TA team | |
| Music | Rock band | All years | Drum room | Mr Pearson and Mr Reay | |
| Music | Podcasting | All years | Recording studio | Mr Tallant and Mr Eaton | |
| Music | KS3 Music Club | Years 7, 8 and 9 | G025 | Mr Tallant | |
| Music | Woodwind | All years | Practice room | Ms Saville | |
| Music | Brass | All years | Practice room | Mr Cleator | |
| Maths | Darts and number skills | Years 7, 8 and 9 | F039 | Mr Short | |
| Art | KS4 Art and Photography | Years 10 and 11 | Art rooms | Art team | |
| Extra-curricular | Duke of Edinburgh | Year 9 | TBA | Mr O'Leary | |
| Library | Homework, reading and research | All years | Library | Mrs Rayner | |

Friday

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| Science | Year 11 Enrichment – Before school | Year 11 | Science rooms | Miss Jackson and Miss Wainwright | |
| Sport | Rowing | Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 | Off site | Miss McAuliffe and Mrs McGee | |
| Maths | Da Vinci Club (alternate weeks) | Year 7 and 8 | F036 | Mr Robinson | |
| Extra-curricular | #WeWill Leadership Group (alternate weeks) | Year 8 | F036 | Mr Robinson | |
| TA Support | TA lunch club | All years | Various | TA team | |
| Music | Ukulele lunch club | All years | Recording studio | Mr Looker | |
| Music | Open Room (please arrange prior to attending) | All year groups | Music rooms | Mr Tallant | |
| Library | Homework, reading and research (Until 3.30) | All years | Library | Mrs Rayner | |

Virtual

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| Sport | Virtual Running Club | All Years | Virtual | Mr Oakes | |
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Students who are working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award can claim credit towards the following skills:

