

Welcome from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours all of the very best for the Summer. May it be a safe, healthy, and happy time.

You can see from this edition of the newsletter that we have been busy in school, right up until the end of term with many enrichment opportunities taking place across all year groups. A particular highlight has been the

Culture Week trips which have seen hundreds of our students embracing the very British weather conditions to build sand sculptures, play sports or trek up a mountain!

I would like to wish all those who are leaving us all the very best in their future endeavours. We hope that you will look back fondly on your time here at OBA.

Mrs Evans
Principal

Welcomes and Fond Farewells

Welcome to the OBA Family

Ms Bardolia	Teacher of Geography
Miss Royales	Teacher of Music
Miss Fenlon	Teacher of Art & Photography (MAT Cover)
Mrs Riley	Teacher of DT (A welcome return and a face many of you may recognise!)
Mrs Hammond	Assistant Principal - KS3 Behaviour
Mr Williams	Isolation and Turnaround Room Lead

Thank you and fond farewells to all staff moving on to pastures new. We wish you every success in your next ventures.

Miss Clinton	Teacher of Geography	Miss McGee	Teacher of English
Miss Dolan	Teacher of Spanish	Mrs Rexha	Assistant Principal – KS3 Behaviour and Teacher of Computer Science
Miss Farrelly	Teacher of Hair and Beauty	Miss Whittle	Music Peripatetic Teacher
Mrs Gillespie	Pastoral Manager	Mr Crane	Site Staff
Miss Green	Teacher of Food Technology and Catering	Mr Vichos	Administration Support
Mrs Hughes	Finance Director		
Miss McAuliffe	Head of PE		

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Ofsted Update

“Leaders, including trustees and members of the local governing body, have successfully brought about considerable improvements at this school.”

Ofsted, 2023

Our Ofsted report is now available for you to view on our website. We are delighted that Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy is no longer in special measures. Leadership and management have been graded good. Ofsted recognised the clear improvements made and that the leadership team, which includes trustees and governors, are well placed to continue the improvement.

[Click here to access the report.](#)



OBA Sports Day 2023



We are delighted to share the joy and triumph of yet another remarkable Sports Day at OBA. The day was filled with laughter, excitement, and outstanding athletic performances as our talented students showcased their skills and competitive spirit. It was truly a day to remember!

From the moment student entrance gates were opened, the school grounds were abuzz with anticipation as students, teachers and support staff gathered on the field. The

sun, for once, smiled upon us, creating the perfect backdrop for the events about to unfold!

Students eagerly took to the field and throughout the day, competed in a variety of events ranging from track and field events to team sports such as rounders, football and the highly anticipated tug of war!

The day culminated in a closing ceremony in the sports hall where medals and certificates were given to commend

outstanding effort and performances.

Staff commented on the way students got involved, rooted for their house teams, and cheered each other on.

A huge thank you to Miss McAullife and the rest of the PE Team for the hard work organising such a brilliant day. Their planning and guidance ensured a smooth and unforgettable experience for all involved!



Year 7 Transition

This term we have hosted several transition events to welcome our new year 7 students into the OBA family.

Cohorts from 'small schools' visited us first, along with any children whose Year 6 teacher said they would benefit from extra transition support. These visits took place ahead of the main induction days to give children the chance to mix, chat, meet new people and become more familiar with the Academy building.

Students started their main induction on Monday 3rd July with a welcome breakfast on arrival. 160 children were joined by key pastoral staff in grabbing a drink and a bite to eat in the school canteen.

As students entered, they were signed in and given a mystery card with 3 initials on. Students proceeded to guess what these cards could mean and quickly worked out that they would be something to do with their form groups!

Following breakfast, students took part in an assembly where they were welcomed to the Academy by Mrs Evans and introduced to their year team.

Head of Year 7 - Miss Hulse

Assistant Head of Year 7 - Mr Houslay

Pastoral Manager - Miss Kilner

Students were asked to hold up their cards when the relevant initials were called out and subsequently introduced to their form tutor and tutor group!

The day's activities involved 'get to know you' games, a tour around the school, lessons, and an anti-bullying task.

Day 2, on Tuesday 4th July, involved more lessons and a series of PE challenges in the afternoon.

Parents and Carers were invited into school on the evening of Tuesday 4th to attend a 'drop



in' with their child's tutor. This 'meet and greet' was a great opportunity to put faces to names and a chance for parents to share any additional information with school.

Mrs Snagg, Associate Assistant Principal for Transition, said **"It has been a fantastic couple of weeks, getting to know our new students. They have settled into Academy life really well during their induction days and seem as though they have always been here! We are now looking forward to seeing them all again at summer school!"**

Author Enthralls Students with Inspiring Visit to OBA

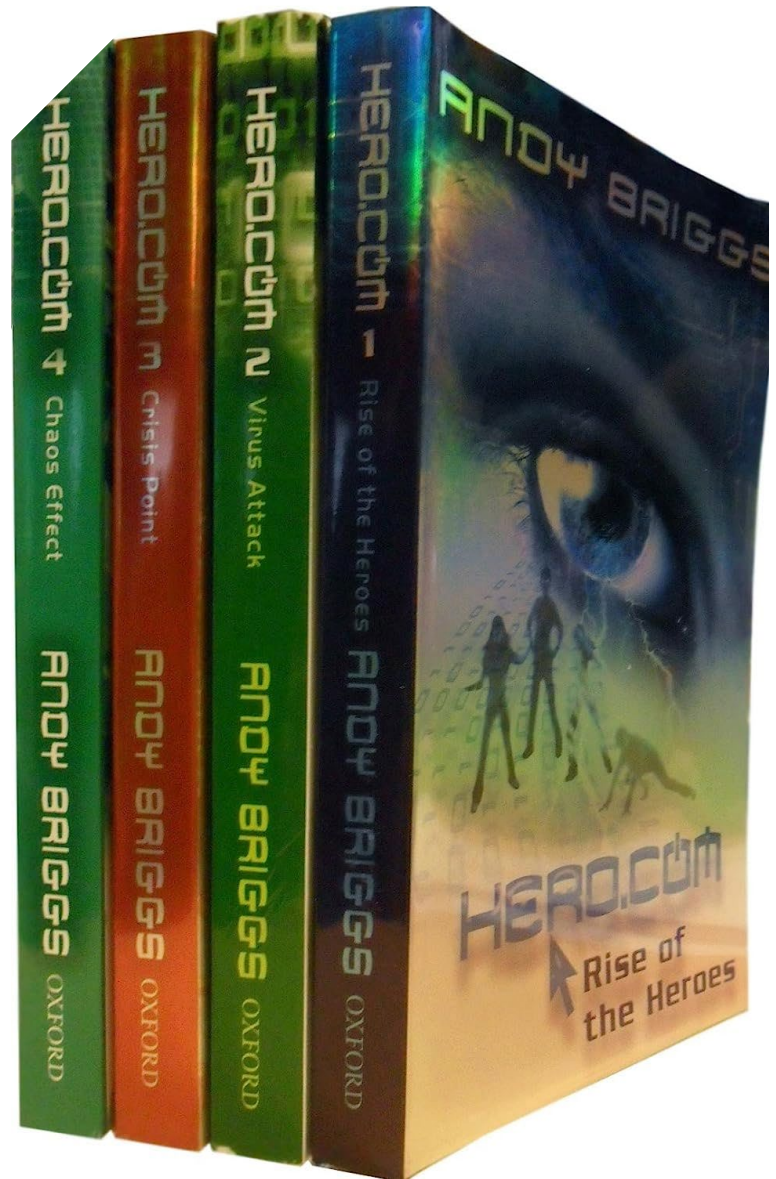


On Friday 9th June, Year 7 welcomed the renowned children's author and screenwriter, **Andy Briggs**, to the Academy. Andy gave an extremely interesting, interactive, and inspiring talk about

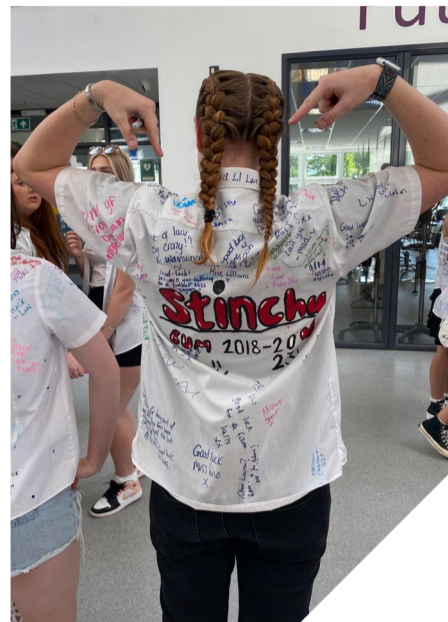
his books and screenwriting, how he goes about developing his ideas into stories and some amazing tips on how to get started. He also gave away lots of trade secrets about how television programmes are written and produced. Andy enthralled the students with his anecdotes about his inspirations and how he researches for his books; and they even learnt about authentic bananas and the technology of drones. Andy's energy and enthusiasm was infectious and, having been thoroughly inspired, many students started discussing ideas and illustrations for their own stories with several starting to write straight away.

Mrs Raynor, Librarian at OBA said, **"Excellent behaviour was shown throughout the talk and students conducted themselves impeccably with enthusiasm and listened to everything Andy had to say."**

A truly inspirational hour from a terrific and very entertaining author.



Year 11 Leavers Breakfast and Leavers Assembly



Thursday 29th June marked Year 11's final day at the Academy.

Students were invited in to celebrate the end of their time at OBA with a breakfast and leavers assembly.

Students had the chance to get their shirts signed and catch up with staff and friends before going into an assembly which took them on a trip down memory lane! Mrs Hasty shared stories and

photos of the year group from throughout their time at the Academy, causing lots of laughs and even a few tears as they reminisced together.

Mrs Hasty, Head of Year 11, said **"It was a lovely morning where we were able to give the Year 11s a send-off that they deserve. They have been a fantastic year group and we wish them all the very best for the future."**



Year 11 Prom

Following an intense exam period, it was wonderful to see our Year 11 students relaxed and dressed to the nines for their highly anticipated prom. The venue was The Pavilion at Chester Racecourse, which looked fantastic thanks to the hard work and organisation of Mrs Hasty.

The Year 11's arrived at school early for photo opportunities in the sunshine, before embarking on a coach to Chester at 6.15pm. On arrival at The Pavilion, students were greeted by Mrs Evans and a non-alcoholic welcome drink.

All students looked amazing for the event which marked a celebration of their time at our Academy. Highlights from the evening included a 3-course meal, a disco/karaoke, and a surprise performance from the infamous 'Manic Street Teachers'!

Other highlights included an impromptu crowd surfing moment for Josh H and the crowning of the prom King and Queen. Congratulations to Ben T and Emma T who were awarded the prestigious titles with deafening cheers from both staff and peers!

Mrs Hasty, Head of Year 11, said **"The evening was fabulous, the students looked stunning and were an absolute credit to themselves and the Academy. It has been a privilege to get to know Year 11 better over the last year and to watch them grow into the young adults they are leaving us as. I am sure that they will all go on to great things and I look forward to hearing of their successes in the future."**

Well done to the Class of 2023!



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Sixth Form Taster Day

The OBA Sixth Form Team were excited to welcome Year 10 students for Sixth Form Taster Day on Tuesday 20th June.

Students had the chance to experience life as a Sixth Form student. They were able to enjoy a choice of over 35 different subjects that can be studied at Level 3, including the separate Sciences, Maths, English Literature and Language, Sport, Engineering, and some unfamiliar subjects such as Criminology and Law. Students were able to speak to teachers about these courses, how they are structured and how they will be assessed. They learned about the expectations of a Sixth Form student at the Academy and gained an insight into where their chosen subjects could potentially lead them to.

Mr Fenner, Head of Sixth Form, said **“Year 10 students found out about the wide variety of subjects on offer at the Sixth Form and the different pathways available to them. This should support them well in making informed decisions about their post 16 options. We really enjoyed having the year group in the Sixth Form for the day and welcome any further questions students or their parents may have about our exciting provision.”**

Please check out the Sixth Form section of the website for more information about the OBA Sixth form - [Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy - Welcome to OBA Sixth Form](#)



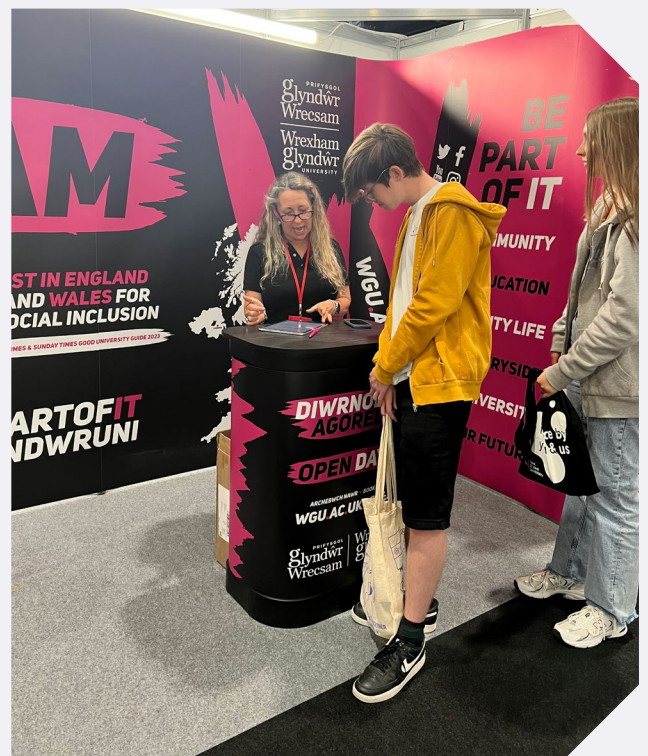
UCAS Discovery Exhibition



On Friday 9th June, Year 12 students from the OBA Sixth Form visited the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at Liverpool Acc.

They had the chance to explore over 100 University's, Colleges, and Apprenticeship employers face-to-face. They found out about different options and pathways available and listened to live expert talks.

Mr Fenner, Head of Sixth Form, said **"This convention provided a great opportunity for our students to gain a better understanding of the sheer range of post 18 options available to them. They benefitted from the latest advice and information on career choices and the chance to explore routes they may not have previously considered."**



Year 13 Leavers Meal



This month marked the end of an era for our Year 13 students who are now ready to venture onto the next stage of their journey.

To celebrate their time with us, staff and students joined together for a celebratory meal at Las Iguanas in Liverpool One, on Friday 30th June.

Mr Fenner, Head of Sixth Form, said **“It was a pleasure to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our Year 13 students, after an intense examination season. Students should be proud of how they have conducted themselves throughout their examinations and we look forward to celebrating again with them on results day.”**



Barcelona Trip Brings Learning to Life for Academy Students

39 students from Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy (OBA) recently visited Barcelona for an immersive 4-day expedition, rich in culture and classical heritage.

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) students, who are in Years 8-11, had the chance to see their learning in action as they explored the beautiful Spanish city and its world-famous architecture and landmarks.

On day 1, the group accompanied by 5 members of OBA staff, visited the notorious marketplace Las Ramblas and explored the city on foot in the sunshine while making a stop off at Casa Milà popularly known as La Pedrera.

Day 2 involved spending a whole day at the famous Portaventura theme park where students enjoyed the waterslides, a free fall tower and for the more daring ones - some of the highest and fastest rollercoasters in Europe!



On day 3, the group visited the most beautiful monument of the city called La Sagrada Familia



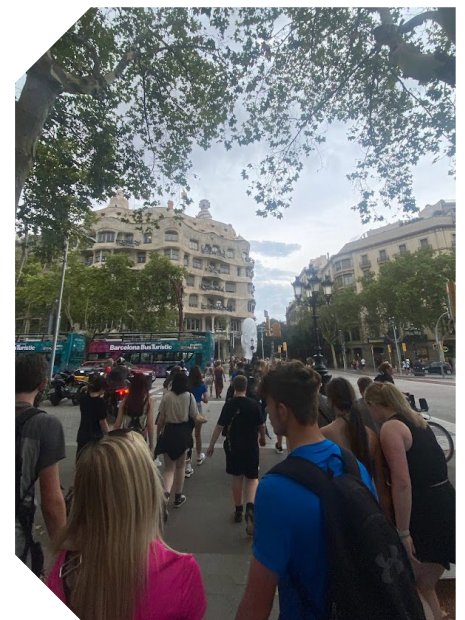
where they listened to anecdotes and facts shared by a tour guide during their visit. Students were blown away by the unique and innovative architecture of the basilica designed by renowned Antonio Gaudí. After a visit to Park Güell to admire the view of the city, students headed to Barceloneta beach which was a particular highlight for them. The group finally ended the day in a Spanish-style restaurant where they could try tasty local food.

On the very last day, the OBA crew experienced the thrill of a



private tour of the legendary FC Barcelona team, at the Camp Nou museum. Students made one last stop at the Catedral de Barcelona before heading back home to Runcorn, England

Trip Leader, Miss Cléménçon who is Assistant Curriculum Leader and teacher of French and Spanish at OBA, said **“It is important to give the opportunity to all students at any age to experience life outside the UK and to broaden our horizons so that we gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world and the people in it.”**



Miss Cléménçon further commented **“It was the very first time we took KS3 and KS4 students abroad all together. It was also my very first school trip and I’m delighted to say that the children were exceptional and the sites and exhibits were spectacular. This success has led us to consider a potential trip to France next time to visit the ‘City of Light’, Paris.”**

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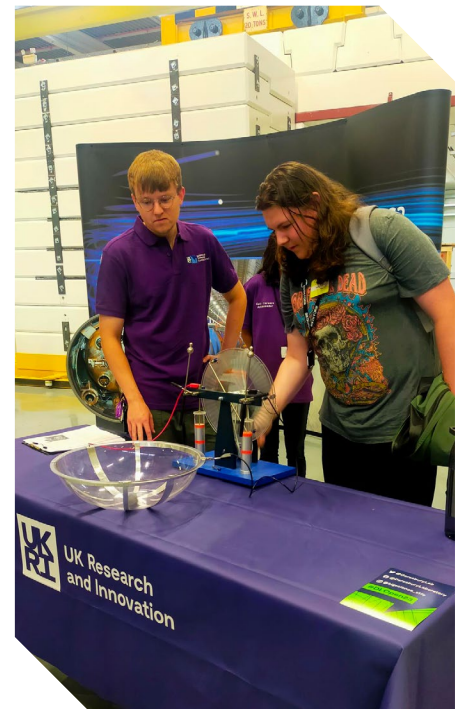
Daresbury Laboratory Trip

Sixth Form biology students recently had the chance to spend the day at Daresbury Laboratory.

During the trip on Monday 10th July, A Level students went on a guided tour of the facilities, where they were able to gain a greater understanding of the innovative world leading work being carried out. They were shown the particle collider and found out both how it works and what it is being used for. They saw the areas where some leading technology in particle acceleration, for around the world, is being made.

The students also got to get involved in demonstrations using magnets and superconductors to see how transport may be revolutionised in the future and programme robots to detect water in environments that are to hostile for humans. A particular highlight for students was being able to eat ice cream that was made in minutes using the cooling properties of liquid nitrogen!

Mrs Perchard, Science teacher at OBA, said **“Overall, it was a fantastic day that will inspire the students and let them know about the amazing careers that are available in our local area, as well as seeing how the work we do in lessons can be used in the careers of the future.”**



Culture Week at OBA



The end of term has seen year groups across the school participate in Culture Week!

Set to be an annual event, Culture Week aims to give students the chance to participate in a range of activities and team building tasks with their year group. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience a new environment and continue to build relationships with their peers as they approach the next academic year.

Year 7 and 8 Beach Trips



Trip lead, Mrs Norton-

“Celebrating Culture Week was an excellent excuse to plan trips to some of the best beaches in the UK for our Year 7 and 8 students. This was the perfect opportunity to bring that Summer holiday feel just that little step closer with our first stop with Year 8 at Formby Beach.

Now, when planning for the trip, the weather at the time was hotter than Spain. We thought, ‘fantastic what a day it will be!’ And then, trip day, the rain decided to join us and take part in the activities that we had planned. Students were buzzing with excitement as they were

able to spend time with their friends, be super competitive across the different activities and live the ultimate beach dream without their shoes and socks on if they wanted to. Mr Wynne was an inspiration! We didn’t let the rain deter us and showed courageous team spirit to sprint through a range of House team-based activities including building sandcastles, football, rounders and quick cricket before it was back up and over the sand dunes to have our lunches on the coaches. Safe to say, there wasn’t a soggy sandwich in sight and anyone looking to take part in Duke of Edinburgh next year, their induction into resilience and the great outdoors has a big tick in the box.

With the ever-changing weather conditions on varying websites and apps, the question remained, would Year 7 make it to stop two on the beach tour with a trip just up the coast to Ainsdale? Yes, yes, we did! And what a day it was. All the sunshine singing, dancing and prayers by everyone involved had been answered. We made it. The Costa Del Ainsdale was a day to remember. Once again, a host of activities including sand sculptures, football, rounders and quick cricket saw everyone getting involved before what I think is probably one of the biggest picnics on the beach with a well-deserved lunch break. I can report that Jackson, who had previously been buried in the sand by his form, was able to join us. This meant we had just enough time to dash down to meet the ‘oh wow, it’s actually salty’ sea all the way on the horizon before the trip back to school with a couple of odd socks in tow.

We hope that students have been able to takeaway lots of fantastic memories with their friends and peers. No doubt for some, they’ll be finding sand for a while yet!”



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Culture Week at OBA - Continued

Year 9 and 10

On Wednesday 12th July, Year 9 embarked on an expedition in North Wales. This was followed by Year 10 on Friday 14th July. The year groups had a pleasant and steady walk up Moel Famau, to the Clwydian Range's highest point at 554m.

At this spot, sits the remains of the Jubilee Tower, construction begun in 1810 to commemorate the golden jubilee of George III but was never completed. A storm in 1862 destroyed most of the tower, with only the base remaining today.

Trip Lead, Mr O'Leary said **"We had clear views of Runcorn, Liverpool and across the Welsh peaks. The rain stayed away, and a great time was had by student and staff alike."**



Year 9 LIPA Backstage and Stage Craft Taster Day - Lights, Camera, Action!

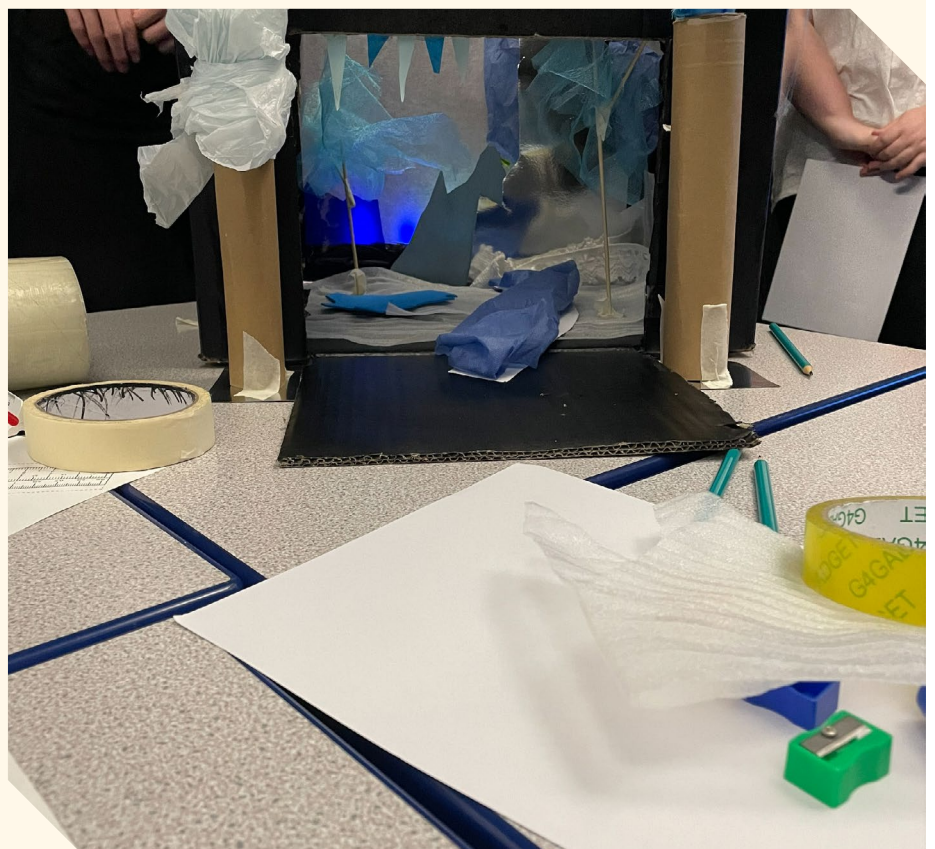


On Tuesday 20th June, Year 8 students, who have chosen GCSE drama as an option from next year, got the opportunity to attend a taster day at Liverpool's LIPA University. The Taster Day event consisted of a welcome talk, tour of LIPA and various taster workshops focusing on stage craft as well as lighting and set design.

All students thoroughly enjoyed their day and were very much in awe at the grandeur of the building and facilities at LIPA.

Mrs Quinn, Drama Teacher, said **"We are delighted to have this partnership with LIPA providing students with opportunities and experiences outside the classroom to further their skill set and knowledge in the performing arts industry both on and off stage."**

We have already been in touch with LIPA for our next collaboration and possible performance with some of our students in Autumn 2023... watch this space!"



Work Experience 2023

Year 10 and year 12 have recently taken the opportunity to develop their life skills by undertaking work experience and gaining a valuable insight into the world of work.

During the month of June, students participated in short-term placement with an employer, to observe and work alongside people in their daily tasks. Students develop skills, contacts, and learn more about the kind of career that they would like to do.

To promote independence, communication and confidence, students are initially encouraged to contact employers and arrange their own placements.

Mr Kenny, Assistant Careers lead at OBA said **“Our Work Experience programme is very child centered. We believe this is a process they should be part of and not one that is ‘done to them’. We ensure student are involved at every possible step, with the schools’ careers advisor and teachers supporting them to make decisions for themselves.”**

This year we have had a huge number of placements across different sectors of work and below are just a few of the great placements that have been secured by our students:-

- Cheshire police
- Adams Estate Agents
- Jones Roberson Solicitors
- Liverpool Hope University
- St Helens and Knowsley NHS teaching trust
- Manchester Airport



Employer Feedback:

Deacon - Year 10

Wellbeing Enterprises

My team and I had the pleasure of hosting Deacon one of your students for a work experience placement. I write to tell you what a pleasure this was. Deacon was a very polite and courteous young man. He treated every task given to him with care and diligence. He went over and above.

I wanted to let you know that he was a credit to your school, and I wish him every success with his future career aspirations. If he continues to work as hard as he did while with us, I am confident he will excel at anything he puts his mind to.

Elliot - Year 10

Worked with Block and Mesh

This week, we welcomed Elliot to Blok 'N' Mesh for his 3-day work experience. Elliot, a student at Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy in Runcorn, expressed an interest in learning more about our company and we were happy to oblige.

During his 3 days, Elliot was able to work alongside our production and engineering teams at our Runcorn and Knowsley sites. He gained valuable skills such as technical drawing and supplier audits.

We are proud to have had the opportunity to provide Elliot with a hands-on experience and help him develop his career aspirations. We hope this experience will inspire him to continue pursuing his goals.

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Work Experience 2023 - Continued

Sophie - Year 12

Worked with SEND CIC

We at SEND R US CIC would like to say what a pleasure it has been to have Sophie complete her work experience with us.

Sophie is a lovely young lady who has shown exceptional attitude and behaviour and is a model sixth form pupil for OBA.

It has been lovely for us staff to watch Sophie bloom this past week and grow in confidence.

Daniel - Year 10

UPA

I would like to convey how much of a pleasure it has been for both myself and the whole team to take part in this placement. We have found Daniel to be a hardworking, conscientious, polite and friendly young man, who as well as turning up early each day, was always engaged with all members of my team and in all aspects of the tasks undertaken. He consistently asked well thought thorough and relevant questions throughout and seemed to enjoy the placement very much. Daniel is a credit to his school and we would not hesitate to have him back at some point in the future.

Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) Summer Camps, based at OBA

Please see flyers regarding two summer camps based at OBA during the holidays. External providers are running these clubs, which are available to the following children:-

- Children currently entitled to a Free School Meal (FSM)
- Children with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) and/ or a social worker.

Please check out the information on the flyers for contact details and how to book a place.



24 - 28 July & 31 July - 4 August

SUMMER CAMP

Sessions include: VR, Sports, Archery, Drama, Bamboo
Tamboo, Alpacas and much more

10.45am-2.45pm

This is FREE for students from Year 7+ who receive Free School Meals



All snacks and Lunch provided

For more information and to Register:
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Free to all those who receive FSM. Supported by HAF



24 - 28
JULY
31 - 4
AUGUST



KIDS SUMMER CAMP

FOR CURRENT YEARS 4-6

9AM - 3PM ALL SNACKS, HOT/COLD
MEALS AND DRINKS PROVIDED



ACTIVITIES

- Archery
- Martial Arts
- Alpacos
- Drama
- Yoga
- Crafting
- Design & Technology
- Bamboo Tamboo
- Ukulele
- Nutrition

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For more information and to Register:

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Pre-Loved Uniform and Repair Shop

Our pre-loved uniform swap shop will be open Monday – Friday w/c 24th July.

Mrs Crane will be available in school to help with uniform enquires between 10am and 3pm each day that week.

If you would like to contact ahead to enquire about a specific item, please email s.crane@ob-ac.co.uk

The OBA Repair Shop will be open on Tuesday 1st August to help with fixing a wide range of garments. Students can bring in coats, bags, trousers, skirts, ties, pinafores, and blazers for a variety of repairs, including rips, lining, seams and reattaching buttons. Items can be taken up, in or let out. Experienced seamstress, Mrs Holmes will be back in the academy with Mrs Norton to help with your repair needs. This is a free of charge service for OBA students and their academy uniform. Please pop in on the day or drop any uniform items in need of repair into reception on or before this date.

If you have any questions about this service or a query about what can be done, please contact Mrs Norton who will be able to help – v.norton@ob-ac.co.uk



Lessons for Life update:



The final half term has been yet again a busy period for our PSHE curriculum.

This half term year 7 students have been learning about their local community which includes the history, geography and democratic make up of our local area. In their final Lessons for Life session before summer, year 7 had a guest presenter visit school to discuss the important topic of road safety.

In year 8, students have been covering a newly introduced project named 'relationships and identity' learning about issues such as healthy relationships, different genders, identities and sexualities and also about the important topic of sexting.

In year 9, as part of our Relationship and Sex Education curriculum, students have been following up from their school nurse visits where they learned about sexual health and contraception with a booklet based project around this.

In addition to the above PSHE projects, all students in Key Stage 3 have completed a lesson about water safety. We purposely time this lesson to take place before the summer holidays when young people may be tempted to swim in open water.

Our year 10 students have been learning about employability this half term. This is timed to tie in with their work experience

placements and involved a pre work experience lesson looking at workplace skills and behaviours. After completing their work experience, students have reflected on the employability skills they have learned and developed in the workplace. We have also had two exciting and informative visits from current university students from our partners at Shaping Futures. These sessions looked at post 16 pathways and also Labour Market Information for our local and regional area. We are very thankful for our visitors who have given up their time to enrich and enhance our students' PSHE curriculum.



Beach & Open Water Safety Tips

Many of us travel to the beach in the warm weather - how fun! Make sure to follow these tips to ensure that everyone stays safe near the beach and/or ocean!



- 1** Never leave kids unsupervised near ANY body of water, and ALWAYS ensure there's a Water Watcher on duty.
- 2** Remind children they're NOT to go near any body of water without permission from an adult.
- 3** DO NOT rely on water wings or any other inflatable flotation device to save a child in a water emergency.
- 4** Have children wear a properly-fitting life jacket if needed.
- 5** DO NOT allow your children to engage in any horseplay, breath-holding games or dunking in the water.
- 6** Only swim in designated areas with a lifeguard present, and avoid areas with high waves or rip currents.
- 7** Adhere to all posted rules, warnings and flags, which may indicate the presence of unsafe swimming conditions or deep water.
- 8** Enter the water feet first - DO NOT dive in!
- 9** Always swim with a buddy, who can signal for help if you need it.

britishswimschool.com/water-safety