

# OBA NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024



## WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to share with you the pride I felt at the way our students approached their assessment weeks earlier this term. They handled this challenging time with maturity and dedication.

I can also reveal that rehearsals are now underway for the upcoming performance of *Matilda*. The dedication already shown by students and staff is truly commendable.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that OBA has been awarded an online safety accreditation this term. There is only one other school in the North West with this status.

As we approach the holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a relaxing Easter.

**Mrs Evans**  
Principal

## KEY DATES:

**MONDAY 15TH APRIL** – ACADEMY REOPENS TO ALL STUDENTS  
**MONDAY 15TH APRIL** – CREATIVE A LEVEL EXAMS START  
**TUESDAY 23RD APRIL** – YEAR 8 HPV VACCINATIONS (1 OF 3)  
**MONDAY 29TH APRIL** – LEVEL 3 BTEC EXAMS BEGIN  
**MONDAY 6TH MAY** – BANK HOLIDAY  
**MONDAY 13TH MAY** – KS3 REVISION WEEK BEGINS  
**MONDAY 13TH MAY** – GCSE AND REMAINING A LEVEL EXAMS START  
**WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY** – YEAR 8 HPV VACCINATIONS (2 OF 3)  
**THURSDAY 16TH MAY** – YEAR 10 PROGRESS EVENING  
**MONDAY 20TH MAY** – KS3 ASSESSMENT WEEK BEGINS  
**WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY** – YEAR 8 HPV (3 OF 3)  
**FRIDAY 24TH MAY** – LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS  
**MONDAY 3RD JUNE** – ACADEMY REOPENS FOR STUDENTS

## SPRING TERM ATTENDANCE:

Best year group: Year 7

Most improved form attendance: 9BCN

Most improved year: Year 11

Best form attendance: 7LVS

Best house attendance: Ursa

## SIXTH FORM:

We are incredibly proud to announce that Harry Savage's application to join the Oxbridge Scholar's programme has been successful. He will now be invited to attend a series of open days at the Oxford or Cambridge campuses. Harry will participate in personal statement sessions, admissions tests and rigorous mock interviews in preparation for his official interview in December. Congratulations, Harry!

60% of our Year 13 students have now applied and are holding offers on a variety of universities including the Russell Group universities on a wide range of courses, including Law and Medicine.

To help our students reach their desired destinations, we invited MADE training back to OBA following the positive feedback from their session with Year 11. This time Year 12 and 13 students participated in a workshop designed to enhance their ability to study independently, raise their attainment and make a successful transition into Higher Education and the world of work.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

The importance of reading was once again celebrated across our academy as World Book Day 2024 was another roaring success! Alongside 40 staff members dressing as their favourite book character, forms were also encouraged to dress their doors and compete in a reading quiz, the library buzzed with scavenger hunts and writing competitions and parents even joined in the fun with a reading breakfast. Year 8 and 9 students also created and designed their own children's stories which they performed to scores of eager students from our feeder primaries!



## ONLINE SAFETY ACCREDITATION

Assessors visited OBA last week to review our online safety provision. Assessors met school staff, parents and carers, governors and students and were pleased to find that the school provides a high level of protection for users of the new technologies.

The Lead Assessor congratulated OBA on its success and commented that it was reassuring to know that the academy had put a lot of thought and effort into improving the on-line safety of the staff and young people, by addressing these important safeguarding issues.



Mr Hussey,  
Leader of Digital  
Safeguarding  
at OBA.



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Years 7 and 8 had the exciting opportunity to join the rest of the country in taking part in British Science Week. The theme this year was *time*.

Year 7 built a marble run to see how fast they could get a marble to travel. They then had the opportunity to look at the variables that may slow their marble down and adapt their design accordingly.

Year 8 investigated how we could survive on Mars when our time on planet Earth runs out. They designed fantastic biodomes to create a sustainable environment where plants and animals could thrive on a planet that would normally be inhabitable to humans.

## MURDER ON THE DANCEFLOOR!

This term has been drawn to a close with an array of wonderful performances from Years 7 to 13 during our annual dance show, directed by Ms Power, Head of Dance. Thank you to everyone who came to support our talented dancers.

