

OBA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the exam season now underway, the academy is currently a hive of activity and anticipation.

I would like to offer my best wishes to our Year 11 and 13 students embarking on this pivotal phase in their academic journey. The commitment you have shown to prepare yourselves is truly admirable and I hope that this half-term break enables you to continue with your intensive revision, but also provides you with a chance to rest and prioritise your well-being.

Remember, each examination you take is your opportunity to take another step forward towards your goals. Have the courage to believe in yourselves, stay focused and shine.

Mrs Evans
Principal

KEY DATES:

MONDAY 3RD JUNE – ACADEMY REOPENS FOR STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE – YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING
MONDAY 10TH JUNE – REVISION WEEK BEGINS FOR YEARS 10 & 12
MONDAY 17TH JUNE – YEAR 10 & 12 MOCK EXAMINATIONS BEGIN
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE – END OF GCSE & A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE – YEAR 11 PROM
WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE – YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE BEGINS (3 DAYS)
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE – YEAR 13 LEAVERS EVENT
MONDAY 1ST JULY – YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY 1
MONDAY 1ST JULY – YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE (ALL WEEK)
TUESDAY 2ND JULY – YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY 2
FRIDAY 5TH JULY – TASTER DAY FOR NEW YEAR 12 STUDENTS
MONDAY 8TH JULY – CULTURE & SPORTS WEEK BEGINS
FRIDAY 12TH JULY – SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 19TH JULY – SUMMER TERM ENDS
TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER – ACADEMY OPENS FOR YEAR 7
WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER – ACADEMY OPENS FOR YEARS 7,11, 12 & 13
THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER – ACADEMY OPENS FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

SPRING TERM ATTENDANCE:

Best year group: **Year 7**

Most improved: **11JKG**

Most improved year: **Year 11**

Best house: **Ursa**

Best form: **11SWS**

SIXTH FORM:

Maria Smith in Year 13 has won an OAT-wide Law competition. The 'Speak Out' competition aimed to encourage students throughout OAT to engage in academic debate surrounding current issues. Maria submitted a fantastic piece, analysing and discussing the topic of euthanasia and whether it should be legalised in the UK.

After conducting her own research, Maria wrote a mature and convincing piece that saw her take 1st place out of all OAT academies.

Maria has been presented with her certificate, a copy of *The Secret Barrister* and £100 of Amazon gift vouchers. Well Done Maria, keep this enthusiasm up as you transition onto your next journey of studying Criminology at university.



WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS



We are proud to announce that OBA have won another OAT-wide competition to decorate classroom doors as part of World Book Day celebrations. 10JMR were awarded 1st place for their George's Marvellous Medicine themed door. Well done, 10JMR!

OBA have been presented with a selection of wonderful books which are currently on display in the library and available for students to read anytime. A huge thank you to Miss Howard-Hildige for organising such an enjoyable World Book Day for our students and staff.



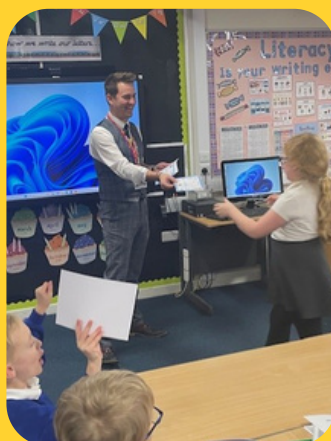
BLOOMING MARVELLOUS

We have a new gardening enrichment club after school every Thursday which is led by Mrs Musgrave. The Blooming Marvellous Club has been busy planting and growing seeds, and learning other basic gardening skills. There is also an allotment area filled with potatoes, onions, pumpkins, courgettes, strawberries, rhubarb, blackcurrants and raspberries. The club takes place in Emma's garden which was created in memory of our beloved science teacher, Miss Clarke. The plants have grown so well that a plant sale has been held to share tomatoes, lettuce and cucumber plants. All donations made are for Emma's Garden.



TREMENDOUS TRANSITION

A huge thank you must go to Ms Davies, Miss Walker and Mr Houslay. They have delivered amazing science, dance and cooking sessions with local primary school students who have shown their appreciation with cards, chocolates and flowers.



"Mr Houslay's lessons were brilliant and I'm so grateful for the clear thought and hard work he put into them. They were very engaging and fun and my class loved them! Our experience of learning at OBA is so positive."
(Murdishaw West Primary School)

SNOOKER SENSATION



Ethan Grice in Year 8 is set to take the snooker world by storm! He is an avid snooker fan and travels the country with his dad to watch his heroes play. He has met many snooker legends including Stephen Hendry, Dennis Taylor and Judd Trump, who is currently ranked as world number 2. His favourite player though is the one and only Ronnie O'Sullivan. He has watched the famous sportsman play and aspires to be just like him one day. Ethan has already competed in nearly 30 tournaments and even has his own custom-made snooker cue. He practises relentlessly under the guidance of his coach in his pursuit to be the next Ronnie O'Sullivan. Well done for daring to shine, Ethan!



INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG CARER



It is a privilege to share with you the recent success achieved by Zak Kirsners. With the help of Halton Carers Centre, this young man cares for his younger sister, Nancy. We are absolutely amazed at how Zak has juggled this role alongside the pressures of Year 11 examinations. But his hard work does not stop there! He has also found the time to pass a GCSE-equivalent course as a Young Health Champion.

After some intensive sessions and a lot of thorough research, Zak gave a formal presentation about lifestyle choices. Zak, you are an inspiration!

MULLET MAYHEM

Year 12 student Leo Buyuktepe has participated in the Mullett Mayhem campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

He made this brave decision in memory of his grandad who passed away 12 years ago. Leo wanted to raise money for Macmillan to thank them for the support they provided at the time.

So far, he has raised an impressive £503. If you would like to support Leo, please scan the QR code below to donate:

