

JULY 2025

OBA SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER FOR...

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. This term has been incredibly busy with fundraising events, examinations, primary transition events, sixth form taster days, trips and much more. I hope that students and staff can all get plenty of rest over the summer break to recharge batteries and come back refreshed in September.

I would like to thank staff for their hard work and commitment and congratulate students on everything they have achieved this year whilst daring to shine. I look forward to seeing our Year 11 and 13 students in August and celebrating their superb results. Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Mrs Evans, Principal



KEY DATES:

MON 1 SEPT - Academy closed for INSET day
TUES 2 SEPT - Academy closed for INSET day
WED 3 SEPT - Academy opens for Year 7 students only
WED 3 SEPT - Year 12 Parent Induction Evening
THURS 4 SEPT - Academy opens for Years 7-11
FRI 5 SEPT - Year 12 students return
THURS 11 SEPT - Year 11 Information Evening
FRI 12 SEPT - Year 13 students return
WED 24 SEPT - Open Evening for Year 6 students 5-7pm
WED 24 SEPT - Year 12 visit to Edge Hill University
WED 8 OCT - Sixth Form Open Evening
WED 15 OCT - Careers Convention
FRI 17 OCT - Academy closed for INSET day
MON 20 OCT - Revision week begins for Year 11 & 13
FRI 24 OCT - Academy closes for half term
MON 3 OCT - Academy reopens

SUMMER TERM ATTENDANCE:

Best attendance:

Year group: **Year 7**

House: **Ursa**

Form:

1st: **8LVS**

2nd: **7JBT**

3rd: **9ECK**

4th: **10BCN**

Most improved attendance:

Year group: **Year 10**

House: **Orion**

Form: **10AMY &**

10DCY



HALTON HAVEN

Throughout the month of June, OBA supported Halton Haven's 'Forget Me Not' appeal as the hospice means so much to so many people in our community. We kickstarted our fundraising with a delicious bake sale. A special thanks goes to **Miss Carney, Mrs Fenner, Mrs Musgrave and Ms Davies** who all baked in aid of Halton Haven. We also held a 'Wear it Purple Day' which raised more money through some generous donations from staff and students.

In total, we have raised almost £300 for the hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Forget Me Not' appeal. If you would like to donate, you can do so by scanning the QR code below.



If you are able to donate, you can do so by scanning this QR code. Alternatively, The hospice has set up a text code allowing you to donate by texting **FORGETMENOT** to **70450** to donate £5. (Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you will be opting in to hear more from Halton haven hospice. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear from the hospice, please text **FORGETMENOTNOINFO** instead.)



HALTON HAVEN

Cohen White also raised money for the hospice through a bike ride. With a group of friends, he cycled from Halton Haven all the way to Anfield where they left a scarf for the late Diogo Jota,

and then rode to Goodison Park. They chose to raise money for Halton Haven because of the support they provided for a friend who passed away there. In total, they raised **£300. Well done, Cohen!**



MORE FUNDRAISING!

Year 9 have been taking part in the #WeWillExplore project throughout this year.

#WeWillExplore is about encouraging young people to be more active and participate in activities that can help their communities, friends, families, their school, charities and other people in need.

As part of the project, Year 9 held a sponsored beach cleanup during their recent trip to Ainsdale beach.

In total, **students have raised over £400 for Halton Haven!**

OBA's #WeWillExplore Co-ordinator, Miss Janes, commented: "Students have shown such determination throughout the project, particularly **Reya S, Imogen G and Jackson A**, who collected a considerable amount of sponsorship money. They are a perfect example of students daring to shine. Well done everyone!"



HALTON HAVEN

In the final week of term, our wonderful Mrs Musgrave and Mrs Wallace took seven of our students to tidy up one of the outdoor areas at Halton Haven. They weeded, swept, cut back the bushes and planted up pots with perennials.

Miss Jaynes' #WeWill students provided painted rocks with messages on which provided the finishing touches. We're so proud of our students for making a positive difference to our local area. Take a look at these before and after photographs!



EVEN MORE FUNDRAISING!

Our OBA Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a dedicated group of parents and school governors working together to enhance the educational experience and overall well-being of every student. They support our school community through fundraising, volunteering efforts, and organising a variety of engaging events throughout the year.

Some of their recent initiatives include hosting popular events like the 2024 Christmas Fair and Bingo Nights, which brought families together and raised important funds for the school. Thanks to your support, we've been able to contribute towards school's Tanzania trip and they are currently raising funds to support the upcoming Peru trip.

They have also made donations to the school's dance group, and have shown appreciation for the hardworking school staff, such as on Thank a Teacher Day.

They are always planning new ways to support our students and staff.

2025 upcoming events and initiatives will be announced as more information becomes available. The PTA are committed to building a strong, supportive school community and ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.

The P.T.A. have already made a tremendous difference to OBA over the past year and we cannot thank them enough.

THANK A TEACHER DAY!

On June 18th, we celebrated Thank A Teacher Day. Every member of staff was treated to breakfast and were presented with a sunflower which had been grown for them by students and Mrs Musgrave in Emma's Garden. Staff also received a card full of thank you notes from students, as well as a bar of chocolate from our wonderful P.T.A.



SEND COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our SEND coffee morning. Our SEND Interventions Lead, Mrs Cooke, gave a presentation which focused on the different ways we support students' mental health and emotional development. Our Thrive practitioner, Jane Rostance, also talked informally about the impact this support has had on our students and what parents and carers can do to help. If you would like to attend, look out for our SEND coffee mornings from September onwards.



TRANSITION

This term we welcomed Year 5 & 6 students from **Frodsham Primary Academy** and what a pleasure they were! They spent their morning with our marvellous Ms Davies, learning how to cook a South-American stew. From peeling and chopping vegetables to washing their pans, they did it all! We hope that our young super chefs enjoyed their delicious tea when they got home from school and can put their newly acquired cooking skills to good use at home! Well done, Frodsham Primary!



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Last month, our Year 10 and Year 12 students swapped the classroom for the workplace as they took part in a hugely successful Work Experience Week. From busy offices and healthcare settings to retail floors, classrooms, and building sites, our students embraced the opportunity to explore future careers, develop new skills, and experience the world of work first-hand.

This year has been our most successful Work Experience Week to date; we had a record number of students taking part and received more positive feedback from employers than ever before—a testament to the professionalism, enthusiasm, and maturity shown by our students.

We are massively proud of every single student who took part. Whether they had a brilliant experience or found it more challenging, they showed resilience and commitment throughout. In fact, for some students, discovering that a job wasn't for them has been just as valuable. Learning what you don't enjoy is a key part of making informed choices about the future—and that's exactly what work experience is. Here is some of the amazing feedback we've received from employers:

Oden B – Enevero

"Oden was repeatedly first to turn into the office each morning and would greet everyone with his unimpeachable manners and a beaming smile. Oden was tasked each day with helping create job packs and completing safety audits on our operatives and engaging with our admin staff to ensure the correct information was provided on site. Oden not only completed his tasks but he was confident and engaged with staff perfectly.

It is noteworthy **Oden represented Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy perfectly and he is an example of the hard work undertaken by all his teachers daily at the academy.** As discussed with Oden and his mother we would be delighted for him to apply for our highway's electrician apprenticeship scheme as soon as he completes his final exams.."



"Abigail K – Kelley and Sons

It was a pleasure to have Abigail working alongside me for the 3 days, she got stuck in and learned a lot of new things regarding some of the power tools we use for our day-to-day work. She learned how to safely operate a gutter vacuum & also a WFP system how to start the pump and the control system. **She has great customer service skills she was very polite & well-spoken towards my customers & myself.** She was very trustworthy, and was never late for work, she has a bright future ahead of her I feel she's very intelligent for her age. I wish her the best of luck for her future"

Erica B – Essence beauty

It was truly a pleasure to host Erica during her work experience placement at our salon. She showed great enthusiasm and genuine interest in the beauty industry from the very beginning.

To ensure she gained hands on experience, I arranged models for her to practise some of the basic treatments we regularly offer in the salon. **Erica was very engaged and eager to learn**, after just one day, she was already able to confidently repeat some of my techniques with minimal guidance, which was impressive.

Overall, it was a pleasure to work with Erica, and I believe she has the potential to grow further if she chooses to pursue a career in this field.

Oliver T – GXO Logistics

Over the three days that Oliver worked with my team he was engaged in conducting some basic workplace safety assessments, conducting a review of fire equipment at a new site and a review of the overall safety culture across various operational activities.

All the team have commented on how mature and focused Oliver was. He was keen to ask questions and engaged on several occasions in meaningful conversation.

Whilst engaged on a review of fire fighting equipment Oliver was required to follow a detailed site layout drawing that required him to identify what type of extinguisher was required at each location. The safety lead who accompanied Oliver on this task commented on how focused and committed the student was.

Upon engaging with the senior management team Oliver was always polite and courteous, Oliver's representation of the OBA trust is something the teaching staff should be proud of.

Some students even made such a strong impression that they've been offered further opportunities or part-time roles as a result of their placements—a huge achievement. Looking ahead, students will now be working on building their CVs in preparation for next year, where we hope even more will apply for jobs, apprenticeships, and further work experience. This week has been a fantastic stepping stone, and we can't wait to see what they do next.

A huge thank you to all the employers

who welcomed our students and supported their learning. And once again, well done to our Year 10 and 12 students—you've done yourselves and the school proud!



SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS

This term also provided our Year 10 students with the opportunity to experience life in our sixth form. Students sampled a variety of lessons as well as the sixth form's exclusive facilities including its own study area, common room and cafe.

If anyone missed this day and would like a tour, please contact Mr Fenner, our Head of Sixth Form via email:

s.fenner@ob.ac.co.uk



OBA SPORTS AWARD EVENING 2025

We ended this academic year with our very first awards evening for sport, organised by our Head of P.E. and Dance, Ms Power. Thank you to the parents and carers who came to support the event and help recognise the hard work demonstrated by our students.

Here are the evening's winners:

Staff Award: **Demi Eaton**

Staff Award: **Olivia Burge**

Staff Award: **Charlie Clive**

Staff Award: **Poppy Frodsham**

Staff Award: **Sam Ellams**

Outstanding KS3: **Brooke Mclennon**

Outstanding KS3: **Bobby Hancox**

Outstanding KS4: **James Usher**

Outstanding KS4: **Olivia Mills**

Contribution to Dance: **Daisy James**

Contribution to Dance: **Eva Bradford**

Contribution to Sport Enrichment: **Ava Cavanagh**

Contribution to Sport Enrichment: **Alexander Wan**

Outstanding BTEC Year 10: **Connie Anderson**

Outstanding BTEC Year 10: **Frankie Wharmby**

Outstanding BTEC Year 10: **Ella Hufferdine**

Outstanding BTEC Year 10: **Josh Ellams**

Outstanding BTEC Year 11: **Gracie Brown**

Outstanding BTEC Year 11: **Jack Miller**

Outstanding Year 12 Contribution: **Ellis Edwards**

Outstanding Year 13 Contribution: **Owen Law**

Team Of The Year: **Lucas Finnigan, Oliver Prescott,**

Emilie Donohue, Manfred Somori

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Bobby Cavanagh**

