

OBA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As we come to the end of a busy and productive half term, I am pleased to share some recent highlights from across our school community.

Our Year 11 and 13 students have shown real commitment in the way they have approached their exams so far, demonstrating focus, resilience and a positive attitude throughout. We are especially proud of our Year 13 students who have already secured their university places – a fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work over many years.

This has also been an excellent term for maths, with students making excellent progress and celebrating impressive results in the Junior UK Maths Trust challenge. Their dedication and problem-solving skills have truly stood out.

I wish all our students, families and staff a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Evans, Principal

KEY DATES:

MON 1 JUN – Academy reopens for all year groups
MON 8 JUN – KS3 & Y12 revision week begins
MON 15 JUN – KS3 assessment week begins
MON 15 JUN – Y12 mock exams begin
MON 15 JUN – Y10 work experience week
FRI 26 JUN – Y9 AI App creation day
MON 29 JUN – Y12 work experience
MON 29 JUN – Y8 Health and wellbeing day
MON 29 JUN – Y7 Beach trip
TUES 30 JUN – Y10 Sixth Form taster day
WED 1 JULY – Y12 Induction Day
THURS 2 JUL – Y9 Beach trip
FRI 3 JUL – Y11 Prom
MON 6 JUL – Y6 Induction Day 1
TUES 7 JUL – Y6 Induction Day 2
WED 8 JUL – Sports Presentation Evening 6pm–7pm
THURS 8 JUL – Battle of the Bands
FRI 10 JUL – Y12 finish for summer
FRI 10 JUL – Y13 Leaver’s Meal
THURS 16 JUL – Sports Day
FRI 17 JUL – Academy closes for summer at 12.30pm
THURS 13 AUG – A Level Results Day
THURS 20 AUG – GCSE results day
TUES 1 SEPT – INSET day
WED 2 SEPT – Academy opens for Y7 students
THURS 3 SEPT – Academy opens for Y8–11 students
FRI 4 SEPT – Academy opens for Y12 students
MON 7 SEPT – Academy opens for Y13 students

SUMMER TERM ATTENDANCE:

BEST ATTENDANCE:

Form:

1st: **8IMY**
2nd: **11CGN**
3rd: **8GRY**
4th: **11NRL/AHH**
5th: **8JBT**

Year group:

1st: **8**
2nd: **7**
3rd: **11**
4th: **9**
5th: **10**

House:

1st: **Ursa**
2nd: **Draco**
3rd: **Pegasus**
4th: **Orion**

YEAR 13 UNIVERSITY OFFER HOLDERS

Let's begin with a huge congratulations to our Year 13 students who have successfully secured a university offer for September to study a range of courses, including biomedical science, marketing, mental health nursing and everything in-between! Their hard work, resilience and dedication have paid off and we couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved. We wish them all the best for the exciting times ahead!



If you know a member of our sixth form alumni, please let them know that there is an **alumni event on Thursday 9th July**. It does not matter how long ago they left our sixth form - everyone is welcome to come along and catch up!

To find out more and **to book a place, they should contact Helen Andrews on the following: h.andrews@ob-ac.co.uk**

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FAITH NWACHUKWU CHINAZA
LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY
NURSING

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CARLY CASTON
LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

UNIVERSITY OFFER HOLDER

ZAK KIRSNERS
COVENTRY UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS AND MARKETING

UNIVERSITY OFFER HOLDER

ELLA BANKS
UNIVERSITY OF GREATER MANCHESTER
ANIMATION AND ILLUSTRATION

UNIVERSITY OFFER HOLDER

RILEY CARTER
CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
SALES AND MARKETING MANAGEMENT

UNIVERSITY OFFER HOLDER

ALYSSA BAKE
UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD
CRIME AND INVESTIGATION

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HARRY SAVAGE
LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

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LAYLA WATCHAM
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

PROBLEM SOLVED: STUDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN MATHS COMPETITION!

A selection of our **Year 7 and Year 8 students** were given the opportunity to complete the **Junior UK Maths Trust** challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. We have received the results and they performed fantastically! 3 students received silver awards and 7 achieved bronze.

Special shoutouts must go to **Corey McCabe** and **Lilly Werpachowska** who achieved the highest marks in the entire school and also to **Isaac Hunt** who performed best in his year group.

Curriculum Leader for Maths, Mrs Toseland said: *"It was great to see all those who participated trying their very best and showing off their mathematical skills. We have such talented mathematicians at OBA and I am so excited to see what they achieve in the future."*



Congratulations to Jayden, Ved, Ruby, Mason, Corey, Ben, Lilly and Miah!

STUDENTS CLEAN UP BEFORE CASTING A LINE!

A group of determined **Year 8 students** has transformed Phoenix Park in Runcorn into a cleaner, safer and more inviting place to spend time – all because they earned a special reward for their improved school attendance.

As part of their attendance reward programme, Mr Corcoran organised fishing trips for them and Warrington Anglers Association kindly agreed that we could use their waters in Phoenix Park. To show their appreciation, students chose to take on a hands-on community project: tidying up Phoenix Park before they began fishing there. Armed with litter pickers, binbags and an impressive amount of enthusiasm, they spent several afternoons clearing rubbish and making the lakeside paths easier to access.

Their efforts didn't just make the park look better – they helped restore a space that many local families use for walking, relaxing and enjoying nature. Several passers-by even stopped to thank the students for their hard work.

This project wasn't only about tidying a park or learning to fish. It showed how much students can achieve when they work together and take pride in their community. Their improved attendance earned them the opportunity – but their positive attitude and teamwork made the experience truly memorable. Well done, everyone!



DOT-ART UPDATE!



Grace Willcott's artwork 'Flowers' was voted the winning entry by OBA staff for submission to the Dot Art competition. Grace's work will now feature in a public exhibition at Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery from 3rd June until Sunday 5th July. Congratulations, Grace!



ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY CHILDREN COOK UP A STORM!

A huge well done to **Year 5 children from St Martin's Catholic Primary School** who have joined us this term for some cooking sessions with our wonderful **Ms Davies** and **Mrs Bird**.

The children started with a simple shortbread whilst they found their way around our cooking facilities and were so amazing that they quickly progressed on to making fajitas in their next session! Well done, Year 5! See you again after half term.



LESSONS FOR LIFE: LAUNCH PAD SUCCESS!

This term our students took part in an incredible Launch Pad enterprise day in partnership with Young Enterprise!

Working in teams, students stepped into the world of business – creating their own ideas, developing brands, managing budgets and pitching like real entrepreneurs!

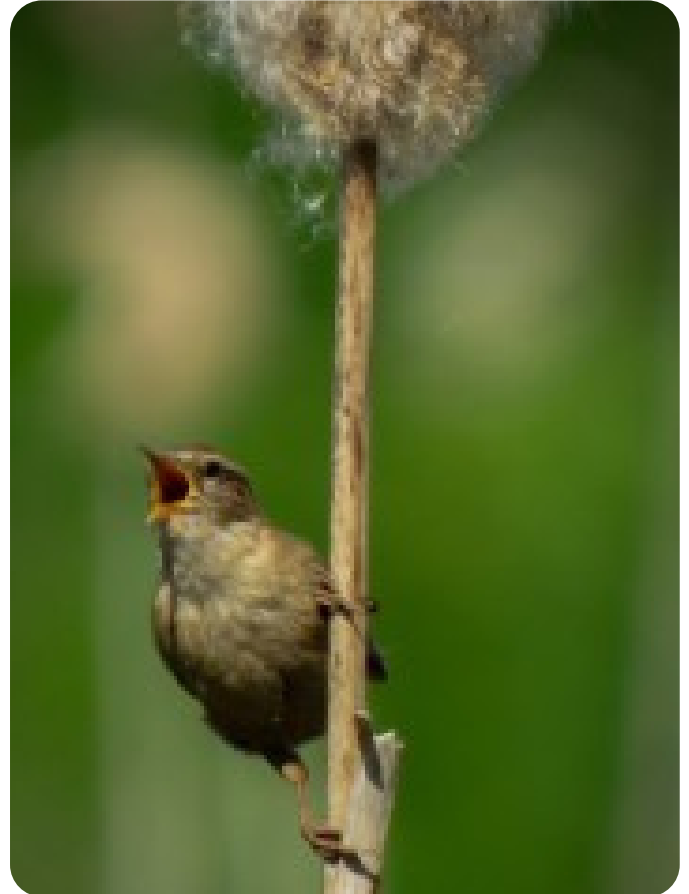
It was fantastic to see so much teamwork, creativity, confidence and resilience on display throughout the day.

Experiences like this help our students build essential life skills and prepare them for their future careers – and we couldn't be prouder of how they rose to the challenge!



PICTURE PERFECT

We are delighted to be able to share some stunning photographs taken by **Casey Gregory** in Year 7. We are sure you will agree that he has a natural eye for photography. Well done, Casey - your photographs are beautiful!



YEAR 7 STEPS INTO THE RING!

Finally, we would like to celebrate **Harley Mawdsley** who is about to take part in his first competitive boxing match. He has already participated in several introductory fights where the aim was gain experience so there is no winner. Harley is keen to follow in his bother's footsteps who is a regional champion.

Harley, you can do it! We wish you the very best of luck! Keep daring to shine!

