OBA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This term has been filled with achievement, opportunity and success. From excellent progress in the classroom to participation in enrichment activities, our students have continued to demonstrate ambition and resilience and pride in all that they do.

Highlights have included our successful Open Evenings, which showcased the many opportunities available at OBA, our dedicated revision sessions and, of course, our unforgettable Bolly's Bingo for students with one hundred percent attendance. These successes are a reflection of the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff and the ongoing support of parents and carers.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and celebrating another successful term at OBA.

Mrs Evans, Principal

KEY DATES:

MON 2 NOV - Academy reopens for all students
MON 2 NOV - Revision week begins for Years 11 & 13
MON 9 NOV - BTEC revision week begins for 6th Form
TUES 10 NOV - Mock exams begin for Year 11 & 13
WED 11 NOV - 6TH Form Higher Education Exhibition trip
THURS 19 NOV - Flu vaccinations for Years 7-11
WED 25 NOV - Year 11 photographs
FRI 27 NOV - Academy closed for INSET
MON 30 NOV - Academy closed for INSET
TUES 1 DEC - Academy reopens
THURS 10 DEC - Year 11 and 6th Form Progress Evening
FRI 18 DEC - Academy closes at 12.30pm for Christmas
MON 4 JAN - Academy reopens

AUTUMN TERM ATTENDANCE:

BEST ATTENDANCE:

Year group:	Form:	House:
1st: **7**	1st: **7BMT**	1st: **Ursa**
2nd: **8**	2nd: **10LVS**	2nd: **Draco**
3rd: **9**	3rd: **9IMY**	3rd: **Orion**
4th: **10**	4th: **8NPE**	4th: **Pegasus**
5th: **11**	5th: **8AES**	





WELCOME TO TEAM OBA, YEAR 7!



We must begin our newsletter by acknowledging what a fantastic start our Year 7 students have made to life at OBA. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and they have embraced the opportunities and challenges of their first term with confidence, enthusiasm and maturity.

Throughout the term, Year 7 students have settled exceptionally well into school life, adapting quickly to new routines, building positive friendships and becoming valued members of the OBA community. Their commitment to learning, willingness to get involved in extracurricular activities and positive attitude towards school have impressed staff and demonstrated the strong foundations they are building for future success.



Head of Year Mr Houslay said: “I am incredibly proud of how well our Year 7 students have settled into life at OBA. They have shown resilience, kindness and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence and become such a positive part of our school community in such a short space of time.”

As they complete their first term, Year 7 students should be proud of all they have achieved. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow, thrive and make the most of every opportunity during the rest of the academic year.



Congratulations to **Astrid F, Aoife N**, **Isla Q, Caiden F, Abdullah A** and **James D** who all received awards in the Year 7 celebration assembly for **daring to shine**. Well done, everyone!

OPEN EVENING SUCCESS!

We kicked off the new academic year with another successful Open Evening. Children were presented with their OBA Passport as they arrived, and were challenged to get it stamped at 'passport control stations' as they travelled across the academy. They were then rewarded with 'OBA travel sweets' as they departed! Well done to everyone who participated and a huge thank you to our own students who supported the event as tour guides and ambassadors.

Applications for a Year 7 place in September 2027 close on October 31st 2026.









SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

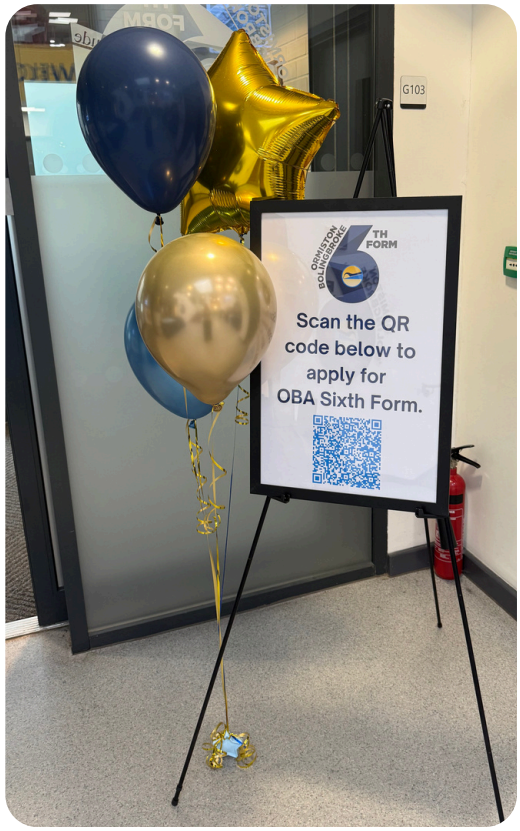
OBA Sixth Form also welcomed prospective students and their families to a highly successful Open Evening, showcasing the outstanding opportunities available for post-16 study.

Visitors had the chance to explore the Sixth Form facilities, meet staff and current students, and learn more about the wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities on offer. Throughout the evening, attendees gained valuable insights into life at OBA Sixth Form and the support available to help students achieve their ambitions.

The event generated a great deal of enthusiasm, with many visitors commenting on the welcoming atmosphere, excellent facilities, and the passion and dedication of both staff and students. Current Sixth Formers played a key role in the evening, sharing their experiences and answering questions about their studies and future pathways.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. We look forward to welcoming the next generation of OBA Sixth Form students in the future.

The deadline for Sixth Form applications is January 31st 2027.







CONGRATULATIONS TO OBA'S HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL FOR 2026-2027

Being elected as Head Boy, Head Girl, or Prefect is a great honour and a significant responsibility. It shows that the school community has recognised their leadership qualities, positive attitude and commitment to representing others. These roles go beyond wearing a badge—they involve setting an example through behaviour, dedication, and respect for both students and staff.

Congratulations to this year's **Head Boy Rhys B** and **Head Girl Zoe E** and to our **Deputies Mia T & Kian F.**

We look forward to working with you all throughout this academic year.



Zoe and Rhys

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

A huge congratulations to the student parliament representatives who were voted for by their form tutor groups. Being elected to the student parliament is an exciting and rewarding experience that represents both trust and responsibility. Serving on the student parliament provides the opportunity to contribute to school improvement, plan events, and strengthen the sense of community among students. It also helps develop valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership. Above all, being elected is an honour—it's a chance to use your voice to make a positive difference and inspire others to get involved.

Congratulations to:

YEAR 7

Amelia B
Sofia L
Layla Rose B
Darcy M
Alexis Lily C
Harper H
Abdullah A
Italia C
Lillie J

YEAR 8

Molly P
Chalias C
Jayden Y
Mac K
Will P
Cecelia F
Amelia B
Alexander J
Damian G
Winnie S
Ved P
Maisy S

YEAR 9

Olivia B
Riley B
Corey M
Letti M
Amna A
Georgia FV
Theo H
Lena P

YEAR 10

Theo P
Joey S
Thomas J
Isobelle M
Madalyn M
Isabella Y
Lily T
Lucas M
Jack H
Macie G
Daniel H



CAREERS CONVENTION INSPIRES STUDENTS FROM YEARS 9-13

Students from Years 9-13 recently took part in a highly successful Careers Convention, providing an excellent opportunity to explore future pathways, speak directly with employers, training providers, colleges, universities, and industry professionals.

The event was attended by hundreds of students throughout the day, with feedback highlighting how valuable it was to gain first-hand insight into different careers, qualifications, apprenticeships, and progression routes. Students were encouraged to ask questions, explore opportunities, and begin considering the skills and experiences needed for their future ambitions.

We were delighted to welcome a diverse range of exhibitors representing sectors including healthcare, emergency services, education, engineering, science, social care, finance, the armed forces, creative industries, sport, animal care, public services, manufacturing, hospitality, and higher education.







The wide variety of exhibitors ensured that there was something to engage every student, regardless of whether they are considering university, apprenticeships, employment, college courses, or vocational training. Many students discovered careers they had never previously considered and left with a clearer understanding of the opportunities available to them after school.

Events such as these are a vital part of our careers programme, helping students make informed decisions about their future and strengthening links between education and industry. We would like to thank all exhibitors for giving up their time to inspire our young people and help broaden their aspirations.

We look forward to building on the success of this year's Careers Convention and providing even more opportunities for students to engage with employers and education providers throughout the year.



A huge thank you goes to:

Halton Borough Council Apprenticeships Team
Halton Borough Council Social Care Team
The Army
M-Power
Warrington Vale Royal
Riverside College
Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Sixth Form
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) - Daresbury Labs
Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA)
ESPFA
Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Willows Veterinary Group
WM Football Coaching
Fresenius Kabi
Eurofins Forensic Services
Camp America
Space Runcorn
The Civil Service
Nationwide Building Society
Encirc
Vibe UK
The Hammond
Epredia
Knowsley Safari

OBA FUTURES
DARE TO SHINE

REVISION MADE EASY!

Students in Years 11 and 13 recently took part in an intensive Revision Day delivered by MADE, designed to help them maximise their preparation for upcoming examinations. Throughout the day, students engaged in a range of interactive workshops focused on effective revision techniques, memory strategies, exam preparation, and managing exam stress. The sessions encouraged students to develop productive study habits and provided practical tools to help them revise with confidence and purpose.

Students responded positively to the event, gaining valuable insights into how to make the most of their revision time and improve their performance. The day formed part of the school's ongoing commitment to supporting students academically and ensuring they feel well prepared as they approach this important stage of their education.

We would like to thank the MADE team for delivering an informative and inspiring programme that has equipped our students with strategies to help them achieve their very best.

Finally, we wish students the very best of luck for their mock exams which take place after the half term break.

