

## A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

I hope you enjoyed the half-term break with your children and trust that all Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations ran safely.

We return to another seven action-packed weeks that will take us up to Christmas.

You will have just received your child's first academic assessment report of the year and you are hopefully able to reflect on some good progress being made. We have a new grading system in place for Years 7 to 10 and, while we have included an explanation of this with the assessments, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's Form Tutors or Heads of Year for further details.

There is a very important event for Year 11 students and parents at the Academy on Wednesday 11th November from 6.30 – 8.00pm. We will be explaining the Sixth Form application process, followed by a workshop on how to prepare for examinations. This will include tips on how to revise and how to deal with stressful feelings. I urge you all to come along for this invaluable session that will further focus you positively on the forthcoming months.

Best wishes

*Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal*

## Band Visit OBA To Pass On An Important Message

The band 'The Scheme' visited our school on Thursday 15th October and performed their most recent songs to Year 9 and Year 10 students. The band also talked about drug education and life skills.

They related issues to personal stories which made the issues more real to students and helped deliver an important message about the misuse of drugs. The main message was 'to make the right decisions in life' and 'to live a healthy lifestyle'. Many of the students had fallen in love with the band and ensured they got an autograph for when they become famous.



# Pupils Make A Positive Contribution on ECM Day

Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy's first ECM day of the year was focused on students 'Making a positive contribution'.

Three year groups took part in the day in a variety of activities.

Year 7 all designed different Halloween Products to sell at Parents Evening. These products were designed and made by the students themselves and consisted of Halloween masks, Halloween mugs, torches with spooky faces on them, cupcakes with scary designs, Halloween bunting and chocolate wrappers.

Throughout the day students worked in the technology department producing their products and a selected team sold them during the evening raising £160 for our Kenya trip fundraising.



Year 8 students took on the fog and rain to climb Moel Famau. Students completed a range of challenges on the way up the mountain developing team work in their tutor groups. Students raised £120 for being sponsored for braving the weather, mountain walking and challenges all money raised also went towards the Kenya Charity .

All of Year 9 participated in a Diversity session with an external provider 'Diversity Role Models' in partnership with RBS.

Students explored prejudices to LGBT people, they discussed the importance of diversity and how they can contribute to ways of tackling homophobia in the community.

