

A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

Welcome back and I hope you enjoyed your Whit holiday. I certainly did and one of my highlights was seeing the Three Queens cruise liners in Liverpool with my family. It is always important to recharge our batteries after a busy time at the Academy.

In the last week of half-term the theme of our Project and Every Child Matters Days was 'Tolerance', with Years 8 to 10 learning about community cohesion, the dangers of homophobic bullying and the threat of extremism to our communities. Year 8 students visited a Mosque and a Synagogue in Manchester to explore how other cultures live and worship. It is very important to us that our students understand how multicultural Britain is and that there is a wide horizon beyond Runcorn.

You will also read about some of our Year 7's who visited The Forest School.

A big thank you to all our parents of Year 9 students who joined us for Parents' Evening in the final week of half term. I hope that you enjoyed hearing about the progress of your youngsters, as well as being clear about how we can work together to secure even more success.

This half term promises to be very exciting too, with our Year 11 and 13 students completing their exams and preparing for their next steps. On the 17th and 18th of June we have our two Music Summer Showcases; these are always very popular so be quick and buy your tickets from Student Services/Reception. The following week we then have our Sports' Week, featuring a plethora of activities, from swimming to dragon boating, involving all our students and many of our staff. Into July we can look forward to the annual Year 7 trip to the beach, our fantastic Summer Fete on Friday, 10th of July, as well as the various rewards trips for our students who continue to shine.

It is also wonderful to enjoy some sunshine and I look forward to welcoming you to the community events mentioned above.

Best Wishes

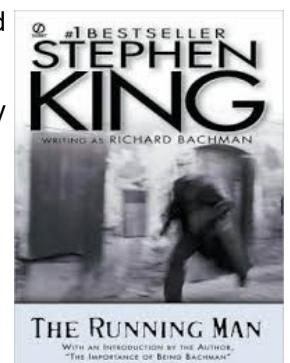
Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal

Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Book Club

OBA welcomes a literacy wonderland as Miss Styles and Miss Howard-Hildige run a very successful staff and student book club each Tuesday. A selection of Key Stage 4 G&T students have joined an eager cohort of staff to read and discuss a range of critically acclaimed fiction and classic literature.

The book club kicked off with *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, by Mark Haddon and both staff and students really got their teeth into it. Also an OBA book club twitter account has been set up and to the delight of the staff and students Mark Haddon responded to tweets about his book!

The group are now half way through Steven King's '*The Running Man*' and are thoroughly enjoying exploring an international bestselling dystopian fiction.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Music Summer Showcases—17th & 18th June	Year 6 Transition Day/s—6th & 7th July
Year 8 Parents' Evening 2nd July —School closes at 2:30pm	Sports Day—2nd July
Year 7 Parents' Evening 8th July —School closes at 2:30pm	Summer Fete—10th July

Year 8 Pupils Visit Manchester As Part Of ECM Day

On Thursday 21st May a very special trip took place as a part of OBA's Project and Every Child Matters Days. The theme across the days was 'Tolerance' and pupils across Years 8-10 learned about the importance of community cohesion as well as the impact of homophobic bullying and the dangers of extremism in our communities.

Over 100 Year 8 pupils went on a trip to visit a Synagogue and a Mosque in Manchester. This gave them an important insight into how other cultures within the UK live and worship. This proved to be an exciting and colourful celebration of both the differences and similarities of the different cultures in Britain.

Throughout the day pupils were invited to try traditional headdresses and practices as well as sampling some delicious foods from around the world.

Mrs Stitch, Head of Year 8 said of the day "It was fantastic for our pupils to experience the sights, sounds and smells of different places of worship. It served as a great reminder of the beauty of multicultural Britain. The pupils really embraced the day and it was wonderful to see them get so much from the experience."



Year 7 Pupils Take Part In Forest School

Every Wednesday 15 Year 7 pupils have been spending 1 day each week taking part in a Forest Schools project at Runcorn Hill. The project aims to inspire young people and to encourage personal development through outdoor education.

The pupils have taken part in activities such as camp craft, wood manipulation, countryside code, team building activities and much more.

