

## A Message From Our Principal



Dear families and friends of OBA,

We have just enjoyed May Bank Holiday and I hope that you enjoyed some quality time together. I have spent some time reflecting on last week's stunning Dance Shows, of which you will be hearing more of in next week's newsletter, and marvelling at the talent that our youngsters have.

This week is incredibly important for our Year 11 and many Sixth Form students, as they take the first of their major exams of the season: English Language!

They have prepared and revised thoroughly for this and I wish them all the very best of luck.

I would also like to remind all Year 8 parents that we are processing all Options choices and will be in contact if there are any rare cases of first choices not being possible.

Thank you for all your support and ongoing commitment to our OBA family.

Best wishes

*Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9 Parents' Evening 20th May—School closes at 2:30pm

Year 6 Transition Day/s—6th & 7th July

Year 8 Parents' Evening 2nd July —School closes at 2:30pm

Sports Day—13th July

Year 7 Parents' Evening 8th July —School closes at 2:30pm

Summer Fete—16th July



## Primary Pupils Join Us For OBA's 'Achieve Excellence' Day



On Friday 24th April 28 students from local primary schools joined us for OBA's 'Achieving Excellence' day.

They were nominated by their respective class teachers for being the top achieving Mathematicians and linguists in their year groups.

The hard-working pupils joined us from St Berteline's CofE Primary School, Palace Fields Primary Academy, Bridgewater Park Primary School, Brookvale Primary School, Gorsewood Primary School, Hill View Primary School and St Mary's Primary School.

They were treated to Maths taster sessions led by Mr Coring and English sessions led by Miss Boardman and Miss Styles.

Congratulations to the pupils for being nominated by their teachers and for successfully completing the day.



## Sixth Form Pupils take France By Storm



If staying in a stranger's house is daunting, and doing work experience is nerve-wracking, then doing both in a foreign country and in a foreign language is definitely not for the faint-hearted. This is exactly the challenge that four intrepid French A Level students from Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy took on during a recent trip to Nantes in Northwest France.

The four six formers – Zoe Longworth, Holly Godden, Alex Dewdney and Elliott Collins - each spent a week with a different French host family, communicating entirely in French. The host families, all of whom had teenage children, welcomed the OBA students into their homes and involved them in all aspects of family life.

By day, the students gained invaluable work experience – again, speaking only in French. Zoe got a taste of working in a hotel while Holly learned what it was like to be employed in a French restaurant. Meanwhile Elliott and Alex helped out in two different activity centres for disadvantaged youngsters, interacting in French with both children and colleagues.

They were accompanied on the trip by their French teacher, Kate Walker, and French language assistant Alexia Gonzales. As well as working with local organiser, Martine, to ensure everything went smoothly. They also took the students sightseeing in the beautiful city of Nantes in their free time, for example taking them out to a typical French *crêperie*.

The only problem was by the end of the working day the students were completely exhausted as it takes a lot of concentration to function in a foreign language, especially when you're learning a new job at the same time.

On their return to school, it was straight back to studying: Zoe, Holly and Alex are taking AS Levels this year, while Elliott is doing his A Levels. The French exams are a chance to show off everything they've learned in Nantes – fingers crossed for good results!

## E-Safety

### What is my child doing online? – Gaming

The internet has changed the way that young people play games. Games can be played against anyone in the world, at any time and for as long as you want.

In the past, computer games were something you played against the computer, or friends that came round to your house. They were also something that you 'completed' and then moved onto the next one.

Online, you can adventure in complex worlds, create characters, and meet and make friends to fight battles and go on journeys together...

Almost anything that connects to the internet will allow you to play these games – desktop computers, laptops, consoles, like Playstation or Xbox, or even mobile phones.

Gaming is great fun, but just as with anything online, there are **risks you should help your child navigate** visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Secondary/Risks](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Secondary/Risks). It's important that you're involved in your child's experiences, even if it feels like a different world! Visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Secondary/What-are-they-doing/Gaming/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Secondary/What-are-they-doing/Gaming/) for some simple ways to help your child game safely.

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