



## A Message From Our Principal

Dear families and friends of OBA

Welcome back to the Summer term after what I hope has been a wonderful and peaceful Easter holiday for you. It is a delight to be out and about in the warm sunshine again. Many students from Years 10 to 13 attended our Easter Academy revision and enrichment sessions, indicating their genuine commitment to their studies. The Year 12 French students also had the exciting opportunity to spend some time undertaking work experience in France!

Our students have started positively and with great enthusiasm this week. For Years 11 and 13 these next few weeks are of huge importance as they enter the exams season. I have just had the privilege of watching the final GCSE Drama performances where once again our OBA talent truly shone.

To all our parents and families of Year 11, keep encouraging them, motivating them and reminding them to seize every opportunity to prepare for these exams!

We also launched the expansion of our 'Futures' hair salon this week to celebrate the fact that we are now open from 3 – 7pm every weekday. Please do come and enjoy some of the amazing, and highly competitive, treatments and services on offer here.

Finally, Miss Belford organised a superb charity 'Swimathon' at the Leisure Centre next door which involved over a hundred students and staff.

As you can see, we are well underway again here and we look forward to working with you all again in partnership as the OBA family.

Best wishes

*Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal*

## Pupils Moved By Performance of The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas

On Tuesday 31st March pupils from Year 7, 8 and 9 travelled to Liverpool's Playhouse Theatre with Miss McKeivitt, Mr Rushton, Ms Musgrave, Miss Igram and Miss McEvoy to watch the stage adaptation by Angus Jackson, of the best-selling novel "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" by John Boyne.

It was a deeply moving and thought-provoking production with an amazing cast and a diverse and imaginative set.

As we were leaving the staff at the Playhouse complimented the pupils on their impeccable behaviour throughout the performance. Overall a thoroughly enjoyable trip for all involved and OBA represented excellently by our pupils!

Well done!



# OBA's First Swimathon A Huge Success!

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 over one hundred students and staff at Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy were involved in a swimathon to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The event took place at Brookvale Recreation Centre and was lead by PE staff in the department, with the assistance of ten brilliant sports leaders from Year 10. Students from Year 7 to 10 signed up in the weeks beforehand and pledged to donate some money in order to take part.

On the day students had forty minutes each to challenge themselves to complete as many lengths as possible, with an absolutely astonishing 3094 lengths swam in total by our 88 students and 7 staff. This is equivalent to 77,350 meters, 77.4 kilometres or the distance from Runcorn to Preston!

The sports leaders were brilliant at motivating the students, which really helped to create a positive atmosphere on the day. However, it must be said that the students' perseverance on the day was inspiring. Every single student clearly gave the swimathon 100% effort, with many students amazed at how far they swam; the average number of lengths per student was over 20!

One student who participated said 'I really enjoyed the swimathon as it gave me a chance to challenge myself and raise money for charity. I will look after my medal because when I look at it, I feel proud.'

Speaking about the event Miss Belford said 'I was so impressed with the attitude and motivation of the students on the day, everybody tried their best and should feel immensely proud of themselves. Not only did they complete something they didn't feel possible, but they also managed to raise money for a wonderful cause. Well done'.

The current total for money raised by the students is £325.62 with money still being donated.

Special thanks go to the staff at Brookvale Recreation Centre for helping with the organisation and smooth running of the event as well as allowing us to use their facilities.

Finally a massive massive well done and thank you to the students who took part, you did yourselves, and the school proud.

Bring on OBA Swimathon 2016!

