



## A Message From Our Principal

Dear families and friends of OBA

There is only one week left until the Easter holiday and this means that Year 11 and Sixth Form students are heading into examination season. OBA will be open over the holiday for a full programme of revision sessions and workshops. The Year 11 schedule has been posted out and can also be found on the website under 'Year 11 Examination Preparation'.

The past weeks have featured our Year 8 Options Evening and Year 10 Parents Evening. These were fantastically attended and, as always, our many subjects showcased their unique content, resources and 'wow' factors!

We are truly committed to offering the widest curriculum to allow our students to achieve and enjoy themselves. All Year 8 Options return forms should be returned to form tutors by April 2nd.

Finally I must remind you all that all energy and fizzy drinks are banned at OBA. Drinking these can have a very adverse affect on concentration levels and health in general. I appreciate your support with this matter.

Best wishes.

*Mr. M Wyss - Academy Principal*

## Congratulations Mr Daniels and Miss Roper



Last week Mr Daniels (Inclusion Manager) and Miss Roper (Head of Dance) attended their graduation ceremonies at the University of Chester where they received their Masters Degrees in Teaching and Learning. This is no mean feat as all of their studies had to be completed in their own time in addition to all of their commitments within the Academy. A huge congratulations to both of you.

## Year 11 Pupils Inspired By Cambridge University Taster Event

On 17<sup>th</sup> March a group of Year 11 students were invited to an admissions event, hosted by Cambridge University at Goodison Park. The students were given two mini taster lectures from the Science and Humanities Departments, and then treated to a guided tour of Everton Football Club. They were invited to chat with undergraduates from Magdalene College, Cambridge in order to gain an insight into student life at a small campus. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and found it both informative and inspirational.

## Sixth Form Hair And Beauty Students Take Part In National Competition



On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March a group of Sixth Form Students travelled to the Winter Gardens in Blackpool with Miss Finigan and Miss Farrelly to compete in a national competition.

The girls took part in the competition as part of their NVQ Level 3 Hairdressing qualification to successfully complete Unit GH21. The objective of the competition was to complete an overall look of Hair, make up and clothes which they all achieved successfully. A group of Fashion students also played a big part in making some of the costumes for the show.



Miss Finigan said; "This was a fun day for the students as it gave them a bigger insight into the industry. Not only did they take part in the show but they brought back a variety of confidence, ideas and skills. Well done to all of the girls for taking part."

## Geography Department Holds Careers Fair

The Geography department held a careers fair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The aim of the careers fair was to enable students currently studying Geography to see what career pathways they can take when finishing their GCSEs and A Levels. A range of employers and universities came to speak to students about where Geography can take them in terms of job opportunities, as Geography being a highly regarded subject is valued by both employers and universities.

## Emily's Rowing Adventure At Olympic Venue

Year 11 pupil Emily Burkey was selected to compete in a rowing event at 2012 Olympic venue Dorney Lake. As part of the Runcorn Rowing Club J16 squad Emily travelled to the lake where over 3000 14-18 year olds from across the world from as far afield as the USA were competing! There were 8 heats and up to 50 boats in each heat. Emily and her squad were competing against 33 other boats in their heat.

As the boats get on the water they have to row round the warm up area and then onto the lake, giving them the experience of passing under the Olympic rings hanging from the bridge that divides the two sections. The girls came in a very respectable 16th in their heat.

Emily began rowing as part of the Academy enrichment programme and has gone from strength to strength. She will also be competing in a regional competition in April.

Congratulations and good luck Emily. We are all very proud of you!

