

## A Message From Our Principal



We have had a busy weekend of activities with 21 students and three teachers flying to Spain for a water sports trip; four staff and 22 silver Duke of Edinburgh students enjoyed a weekend of sunshine for their practice expedition at Waddecar; Mrs Snagg and Ms Walsh took the Around the World students to Stockley Farm; 26 students and 4 staff went to watch the rugby league "Magic Weekend" at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester.

Our A-level and GCSE examinations continue with 14 subjects next week, the details of the examination timetables can be found on the Academy website. Students should use the half-term holiday to work hard on their revision as we head for the last two weeks of examinations.

On Monday, all year 10 students will be taking part in a team building project day with 30 different activities being delivered by an external company, students will be in P.E. kit all day.

Congratulations to the year 10 girls' rounder's team for maintaining their unbeaten record in a tournament last week.

On Wednesday we have the year 9 parents' evening for which we have trialled our new electronic booking system.

I wish all staff, students and parents a relaxing half term break with a reminder that the Academy opens again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## Year7 and 8 Pupils Prepare to Take on Dragon Boat Challenge

In preparation for the Annual Merseyside Dragon Boat Competition held in Liverpool, Miss McAuliffe has set up 6 weeks of Dragon boat trials for year 7 and 8 students.

15 students that demonstrate a high level of ability, enthusiasm and effort will be chosen to represent OBA in the competition on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Altogether 80 students will take part over the coming weeks, receiving coaching from GB Dragon boaters.

Miss McAuliffe said; "Our OBA Dragon boat teams have always been very dedicated to their training. I hope that this years' squad enjoy the experience as much as the squads in previous years have."



## Get Ready for a Summer of Golf With Our New Enrichment

OBA is preparing for a summer of golf and our golf enrichment is an exciting opportunity for pupils to try their hand at something new and interesting.

Starting on Tuesdays after school, Mr Hendry and Mr Townson will be taking pupils to Sutton Fields Driving Range for some golf tuition. Pupils will also have the opportunity to play in the OBA annual golf tournament during the academy's Sports Week in June, as well as being invited to go and watch the British Open Golf Championship at Royal Liverpool in July.

The enrichment is free of charge, but places are limited.

Please see Mr Hendry or Mr Townson for more information.

## Halton Open Exhibition

Congratulations to Mr Smyth and Mr Traves whose work has been selected to be displayed in the Halton Open Exhibition at The Brindley, proving that the staff here at OBA are just as talented as our pupils!

Mr Traves received a second place award in the competition for his photograph "Reflections on Crosby" at the opening of the exhibition on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Congratulations Mr Traves!

The exhibition runs from 10<sup>th</sup> May -21<sup>st</sup> June and provides an annual opportunity for all visual artists living, working or studying in Halton to share their creativity with the Brindley audience.

Entry is free, so please go down and have a look to support your local artists!



## Year 9 Visit Goodison Park

On Wednesday 7th May a group of our year 9 GCSE boys were invited to Goodison Park, home of Everton Football Club to help manage the Merseyside primary school football finals.

The boys had been involved in refereeing the previous regional rounds at Everton's Finch Farm training ground back in January, where they had the opportunity to impress Blues' Manager Roberto Martinez with their coaching and refereeing skills.

The boys were a credit to the school and showed fantastic enthusiasm and behaviour throughout the competition.

To round off an amazing day, pupils were allowed to have a kick-about on the pitch too. Ray Redmond from EFC academy said; "The lads have done a fantastic job with us and we will be inviting them back again next year!

Well done all!"

