

## A Message From Our Principal



I attended the funeral of Mr Tony Lewis, our Chair of Governors, on Thursday with our Head Boy Sam Kendrick ; Head Girl Bobbie Caddick; Deputies Johnny Shaw and Zoe Longworth and Student Parliament member Keerah Watts.

Mr Lewis was a key leader in the success of OBA over the last three years and provided great support and wise advice to myself and the Governing Body. He will be sadly missed.

There was a focus on Y11 achievement this week with the mock exams and parents' evening, which was very well attended. The signs are that our current year 11 will emulate the success of last year and achieve outstanding results.

Students and staff at OBA have worked hard since January and are looking forward to the half-term break, although the academy will be open for some extra revision.

*Mr. J Rigby—Principal*

## Free Food at 'Warm and Healthy' Event

The Local Area Forum for Halton Castle, Norton North, Norton South and Windmill Hill will be holding a 'Warm and Healthy event' here at OBA on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm. In partnership with HBC, the evening offers parents and members of the community the chance to meet their local Councillors whilst picking up useful information and watching the Academy's talented dancers. There will also be a Q&A session with the Councillors led by the Academy's Head Boy and Girl.

Warm and Healthy food will be provided free of charge and there will also be free fruit and vegetable packs and recipe ideas to take away. All welcome! For more information please contact Mrs Snagg on 01928 711643.

Local Area Forum ●●●●● Halton Castle, Norton North, Norton South and Windmill Hill

at Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy  
25th February 4.30pm  
Barnfield Avenue, Murdishaw, Runcorn WA7 6EP

Come and meet your Councillors  
dance  
Free Bags of Fruit and Veg to give away  
Hot food and drinks will be provided  
freebies to help you keep healthy and warm  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!  
Transport can be arranged if you need it

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## Murder Mystery Solved at OBA!

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February a body was discovered in OBA! It was up to our Year 7 pupils to take the reigns as budding forensic scientists to crack this case and arrest a suspect!

A (fake) body was found and identified as Fred Smith a local businessman. Fred Smith had two known enemies, Archie Adams and Bertie Bates. Did one of these murder Fred?

Year 7 used forensic science to analyse the clues left at the crime scene. They lifted fingerprints, analysed ink from a note found in Mr Smith's pocket, identified powder found on the victims clothes, tested stains to see if they were blood and examined sand from the beach. After photographing the crime scene they used I-Pads to write a report for the police. All of the evidence pointed towards one suspect and Year 7 pupils decided that the police should arrest and interview Bertie Bates.



## Discovering New Cultures - China Day

Earlier this week a group of pupils including year 7 and 8 Gifted and Talented pupils took part in our China Day. Students learned about Chinese culture and traditions, specifically focusing on the Chinese Spring Festival. We were very lucky to have a Chinese guest speaker visiting the academy to deliver workshops throughout the day. Students engaged in a creative way with Chinese traditions, making crafts associated with the Spring Festival. At lunch pupils were able to order dishes from a fantastic Chinese menu which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs Noon will be visiting China in April to set up a partnership between OBA and a school in Tongling. This will open up many exciting opportunities for both students and staff at OBA in the future.

## Year 10 Give a Stunning Shakespearian Performance

On Friday 14th February, there was a fantastic showcase of talent in our new state of the art Drama Theatre, with a performance from a group of Year 10 pupils, who staged an abridged version of Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice'.

The students have been working on this particular text in their English lessons as part of their exam and over the past few months, with the direction from Miss Mc Kevitt, they took it from page to stage! An outstanding performance, well done to all students and staff involved!

## Pupil Premium-Your Child Could be Entitled to Extra Funding

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal or has been anytime in the last six years – please let us know!

The Department for Education allocates funding of up to £600 for any children that are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) **at any time in the last six years**. The Academy can then use this money to implement additional support and resources to raise attainment and ensure your child reaches their full potential. If the above applies to your child, please contact Mrs Collier at school to let us know.

## Gig in a Day...Returns!

You may have heard that the best things in life only come around once in a lifetime, but for the students of year 8 it seems to happen every year! On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February the music department hosted its annual 'Gig in a Day' showcase, involving students from across year 8 with support from both the sixth form music students and the Year 9 BTEC music group - the latter opened the show with a blistering rendition of 'counting Stars' by one republic - with searing vocals and mesmerising piano and synths.

With so much to live up to, the year 8s set about learning music disciplines from scratch to perform in front of a packed hall. If you were lucky enough to wander around the music department that day you would have heard guitar ensembles, full class drumming, DJ and Rap battles and the crowd pleasing school SING!, all chomping at the bit to produce the best performance of the day.

Without question it was easy to see that all of the students involved enjoyed the whole day and produce a tremendous final show, which was in front of both students and teachers, with the unwelcomed job of picking the best act given to Mr Rigby.

Special thanks to all teacher staff and supporting students involved, but especially Mr Reid, Mrs Price, Miss Castrey, Miss Weatherby, and Mr. (MC) Perritt for giving up their time to make the day the special occasion it was... roll on next year!

## Business Breakfast - Walking the Talk

A highly productive Business Breakfast meeting took place at the Academy this week. This is the Academy's second business breakfast to date and successes already include Sixth Form students assisting the delivery of a job search club in Castlefields, an opportunity for photography students to visit a local printing company, the offer of Olympic athletes coming into school to talk to students during sports week and a raft of potential apprenticeship opportunities for our talented construction cohort.

The aim of the half termly get-togethers is for the Academy to build quality links with local businesses. The aim is that through such partnerships, our students will be able to access industry specific advice and guidance so that they are well equipped to 'walk the talk' when they leave the Academy. As the initiative grows, the objective is that this will also provide a useful networking forum for attending local businesses. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.45am**. If you have a business and would like to be involved in this exciting enterprise, please contact Mrs Snagg or Miss Fitzgerald to confirm your attendance at the meeting. Tea, toast and bacon bagels provided!



# OBA Sports News

## Fitness Suite Enrichment

For any pupils wishing to use our state-of-the-art fitness suite, fitness enrichment is on Wednesday after school. All pupils must be wearing full PE kit to take part.

## Coming Soon - Sport Relief

On Friday 21st March 2014 OBA pupils will be raising money for Sport Relief by putting themselves through their paces and running the 'Sport relief Mile'.

Last year's event was a big success and we are hoping to build on this by raising even more money this year!

Any donations for pupils will be gratefully received and go towards a fantastic cause.

Year 8 will be running the mile during period 1, year 7 period 2, year 10 period 3 and year 9 period 4.

## Duke of Edinburgh Update

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been extremely popular with students at the academy, with more and more pupils achieving the award each year. DofE 2014 will be starting after half term and will give pupils the chance to really challenge themselves as they learn an array of new skills. Miss Porschke and Mr Fenner will be coming into House Assemblies with more details soon.



## Smash It Up In Our Exciting New Badminton Enrichment

*SmashUp!* Is an all new innovative badminton enrichment at OBA which is set to break the existing perceptions of badminton, revitalising it with a new lease of life.

*SmashUp!* Does this by changing the look and feel of badminton by:

- Breaking the boundaries and changing the rules.
- Providing activities with an innovative modern twist
- A music playlist playing out as a backdrop
- Putting players in control of how and when they enjoy their court time.

*SmashUp!* Will run every Wednesday from 3.00pm-4.00pm, if you think you have what it takes to 'smash it up' on the badminton court speak to Mr Barrett for more details!

