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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Edition of our Newsletter and, as always, we have a very busy term ahead. Our Year 11s are working hard towards their final exams and we wish them well. As you will know, this is the first year when GCSE grades move over to Grades 1-9 in Maths and English; other subjects will follow in the next two years. This has created some uncertainty and an enormous amount of additional work for our Maths and English departments. We will keep parents informed as we find out more about the new grading system.

The Summer term is not only busy with examinations, there are also a large number of other events. We are delighted that we have many pupils in local primary schools wishing to join us in September and

transition visits are already in place. There are plenty of sporting and musical events happening this term, including competing in two sporting finals during the first week. We will also be running enrichment activities during the last week of term, more information will follow shortly.

We will be saying goodbye to some colleagues who have been with us for several years, including Mrs Glenister, Deputy Headteacher, and Mrs Simpson, Curriculum Leader MFL; more details of all staffing changes will be shared with parents when appointments have been finalised. As always, I look forward to working with you and do please contact me at School if you wish to.

*Mr A Fell,
Headteacher*

Go4Schools homework

This term we are running a trial of the Go4Schools homework module, which allows us to set homework tasks through G4S so that both students and parents/carers can login and see tasks set and dates due. We hope this will help you to support your children in completing homework on time. This term the trial will run with Year 7 students only, and in certain subject areas only, but we intend to roll this out to the rest of the school from September. If you have any questions or feedback regarding G4S homework please email thilton@obhs.co.uk

Cricket Team Wins Tournament

Report by Olivia O

On 22nd of March, the Old Buckenham girls cricket team went to the UEA to compete in the County Finals. We started off well, winning our first few games to Flegg, Thorpe and Broadland. There were good bowling performances from everyone especially Emily. We were unbeaten by our last game against Norwich, who were also unbeaten. Norwich had a strong start with batting and it was clear the game was going to be very close. After a strong batting performance from Megan and Charlotte, we chased their runs and won the game and tournament with only two balls left in the game. Player Of The Match: Charlotte S.

Easter Egg Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who donated eggs, and everyone who bought tickets—the final amount raised was an amazing £383!

Red Nose Day

We are still taking in sponsorship money, but at the time of writing we are very pleased to say that we have raised over £950. This year has been a huge success with many students and staff taking part in lots of activities to raise money for Comic Relief.

Governors' Corner

Governors are pleased to welcome Mrs Niggebrugge to the Governing Board. Mrs Niggebrugge works for Public Health England, and she has joined us in the capacity of Co-Opted Governor.

We are still interested in recruiting Parent Governors, and currently have three vacancies. The school will be organising a nomination process in the coming weeks, and we encourage interested Parents/Carers to take part. We will hold an information session for interested parties nearer the time, to provide context for the role.

GCSE Drama Performances

GCSE Drama students will be performing their final exam pieces on Wednesday 26th April at 7pm in the school hall - please come and support the students in this final presentation before their real exam. Please note the performances are suitable for Year 9 upwards.

Songs From The Shows

Our next concert on Wed 10th May will be a showcase of songs from well-loved musicals including Phantom of the Opera, Chicago, Les Miserables and many more. Please come along and support our young musicians - the evening starts at 7:30pm and tickets are available on the door (£3 adults, £1.50 students, under-11s free).

Music & Drama Workshops

We were privileged to host two workshop days for Year 9 and 10 students last term, a drama workshop by Paperbirds, and a music workshop by IEM. These opportunities are funded by the ticket sales at our concerts, so many thanks for your continued support which allows us to offer enriching experiences to our students.

School Production 2017-18

We hope to make an announcement very soon... watch this space. We are considering moving the production from November to February - if you have any thoughts on this proposal please email hilton@obhs.co.uk by Friday 28th April.

Race For The Line

Last month we hosted a regional heat of the Race for the Line competition organised by the Bloodhound Project who are currently designing a jet propelled car that will hopefully beat the land speed record. This heat saw three primary and six secondary schools from the region testing out the rocket engine powered cars they had designed to see which was the fastest. The testing was carried out by a team from the Army

who certainly had their hands full, testing nearly 70 different cars in a day. The results for our school were:

1st place—Lightning—Jasmine and Emily
2nd place—Blueflame—Olaf and Adam
3rd place—Bullet—Amy-Lou

Well done to everyone who took part!

Dates for your diary:

1 May *Bank Holiday*
3 May *Year 7 Progress Evening*
4 May *Whole School Photo*
10 May *May Concert*
11 May *GCSE Exams commence*
22 May *Year 8/9 girls vaccinations*
26 May *Last day before half-term holiday*

School resumes on Monday 5 June 2017—which is a week A

12 Jun *Year 10 exams commence*
28 Jun *Jazz Band trip to Norfolk Show*
29 Jun *Year 11 Prom*

For future school dates please visit our website www.obhs.co.uk

	Lunchtime (1.25-2pm unless otherwise stated)	After School (3.30-4.30pm unless otherwise stated)
Monday	<i>Choir—Room 30 (1.30-2pm) Drawing Club—Library & Room 4 Comic Club—Library</i>	<i>Years 9 & 10 Rounders Years 7 & 8 Cricket All Years Athletics—Field Sociology Revision—Room 29 (3.15-4.15pm) Science Homework/Revision support—Room 22</i>
Tuesday	<i>More2Life Club—Room 5 (everyone welcome) Woodwind Band—Room 31 (1.30-2pm) Sociology Revision—Room 29 (1.30-2pm)</i>	
Wednesday	<i>GCSE History Workshop—Room 28 (HB) GCSE History Workshop—Room 11 (PD) Drawing Club—Library & Room 4 Years 7 & 8 Drama Club—Room 35</i>	<i>Years 9 & 10 Cricket Years 7 & 8 Tennis All Years Athletics—Track Science Club—alternate Wednesdays (see Mr Stephen or Mr Armstrong for a letter) GCSE PE Revision (Year 11) GCSE Maths Higher Revision—Room 15 GCSE Art (Years 10 & 11)—Room 17 (3.15-5pm) Geography Revision—Room 26</i>
Thursday	<i>Jazz Band—Room 30 (1.30-2pm) Art/Drawing Club—Library GCSE History Workshop—Room 11 (PD) KS3 Maths Club—Room 15 Year 11 GCSE Maths Revision—Room 15</i>	<i>Years 7 & 8 Rounders Years 9 & 10 Tennis Sociology Revision—Room 10 (3.15-4.15pm for D grade and below students) GCSE Art (Years 10 & 11)—Room 17 (3.15-5pm) Year 11 Drama Written Work Catch Up (see Miss Loveday to book a place) GCSE French Listening Booster Classes—Room 36</i>
Friday	<i>Rock Workshop—Room 31 (1.30-2pm) Drawing Club—Library & Room 4</i>	<i>Years 8 & 9 Handball</i>

Clubs are open to all students unless otherwise stated. Please speak to the subject teachers for more details.