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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our Summer Newsletter - after the poor weather over the winter we are looking forward to a very busy summer term. The plans for conversion to become an academy are moving at a pace. We will be holding a community consultation evening at 7pm on 2nd May for our local stakeholders and I will ensure parents/carers are kept informed as these plans are progressed. Year 11 are completing their final preparation for their exams which start in May, and can I take this opportunity to thank parents for all your support. It is a very stressful time and we understand the pressures that the long exam season puts on students. I am confident that we will see the results of their hard work in August.

There are many activities and events taking place over the next term; summer concerts, sports days, enrichment activities, and it is these activities that enrich our school and make it a very happy school for our students. However, we know we can improve and as always I welcome feedback from parents/carers both individually and at our Parents' Forum. Please do contact me if you wish to share your thoughts about any aspect of our school.

Finally, we will be welcoming our new students from our local primary schools in a variety of transition activities. I very much look forward to meeting both families and parents in the summer.

*Mr A Fell,
Headteacher*

Governors' News

How lovely to be writing this in the spring sunshine that has accompanied this week's return to school! Summer term is always a very busy one with lots going on all through the school and with much to look forward to including enrichment days, sports day, concerts and various extra-curricular activities and events. Governors are working alongside school towards the planned academisation and we will be holding an update evening in the first half of this term.

This term is of course exam time for all our Year 11s and governors wish them every success in these. We will of course be saying goodbye to these students this term and wishing them well as they move forward with their journey beyond OBHS!!

As I said, this is a busy and exciting time at OBHS for all and governors wish everyone a positive and productive term and look forward to continuing to work alongside school and its community. We hope to see you at the Academisation Evening however governors can usually be found at school events or contacted via the office should you wish.

80's Night!

Our next concert, on Wednesday 9th May at 7pm, will be an 80's Night—students from all years are working hard to prepare covers of their favourite 80's numbers, along with the usual school ensembles, and we would love to see you all in the audience, supporting our talented youngsters. Fancy dress is very much encouraged!

IEM Song-writing Workshop

On 23rd April we once again welcome IEM (Industry Education in Music) to deliver a full day workshop on song-writing to selected Year 8, 9 and 10 musicians. Students will have the opportunity to develop their song-writing skills with the aid of an up-and-coming band, before enjoying a live gig in the hall in the afternoon. We are most grateful to Norfolk Music Hub for funding this opportunity this year.

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Friends' Corner

We had a successful fundraising spring term. Supporting the amazing production of School of Rock with our refreshments and raffle raised over £800! Our Easter Treat Friday on the last Friday of term, in conjunction with Sports Relief, was again well supported and has helped boost Friends' funds.

This has meant that we have been able to support school with some resources including an annual tennis membership for the PE Department and another STEM Mindstorm Kit for the Science Department. Purchase of these items would not have been possible otherwise, so it really is important that we continue to fundraise.

We look forward to your continued support and as always we welcome any ideas and thoughts for fundraising as well as new members to our friendly team. Please contact us via the school office.

Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities

Clubs and activities are open to all students unless otherwise stated. Students will gain OBHS Award points for regular attendance and participation. Ask your subject teachers for more details. *GCSE PE students are encouraged to use the facilities at any time after school providing they let a member of PE staff know in advance.*

Monday	
Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 9 Carnegie Reading Club—Library
After School	Year 7 & 8 Rounders (until 4.15pm) All Years Field Athletics (until 4.15pm)
Tuesday	
Lunchtime	More2Life Club—Rm 5 (everyone welcome) Woodwind Ensemble—Rm 31 (1.40-2.10pm) Year 7 & 8 Drama—Rm 35
After School	
Wednesday	
Lunchtime	Choir—Room 30 (1.40 to 2.10pm)
After School	GCSE Art—all welcome Rms 16 & 17 (3.15-5pm) Year 9 & 10 Cricket (until 4.15pm) Lower School Tennis (until 4.15pm) All Years Track Athletics (until 4.15pm)
Thursday	
Lunchtime	Jazz Band—Room 30 (1.40-2.10pm)
After School	GCSE Art—all welcome Rms 16 & 17 (3.15-5pm) Year 9 & 10 Rounders (until 4.15pm) Year 7 & 8 Cricket (until 4.15pm) Upper School Tennis (until 4.15pm)
Friday	
Lunchtime	Rock Workshop—Room 31 (1.40-2.10pm)
After School	

Dates for your diary:

23 Apr	<i>IEM Song-writing Workshop and performance</i>
26 Apr	<i>Junior Maths Challenge</i>
3 May	<i>Year 7 Progress Evening</i>
7 May	<i>Bank Holiday—School closed</i>
9 May	<i>80's Night! Concert—7pm</i>
11 May	<i>Year 9 Meningitis vaccinations</i>
14 May	<i>Year 11 GCSEs commence</i>
25 May	<i>Last day of school before half-term holiday</i>

School resumes on Monday 4th June (Week A)

11 Jun	<i>Year 10 exams commence</i>
11 Jun	<i>Parents' Forum</i>
20 Jun	<i>Year 11 Leavers Day</i>
21 Jun	<i>Last day of Year 11 GCSEs</i>
22 Jun	<i>Year 11 Prom</i>
25 Jun	<i>Year 8 Enterprise Day</i>
26 Jun	<i>Cluster Arts Day</i>
27 Jun	<i>Jazz Band at Norfolk Show</i>
29 Jun	<i>Year 8 & 10 Mock Interview morning</i>
2 Jul	<i>Music Tour of primary schools commences</i>
2 Jul	<i>KS3 Core exams commence</i>
4 Jul	<i>Sports Day</i>
4 Jul	<i>Summer Concert</i>
10 Jul	<i>Year 6 Induction Evening</i>
11 Jul & 12 Jul	<i>Year 6 Induction Days</i>
16 Jul	<i>Year 10 work experience week</i>
16 Jul	<i>Celebration of Sport Evening</i>
23 Jul & 24 Jul	<i>Enrichment Days</i>
24 Jul	<i>Last day of school before Summer Holiday</i>

School resumes on Thursday 6th September 2018 (Week A)

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