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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware Mrs Glenister is retiring at the end of the year after 10 years of dedicated service to our school. We are currently recruiting a new Senior Leadership Team and I am very pleased that we have had over 70 applicants. This shows we are seen as a very successful school and many people would like to come and work for us. I will keep you informed of the outcome and of other staff changes.

We held our first Parents' Forum last half-term, which was well attended and very informative. The next forum is on 13th March and I would very much encourage you to

attend. We are also planning a Students' Forum to ensure students' views are listened to as well.

The school continues to be busy, our Year 11 students have been working extremely hard in preparation for their mocks and final exams. Attendance at revision sessions has been good—I would encourage all parents to contact the school if you have any concerns about how best to support your son/daughter in the run up to their final exams. Interhouse sports competitions and music competitions continue to be very popular and reflect the talents of our students at OBHS.

I look forward to meeting with you this term.

Mr A Fell,
Headteacher

Go4Schools

A reminder that parents and carers are encouraged to log in to Go4Schools via the school website, to access all their child(ren)'s assessment, behaviour and attendance records online at any time. This week, we have also introduced student access to Year 8-11 students and would encourage students to log on regularly to view their progress and take ownership of their learning.

Go4Schools Homework

We are hoping to begin using Go4Schools to record homework tasks set for students, and to track when work has been completed, later this term. Initially this will be trialled with Year 7 students in a small number of subjects, and Y7 students will be introduced to the system shortly. We hope the homework facility will help students to keep track of homework tasks and assist parents in supporting students in their studies. Watch this space...

Interhouse Music Festival

At the time of writing, students are in final rehearsals for the 2017 Interhouse Music Festival - by the time you read this you will know who won! Congratulations to all who took part - a fantastic event once again.

Easter Egg Raffle

We are holding our annual raffle during the last week of this term to raise funds for the school. If anyone is able to donate an Easter Egg to be used as a prize we would be very grateful. If you can help then please bring them into the school reception by Friday March 24th.

Many thanks.

Governors' Corner

Governors have been pleased to support the recent work undertaken by Mr Fell and colleagues regarding proposals to expand the Senior Leadership Team. The consultation involved the present Leadership, Staff, Unions and the Governing Body. The proposals will enable us to meet new challenges linked to School Development and Improvement.

In the last Newsletter we informed parents and carers that there were vacancies on the Governing Body for Parent Governors, and naturally we're happy to discuss the requirements with anyone interested in the role. Please contact Mr Fell's PA, Mrs Bradshaw, with your details.

OBHS presents Gargantua by Carl Grose

This outrageous comedy about a giant baby with an accelerated growth rate and an insatiable appetite for anything that moves (including joggers), is being performed by students in Years 9, 10 and 11. Who will stop him? Who will decide his tragic fate? and who, more importantly, will change his nappy? Find out on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March. Performances start at 7pm, tickets are £5 Adults, £2.50 Students—available on the door.

All Day Drama Workshop

On Thursday 23rd March we will be holding an all day workshop for Year 9 and 10 GCSE Drama students. The workshop will be delivered by theatre company Paperbirds and will help students to develop their devising skills in preparation for their GCSE assessment.

IEM Song-writing Workshop

On Monday 27th March we are once again hosting a song-writing workshop for Y9/10 music students, delivered by Industry Education in Music (IEM). Students will spend the day honing their song-writing skills before being treated to a final performance by the visiting artist. We are pleased to be able to fund such opportunities through money raised from our concert ticket sales, so...

Spring Concert

Please support our Spring Concert which takes place on Wednesday 29th March, 7:30pm in the hall - an evening of performances from the school groups plus soloists and student ensembles!

Piano lessons

We have spaces for individual music lessons in Woodwind, Brass, Singing, Guitar and Drums but would particularly encourage students to consider taking up Piano lessons. Our tutor, Mr Glover, is an outstanding pianist and teacher, and his student roll has unfortunately dwindled this year so we need a few more beginners to come along and fill the vacancies! Please see Mr Hilton for a letter and application form.

Dates for your diary:

27 Feb	Year 11 Mocks commence (2 weeks)
8 Mar	Year 9 Careers Trip
14 Mar	Year 7 Energy Quest
16 Mar	Year 8 Progress Evening
21 Mar	Year 9-11 Drama Production
22 Mar	Year 9-11 Drama Production
23 Mar	Year 9 vaccinations
23 Mar	Year 9/10 Drama Workshop
24 Mar	Red Nose Day
27 Mar	Song-writing Workshop
29 Mar	Spring Concert—7.30pm
31 Mar	Last day of school before Easter holiday

School resumes on Tuesday 18 April 2017—which is a week A

18 Apr	First day of school after Easter holiday
1 May	Bank Holiday
3 May	Year 7 Progress Evening

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	Years 7 & 8 Hockey Choir—Room 30 (1.30-2pm) Drawing Club—Library Comic Club—Library	Year 11 Football Years 7 & 8 Netball Boxercise Sociology Revision—Room 29 (3.15-4.15pm) Science Homework/Revision support—Room 22
Tuesday	More2Life Club—Room 5 (everyone welcome) Wind Band—Room 31 (1.30-2pm) Sociology Revision—Room 29 (1.30-2pm)	Girls Cricket
Wednesday	Years 10 & 11 Basketball GCSE History Workshop—Room 28 (HB) GCSE History Workshop—Room 11 (PD) Years 7 & 8 Drama Club—Room 35	Year 10 Football Year 7 Football All Years Hockey 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 German Conversation Booster Classes (Year 11s on 1st March, Year 10s all other dates until Easter)
Thursday	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	Year 8 Football Year 9 Football Years 9-11 Netball 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 German Conversation Booster Class (Year 11 only on 9th March)
Friday	Rock Workshop—Room 31 (1.30-2pm)	Fun Fitness Badminton

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