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Dear Parents and Carers.

A very warm welcome to the first Newsletter of 2017 and I am pleased to say we have had a very smooth start to the year. As I have mentioned before, I am keen to develop the way School strengthens the our partnership working. The launch of Go4Schools has enabled parents to have a 'real time' view of how their child is progressing. With the first Parent Forum in January. I am keen to receive feedback about this and other ways we can improve the School.

The Spring Term is a very busy and important time for Year 11, with final preparations put in place. We will continue to run subject specific support and focussed sessions about Mr A Fell, revision and managing exam stress. Headteacher Mr Dwight and Mr Cowan will be co-ordinating these activities.

Year 9 will be starting their option choices very soon and it is important that parents are aware of the changes in GCSE grading and specifications, all of which will be explained to parents.

There are many exciting things happening within the School and the developing partnerships we have with others. Our students are involved in the new build of Chapel Green School and we continue to forge links to broaden the experiences we offer. As always, I am very happy to meet with parents and I set aside Friday mornings if you would like to come in.

Governors' Corner

Governors are pleased to wish a Happy New Year to Staff, Students, Parents, and Carers. With the welcome appointments of some new members of staff this month, the new term begins on a busy note.

Governors would like to express their appreciation to Mr Hilton and his team for their wonderful production of We Will Rock You. All governors attended (some more than once!), and everyone agreed it was a great theatre experience.

We currently have vacancies on the governing body. If you have expertise that you think might be useful to us, please leave your contact details with Mrs Bradshaw, Mr Fell's PA, and we will contact you to discuss the role.

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Old Buckenham High School

January 2017

Interhouse Music

Our annual Interhouse Music Festival takes place on Wednesday 22nd February, 7:30pm in the hall. Each of the five school Houses will prepare three performances led entirely by students - a band, a solo and a choir - which will be performed on the evening before a panel of guest judges who will award the Governors' Cup to the winning House. Please come along and join us for this wonderful event. Students should listen out for information on when House rehearsals are taking place.

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.

Tins and Containers Please

Please could the Food Technology Department have all your unwanted chocolate and biscuit tins/containers when you have finished with them after Christmas! Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

19 Jan	Rearranged—Year 11 Progress Evening	
2 Feb	Year 9 Options and Progress Evening	
10 Feb	Last day of school before half- term holiday	
School resumes on Monday 20 February 2017—which is a week A		

22 Feb	Interhouse Music	
27 Feb	Year 11 Mocks commence (2 weeks)	
16 Mar	Year 8 Progress Evening	
21 Mar	Year 9-11 Drama Production	
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23 Mar	Year 9 vaccinations	
24 Mar	Red Nose Day	
29 Mar	Spring Concert	
31 Mar	Last day of school before Easter holiday	

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

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

	Lunchtime (1.20-2pm unless otherwise stated)	After School (3.30-4.30pm unless otherwise stated)
Monday	Years 7 & 8 Basketball Choir—Room 30 (1.30-2pm) ICT Club—Library Comic Club—Library	Years 10 & 11 Basketball Science Homework/Revision support—Room 22
Tuesday	Year 9 Basketball More2Life Club—Room 5 (everyone welcome) Wind Ensemble—Room 31 (1.30-2pm) Warhammer Club—Library	GCSE Art (Years 10 & 11)—Room 17 Girls Indoor Cricket Warhammer Club—Library
Wednesday	Years 10 & 11 Basketball Video Gamers Club—Library (tbc)	Cross-Country Table Tennis GCSE PE Revision (Year 11) GCSE Art (Years 10 & 11)—Room 17 Geography revision and catch-up sessions—Room 26
Thursday	Jazz Band—Room 30 (1.30-2pm) Art/Drawing Club—Library	
Friday	Rock Workshop—Room 31 (1.30-2pm) Warhammer Club—Library	Fun Fitness Rugby

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>—Sports clubs detailed above run until w/c 23rd January after which please check the weekly bulletin.

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