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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. As you are no doubt aware, Chapel Green School opened this term.

We are very pleased to have them as our new neighbours as the opening of a first class school for children with complex difficulties will provide us with many opportunities to work together. Our school is committed to celebrate diversity and difference and being able to work closely with Chapel Green will enhance our students' undertaking of diversity. This is a theme we are also working on with our staff—recently three staff visited a school in the centre of Rochdale to develop a partnership with a school in very different circumstances to us.

The school is looking closely at the effect social media has on pupils, staff

and the school in general. There are many positive aspects of social media; however, we are increasingly seeing the impact on well-being, and in some cases mental health. I would very much encourage you to discuss this at home and ensure pupils are very clear about our rules and what the wider laws are in relation to social media usage.

The consultation to convert to an Academy with the Sapientia Trust is now underway and we are looking forward to hearing your views about the next stage in our school development.

Finally, this term is an extremely important one for our Year 11s, who are working very hard for their GCSEs. We will be putting on extra revision sessions and supporting them through this crucial phase of their schooling.

*Mr A Fell,*  
*Headteacher*

### School of Rock

Our annual production is fast approaching, with performances taking place on 8th, 9th, 10th February—tickets are on sale now via the school website (accepts card payments but with a booking fee) or in person at the school office (no booking fee, cash or cheque only) - please do come along and support our young actors, singers, musicians, and technicians, in what promises to be an exceptional show. We are entirely reliant upon ticket sales to cover the significant costs of the production, so please do spread the word and encourage friends, neighbours, family members, to buy their tickets today!

### School of Rock—Sofa!

We are looking for a sofa to borrow for School of Rock—can be any size/type/condition—if anyone has one in the garage going spare and would be prepared to lend it to us from Thursday 1st to Monday 12th February, please contact Mr Hilton at [thilton@obhs.co.uk](mailto:thilton@obhs.co.uk)

### 500 Words Short-Story Competition

This competition is run by BBC Radio 2 and is open to anyone who is aged between 5 and 13 years on the 8th June 2018.

Entrants must write a fictional short story of no more than 500 words in length.

For full details and terms and conditions please visit [www.bbc.co.uk/500words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words)

Prizes include attending the Final at Hampton Court Palace where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on radio, plus a ride around the grounds in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, plus tea on board Her Majesty The Queen's rowbarge on the Thames. Winners will also receive Chris Evan's height in books (Gold winners), HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books (Silver) or their own height in books (Bronze).

***Entries must be submitted by no later than 7pm on Thursday 22nd February.***

Good luck!

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## Friends' Corner

Thanks to everyone for supporting us on the last Friday of term when we served festive treats on Christmas Jumper Day. This was a huge success and we raised over £150! This, along with refreshment sales at the Christmas Concert means the Art Department are able to participate in the GoGoHares project this year, with our support in purchasing the resources required.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the School of Rock production where we will be once again selling snacks, drinks and sweets at all the performances, as well as running a great raffle. If anyone has any items/raffle prizes they would like to donate, please leave these at school reception and we will collect from there.

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.

## Empty Containers

Message from the Food Department - we would be very grateful to receive any empty biscuit or chocolate containers or tubs when you have finished with them. Please send them to the Food Technology rooms or the main school office. Many thanks.

## Dates for your diary:

22 Jan	Academy Information Eve 6pm
31 Jan	Year 9 Progress and Options Evening
8 Feb	School of Rock 7.30pm
9 Feb	School of Rock 7.30pm
9 Feb	Last day of school before half-term holiday
10 Feb	School of Rock 3.30pm and 7.30pm

## School resumes on Monday 19th February (week A)

26 Feb	Parents' Forum
5 Mar	Yr 11 Core pre-public exams
12 Mar	Year 8 & 9 HPV vaccinations
15 Mar	Year 8 Progress Evening
19 Mar	Yr 11 Drama practical exam
21 Mar	GCSE Drama performance
26 Mar	Spring Concert
28 Mar	Sports Leader assessments
28 Mar	Last day of school before Easter holiday

For future school dates please visit our website [www.obhs.co.uk](http://www.obhs.co.uk)

	Lunchtime (1.25-1.55pm unless otherwise stated)	After School (until 4.15pm unless otherwise stated)
<b>Monday</b>		Year 9 Fitness @ Vinnies Gym (pick up at 5.15pm) Year 10 & 11 Football Year 9, 10 & 11 Netball
<b>Tuesday</b>	More2Life Club—Rm 5 (everyone welcome) Woodwind Ensemble—Rm 31 (1.40-2.10pm) Year 7 & 8 Drama—Rm 35	Girls Indoor Cricket
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir—Room 30 (1.40 to 2.10pm) Year 7/8 Harry Potter Club—Library and Rm 4 (every other week)	GCSE Art (3.15-5pm) Year 11 GCSE PE Revision Girls Football Year 8 Football Hockey for all years
<b>Thursday</b>	Jazz Band—Room 30 (1.40-2.10pm)	GCSE Art (3.15-5pm) Year 7 & Year 9 Football Year 7 & Year 8 Netball STEM Club—Room 22 (everyone welcome 3.30-4.30pm)
<b>Friday</b>	Rock Workshop—Room 31 (1.40-2.10pm)	GCSE Badminton

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