



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers with your continued support as we come to the end of a busy term. The disruption caused by the poor weather did present us with challenges, and I need to publicly thank the staff for all their efforts in ensuring the disruption was kept to a minimum.

Staffing

There are a number of staff changes at the moment as with all schools it is a normal part of school life, however, I would like to reassure staff that although we have several long term serving staff leaving us, we continue to be able to attract high quality applicants to these positions. I will be able to give you a full picture of changes in staffing in May, however, this Easter we have three staff leaving us, Mrs Drake is going on adoptive leave and Mrs Smith is going on maternity leave, and we wish them well with the new addition to their family. Mr Moore is leaving us due to ill health. As you may know Ms Goodacre, Head of English is joining us as is Ms Haslam English Teacher (maternity cover) and Ms Merali Science teacher (maternity cover).

Reporting and Parents Evening

Mrs Roberts and I met with parents at the Parents Forum meeting on 19th March and discussed the quality of information reviewed through our reporting system and the frequency of parents evening. From these discussions, it is clear that we need to revisit how we undertake both activities. Mrs Roberts will be introducing more effective ways of reporting to parents and how we run parent evenings. If you have any thoughts on how we should do this, please contact her on croberts@obhs.co.uk

Academy Conversion

The Department of Education have issued an Academy order, which will enable our school to join Sapientia Trust. There are a number of tasks to be completed, but I am confident that we will convert in September. I have spoken about the many benefits and we are already seeing some of those. Our staff and some representatives have begun working with staff from Wymondham College, Framingham Earl High School and Stradbroke High School and I anticipate this to increase. I am in discussion with Sapientia Education Trust about the ways we can improve the quality of the site. I am also confident, students will begin to see the benefits of partnership working, this includes discussions with Wymondham College about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Sporting and Music and Drama links. I will update parents as we receive more information.



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There has been many sporting, musical and other events happening this term. The School of Rock was clearly a highlight, but there have been many other things happening. I am particularly pleased with the growing partnership with the Chapel Green School and I look forward to the many opportunities our schools will have there. To keep up to date with all that goes on at Old Buckenham High School, follow us on twitter.

Have a very happy Easter and I look forward to seeing many of you in the Summer term.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Fell
Headteacher

