



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I thought it important to keep you up to date with all that has been happening.

Staffing

As you may know, Mr Dixon is leaving for North Walsham High School in December and I am very pleased to say we have appointed Miss Greenacre from City of Norwich School as our new Head of English. Miss Greenacre is an excellent English teacher and leader and will take up her post in April 2018. In addition, we have secured two good English teachers in the interim. Mr Armstrong has decided to relinquish his role as Head of Year 8 due to medical reasons. I am pleased to say Mr Glaysher will be taking up this role and will oversee Year 8 and Year 9. Mr Glaysher is a very experienced pastoral leader and will continue the very good work of Mr Armstrong.

Assessments

Autumn term assessments have now been completed for all years and information about your son/daughter's progress will be on G4S by the start of the new term. Please take some time to look at the information and contact the school if you have any concerns or require clarification.

Heating

The fault in the heating is currently being rectified and should be resolved before the end of term. There has been some disruption to the Year 11 exams and I apologise for the upset caused. However, given the circumstances and the importance of the mocks, we did feel that it was important to continue with the exam schedule.

OBHS Award

The first winners of our new OBHS Award will be announced in the Award assemblies which will take place in the first week of January. I am very much looking forward to congratulating the first cohort of students in achieving their Bronze Awards.

Attendance and Behaviour

The Governing Body approved a revised Attendance Policy and a revised Behaviour Policy. There are no significant changes, but I would ask parents to ensure they are familiar with both. It is important that parents are aware of our procedures in regard to attendance and the actions we take to ensure all students attend regularly. I would also ask parents to read our Behaviour Policy as it sets out clearly our approach to managing behaviour, student expectations and the actions the school takes.



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Enrichment

Following feedback from parents, we will be running an enrichment programme on 23rd and 24th July 2018. There will be a range of activities offered, which will include a residential outward bound camp, local visits and in-school activities. The draft details, including approximate costings will be shared with parents in the New Year in the form of a booklet. Please contact Mr Haddon directly on phaddon@obhs.co.uk if you have any feedback about our Enrichment programme

Friends of OBHS

The Friends of OBHS provide enormous support for our school and have been involved in several events this term. I would encourage parents to support our Friends and I know new members are very welcome.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank parents for your continued support of our school. I am looking forward to the new year and there will be some exciting news to share with parents following the break.

Have a very safe and happy Christmas.



Mr A Fell
Headteacher

