



OBHS *Gazette*

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WELCOME

Andrew Fell

I am delighted to welcome you to our new publication, in this important year for the school. As you know we joined The Sapientia Education Trust in September, to ensure the school continues in its 80 year tradition of providing the local community with a great education. The purpose of producing a new publication is to celebrate all the work that is done in our school and to emphasise the achievements of our students who contribute so much to the life of our school. As you will see, there are contributions from various departments, highlighting the academic work undertaken here as well as regular contributions from our excellent Performing Arts and P.E departments. I was very keen to ensure, each year group was represented, to showcase the pastoral support our school offers and importantly a page has been given over to Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl to ensure our students views are fully represented. I hope you enjoy the first edition, and I would very much welcome contribution from parents.



NEW SCHOOL YEAR

New Faces

Congratulations to this year's Head Girl, Rachel Walter, and Head Boy, George Cooke. They will be assisted by deputies Mitchel Stone and Isobel Hills.



We would like to introduce ourselves, Head Boy, George Cooke and myself, Head Girl, Rachel Walter. George is known for his drama abilities both in and out of school, whilst I am willing to partake in various activities and have been involved with Rock Workshop and many school productions/evenings.

Our role within the school is to be a link between fellow students and teachers, a smiley, happy face around the school, being approachable and willing to listen and put your point of view across. This year we are looking forward to helping the school as it moves forward as an Academy.

Rachel Walter

Head Girl





PERFORMING ARTS

hairspray

On Thursday October 4th nearly 90 students attended an open audition/workshop to take part in the OBHS production of Hairspray. Mr Jay and Miss Balmer put them through their paces with a vocal warm up then taught them part of 'Good Morning Baltimore', the opening song from the show. They then had to become a character and perform in two large groups. With over 50 signing up to audition for main parts it's a very exciting start to the production process. Rehearsals start after half term when the scripts arrive. Look on the website for details where a full rehearsal schedule will be published.



ART TRANSITION

During the day of open evening we had pupils from two of our cluster schools Old Buckenham Primary School and Great Hockham Primary spend the afternoon in our Art department. A total of 44 students got involved and made two collaborative pieces of art work - Batman and Dorothy from Wizard of Oz which are still on display in the junior block - using the pointillism technique in the style of Andy Warhol. They also made individual robots out of 'junk' (lolly pop sticks, cogs and wheels etc.) They also all took home a home-made badge to keep.

Peter Jay

Curriculum Leader Performing Arts



MATHS DEPT



It's been a very busy start to the Autumn Term and the Maths Department is looking forward to the forthcoming year. By way of introduction, I'm Dave Foreman and as a brief history I have been Head of Mathematics at Wymondham College for eight years and, prior to this, Head of Department at Blyth Jex High School for two years. Term started for me in August with a spruce up of Room 14 including a re-paint, new displays, new projector, office re-jig and a 'Harry Potter' cupboard under-the-stairs clear-out. I'm pleased to be here at Old Buckenham High School and keen to work with staff and students alike in moving the Dept towards a successful future.

Open Evening for the potential Year 7s was a huge success and, as a department, we were over-whelmingly delighted with the number of students and parents walking through our doors to see how we operate and what we are striving to achieve, which is very encouraging. We look forward to welcoming these students to the school in September 2019.

Mathematics began this year with a new Scheme of Work for Years 7 and 8 and the biggest shift is the focus on number and algebra as these are the areas which students find the greatest challenge in comparison to geometry, statistics and probability. In conjunction with these Schemes of Work, we are introducing assessments for each term which will enable students to freely move between sets if they achieve highly. We want to be able to offer opportunities to succeed and be proud of their achievements whilst being rewarded for it. The assessment papers comprise of one non-calculator and one calculator, both of which cover all abilities and aim to facilitate and consolidate independent learning.

As well as a 'revamp' of room 14 I'm looking to refurbish the department room to room creating the same level of impact and a positive environment for students to learn in. I am hoping that this will inspire our young people to feel valued and capable of improvement in themselves.

Since September, and the first day back, I have been impressed with the students at Old Buckenham High School. As well as being honest in their feedback they have been delightful in their enthusiasm to engage with the topics we are studying. I want to introduce a good-news praise postcard system as a recognition of those who work hard, put in a huge amount of effort and often go unnoticed as they continue to sustain the business of learning and maintaining a positive approach. Other developments include new scanner/photocopier/ printer which hopefully will enable us to share homework expectations and upload it onto Go4Schools for you to access.

Coming Up!

We are endeavoring to encourage inter-house competition and to award our most able and these Maths Challenges, one for each year group, should benefit them:

The Maths Challenge is a multi-guess quiz based on puzzles, questions and problems to be solved by logical thinkers!!!

The Junior Maths Challenge is on the 30th April 2019 and Intermediate Maths Challenge is on the 7th February 2019.

There is a team challenge for Year 8s and 9s at Framlingham College on the Thursday 14th March 2019.

Dave Foreman

Senior Curriculum Leader for Mathematics



CHARITY BAKE OFF

On Wednesday 10th October, Miss Jordan organised a non-school uniform fundraising day to support the Young Minds mental health charity, and her work raised £555 for this cause. The non-school uniform day was accompanied by a bake sale outside the English Department run by Miss Jordan, Miss Morgan and students. The cakes were cheap, tasty and 100% of proceeds are to be sent to the Young Minds charity.



Miss Jordan said that “the day has been very successful and has been taken on board by the students. Young Minds is the leading charity supporting children’s mental health, and every donation given today will have helped their cause. Teachers and Students have made cakes for the bake sale and come in wearing something yellow, to successfully raise money and awareness for the cause.”

Hopefully, the events of this fundraising day will set the bar for other such events being planned for later this year by the School Council.

George Cook

Head Boy

ANTI BULLYING

The Anti Bullying Ambassadors are a group of students within the school set up to help prevent bullying. Our job is to ensure students feel safe and happy in our school and know that we are here to help and support them with any issues they may have. This is linked with the Diana Award which is an award given to young people for selflessly creating and sustaining positive social change. As Anti bullying ambassadors, we hope that we can change the school and provide the support for students to put an end to bullying. Holly Canwell 10B who is an Anti-Bullying Ambassador said that “Anti Bullying Ambassadors are an important part for our school as we can help students when they need our advice. We can also help show them you don’t have to suffer in silence there are people here to help, guide and support your way through it”. Our work will continue throughout the year and we are looking to have events to help promote issues with bullying. If you ever want to speak to one of us we have our anti-bullying room which is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at break and lunch.



Mitchel Stone

Deputy Head Boy



RIDE ON *Charity Bike Ride*

On Saturday 25th August 2018, Alex Barrett in Year 7 did a sponsored 52 mile off road charity bike ride raising money for Sarcoma UK. The ride was all his own idea with a little help from his family. So far Alex he has raised £2,300 with more money still to come.

Ed Taylor

Head of Year 7

COMMUNITY LINKS

Our Food Department have been busy recently and as in past years have continued to work with students from Chapel Green School.

This year the students of Chapel Green have been working alongside one of our year 7 classes every other Wednesday during practical cooking lessons. The students of Chapel Green have been working on developing their fine motor skills and gaining an awareness of safety and hygiene practice, as well as interacting with students in the class.

The year 7's have been excellent at collaborating with the Chapel Green students during these lessons and so far have made fruit salads and scones and will be making fajitas after half term.

The focus during Year 7 is to introduce students to a range of cooking equipment they will be using during their time at OBHS. The topics students cover in Year 7 include healthy eating and a balanced diet including learning about the Eatwell Guide and the necessary nutrients they need to stay fit and healthy.



Holly Bilverstone

Curriculum Leader Technology



After settling in really well last year, Year 8 have started with a very positive attitude. So far this year they have amassed 1388 positive points between them. Leading the way is Maddi Mae H in 8T who has 34 positive points. This is the third highest in the school. Well done Maddi! Others of note who have reached 20 are Isabella G 8F, Perry H 8CO and Elena M 8CR.

Year 8 have continued to enjoy their sport. These have included participation in football and netball.

Away from sport, Year 8 have been heavily involved in other school events and activities. Students in Year 8 take part in the ambassador programme. This involves them supporting the office and staff by collecting students, collecting work and passing out messages and other pieces of supportive work. They have carried out the role very efficiently and displayed a very good attitude.

Several students in Year 8 were at the Open Evening in many capacities. Many worked with departments around the school. I was very impressed by the students who worked with me, showing parents around the school. They not only supported the Prefects but also did this task on their own. They did a very good job.

A special mention should be given to Lillia S and Erin K who were speakers in the main hall as part of the speech delivered by Mr Fell. Not an easy task to do but they took the task well in their stride.

Finally, several students take part in many activities outside school. Ella A took part in a 24 hour swimmathon on the 23rd September. This was to raise money for a Cancer Hospice. Ella raised over £112 by swimming 210 lengths over 2 hours without a break. A great achievement Ella!



An impressive start has been made and I am looking forward to the year group building upon their successes.

Steve Cowan
Head of Year 8

Year 9 have 3 Platinum Award Winners. These students are the only ones within the Old Buckenham Academy to win such a prestigious award. They have won curricular, extra-curricular and community recognition for their achievements.

As a Head of year for both year groups, I am extremely honoured to hold such a position. Many of the students within these years are extremely talented and have interests in a variety of areas. Here are two students who are role models for the two year groups.

Stefan Glaysher

Head of Year 9 & 10

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



"I train Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. I train twice a day - once in the morning once at night. This training consists of gym work which is strength endurance, pure strength work, flexibility, core stability, core strength and also body weight exercises. I also do bike riding, and running to help build up fitness. Then I paddle - half my training could be sprint or marathon training depending on the session. We do this extra training to help me get quicker stronger and fitter for flat water kayaking.

All this training has helped me get to national level where this year I won a bronze in the under 14 national championship for k1 200. I also took another bronze for k2 200. Then I competed in an age group up in under 16 and I won k4 500 and became

national champion for that event. All this got me in to the super regional squad at the youngest age you are allowed to be in it from this is a GB squad where they will help you train and give you extra advice. "

Kieran Smith 10T

"I started playing cricket at Garboldisham Primary School and joined Garboldisham Cricket Club when I was 7 years old. The club put me forward for Norfolk County Girls trials when I was 11. I was fortunate enough to be put forward to the second round of the trials and from there got selected for the team. We play through the summer, home and away, against other counties such as, Essex, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and many more. At the end of the season we go on tour to Malvern and play counties such as, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Devon. I much prefer bowling to batting and my best was at Greshams against Lincolnshire, I took 4 wickets in 5 overs with them only scoring 5 runs. The summer season ends with our Norfolk Youth Dinner where last season I was presented with a county cap for my achievements through the season. I still play at Club level for Garboldisham and last year was awarded the Youth Achievement Award.



Next year will be my ninth year playing club cricket and my fourth year playing county cricket, I have made many good friends and have had good fun."

Beth Champion 10F

POST 16 EVENING



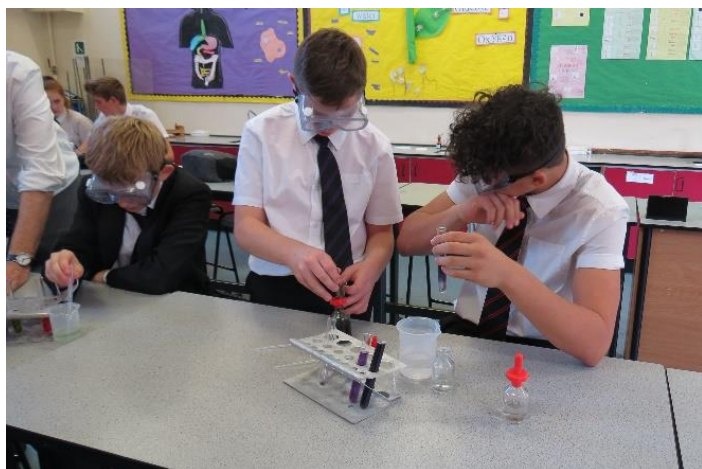
Old Buckenham High School is fully committed to ensuring that all students are made fully aware of the choices post 16. On 3rd October a Year 11 Post 16 Information Evening was held in the school hall where, information about applying for Sixth Form, College and Apprenticeships was provided by representatives from these sectors.

Sean Alderson
Head of Year 10





SCIENCE



Students create a rainbow

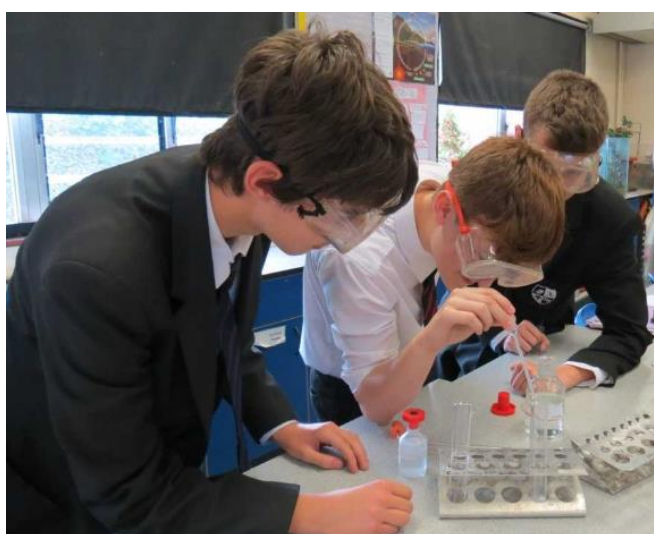
Chemistry students were set the challenge of creating a pH scale rainbow using only an acid and an alkali solution.

The experiment aimed to reinforce students' knowledge of the pH scale they learnt about at KS3 and extend their thinking into GCSE Chemistry by learning about Hydrogen ions (H^+) and Hydroxide ions (HO^-).



Should we use stem cells? Stem cell ethical debate

Biology students undertook a debate into the ethics of using stem cells for medical treatments. Students learnt about the types of stem cells and how they could be used in medical research or treatment. They explored the different viewpoints of others in a class discussion, representing the views of a particular group of people. Students were then asked to represent their own views on the picket line, promoting their views to the rest of the class. What a creative bunch!



Are you precise and accurate?

With our KS4 students fully immersed in GCSE learning, our year 10 chemistry students were taking part in a required practical experiment to make a soluble salt. The students practiced the method that they had planned, perfecting each stage of the experiment before moving on to the next. Great resilience and accuracy needed!

Jen Clark

Senior Curriculum Leader Science

CLUSTER PE

The Old Buckenham Cluster consists of 7 schools: Banham Primary, Bunwell Primary, Carleton Rode Primary, East Harling Primary, Kenninghall Primary, Old Buckenham Primary and Chapel Green School.

The aims of the cluster are:

- To bring these 7 schools together competitions, with the potential for teams and individuals to progress to South Norfolk competitions and beyond.
- To bring the schools together for festivals – where the clusters will come together and enjoy different sporting activities.
- To share good practice and initiatives in PE for an enhanced PE experience in all schools. Examples of this so far are the PE training and support for class teachers and the Playground Leaders scheme, which is currently rolling out across the cluster.



The cluster activities are organised by Mrs Fearn who is based at the high school, supported by a fantastic group of Year 10 Sports Leaders who are working towards achieving their Level One Certificates. These leaders will be central to the events running smoothly and have already made their mark.

Cluster X-Country



On Wednesday 3rd October over 250 children from the cluster descended on Old Buckenham High School for the Cluster Cross Country Competition. It was a fantastic afternoon with some outstanding performances. Leaders who had volunteered to be front runners were taken by surprise at the pace of the year 3 to 6 athletes, leaving the leaders placed at the back of each race to encourage children, with little to do. The top 10 children from each race have now qualified to represent the Old Buckenham Cluster at the next round on Wednesday 7th November. The Top 3 finishers in each race received brand new, shiny Gold, Silver or Bronze OBHS Cluster 2018 Medal. There will be lots more medals up for grabs as the year goes on.

Medal Winners of the Cluster Cross Country

Playground Leaders

Cluster Primaries have been offered the opportunity to get some of their Year 5 and 6 pupils trained up to become playground leaders. Mrs Fearn has been making her way around the schools teaching the essential skills the pupils need in order to set up and lead activities at lunch time for their peers and younger children. The leaders have been set challenges and it is pleasing to hear how the pupils have really embraced their new rolls. Work on this will continue throughout the year.

Kymerlie Fearn

Teacher of PE



CREATIVE CRAFT

Our students in Creative Craft have recently been working on their unit 3 project which has involved them creating a body of research and design ideas and finally making an outcome out of fabric. They were given the theme of nature and their local environment and could take that in any direction they wanted when experimenting with different Textile techniques and making their outcome.

'I was inspired by nature for this project, in particular a rainbow and sunset. This can be seen in my work where I have completed my tie-dye and embellishment using sequins. I have used tie-dye, applique and embellishment techniques on my wall hanging.

I chose to use these because it linked to my design and created a good effect.'

Clare Coppin - Year 11 Textiles student



'I was inspired by tropical plants for this project, in particular because they are bright in colour.

This can be seen in my work where I have embroidered bright colours into my flowers.

I have used embroidery and applique techniques on my cushion.

I chose to use these because I like the effect that it creates.'

Amy Downes - Year 11 Textiles student

'I was inspired by rainbows for this project, in particular I chose to focus on colour.

This can be seen in my work where I have blended the fabric dyes on my fabric.

I have used tie-dye and applique techniques on my dress.

I chose to use these because it create a good effect.'

Hannah-May Rogers - Year 11 Textiles student



Holly Bilverstone

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