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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our latest newsletter.

The academic year so far has been very busy and much has been achieved since the summer and already there is much to celebrate.

The introduction of the new OBHS Award will ensure all these achievements are formally recognised at the end of term in our celebration assemblies. The new School Leadership Team has been very busy ensuring Teaching, Learning and Assessment systems are the best they can be, so that our students can make the very best of every lesson and that parents are kept fully informed. I am also very pleased with our new and re-launched School Council, together with the newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl and senior senate—it is very encouraging to

see how many students are taking the opportunity to become involved in leadership activities.

The Parents' Forum is coming up shortly and I would encourage you to attend to ensure all parents have a voice in how our school develops.

As you may know Miss Jones, Mrs Picksley and I visited our partner school in Ghana and we will involve our students in the ongoing partnership work.

Finally, I would like to keep you up to date with staffing changes, Mr Rafter has stepped down from his role as Head of Maths and is continuing as a Maths teacher and Mr Dixon is leaving us after 10 years of excellent service at Christmas. I will inform you of our plans to cover this vacancy shortly.

*Mr A Fell,
Headteacher*



Winter Cricket Coaching

Old Buckenham Cricket Club is organising cricket coaching over the winter for any 7-15 year olds interested in developing their skills. The coaching is being held on Wednesday evenings in Attleborough Sports Hall between 4.15 and 5.45pm. Please contact Mike Banham on banhams@supanet.com for more details.



Christmas Concert

Our next public concert evening will be a celebration of Christmas, on Monday 18th December, 7pm in the school hall. All are welcome to join us for festive fun - wear your cheesiest Christmas jumper!

Christmas Choir

Choir begins again on Wednesday lunchtimes 1:40 - 2:10pm in Room 30, starting on Wednesday 8th November - all years are welcome to come and prepare some music for the Christmas Concert.

Governors' Corner

What a great start to the new academic year it's been with lots going on in school and it was so good to see lots of the new year 7s getting involved with the Interhouse Music Competition before the break.

Unfortunately we were not able to appoint any new Parent Governors at the start of term which is a shame as this is a real opportunity to have an insight and a hand in supporting and developing the leadership of our children's school. Would any parents or carers be interested if we were to re initiate the election process now that term has settled in? If so please let us know via the school.

Governors are currently investigating academisation and this has been an ongoing process for some time now. We will keep all stakeholders informed as and when there are developments in this. Governors are also often around at school events and are identifiable by badges but any members of staff will always point us out to you if you wish to talk to us. Wishing all a brilliant half-term as we head toward the festive season!

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Friends' Corner

Hello from the Friends, we are a group of parents who have raised vital funds for the school, buying items such as a 3D printer, sewing machines and table tennis table.

By now you should have received your donation letter and envelope, sent home with the students. Thank you to all those who donated. Anyone still wishing to contribute but who didn't receive the letter can still donate via school reception in an envelope marked to the Friends of OBHS (cheques made out the same).

We will be at the Christmas Concert selling refreshments and holding a raffle.

If you would like to help raise vital funds for the school why not join the Friends? Contact us via the school office.

Interhouse Music

Congratulations to Crome House - worthy winners of the 2017/18 Interhouse Music Festival - and also to Olivia Olpin who received the Ely Award for best individual contribution to the evening.

School of Rock

Rehearsals continue in full swing for our whole-school production - performances take place on 8th/9th/10th February, and tickets will soon be on sale through the school website.

School of Rock Sponsorship

We are always looking for sponsorship to support with the costs of putting on a production - watch this space for further details, or let Mr Hilton know if you have any ideas for possible sources of funding.

Empty Containers

Message from the Food Department - please could we continue to have your Christmas biscuit/chocolate containers/tubs when you have finished with them. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

- 16 Nov *Presentation Evening*
7.30pm
- 22 Nov *Year 10 Progress Evening*
- 18 Dec *Year 7 Christmas Celebration (tbc)*
- 18 Dec *Christmas Concert 7pm*
- 19 Dec *Last day before holiday*
(school closes at 3.15pm)

School resumes on Thursday 4th January 2018 (week A)

- 11 Jan *Year 11 Progress Evening*
- 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 3.30 and 7.30pm*

School resumes on Monday 19th February (week A)

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

	Lunchtime (1.25-2pm unless otherwise stated)	After School (3.30-4.30pm unless otherwise stated)
Monday		<i>Year 9 Fitness @ Vinnies Gym (pick up at 5.15pm)</i> <i>Year 8 Basketball (pick up at 4.15pm)</i>
Tuesday	<i>More2Life Club—Room 5 (everyone welcome)</i> <i>Wind Ensemble—Room 31 (1.40-2.10pm)</i> <i>Year 7 & 8 Drama—Rm 35 (1.40-2.10pm)</i>	<i>Girls Indoor Cricket (pick up at 4.15pm)</i>
Wednesday	<i>Choir—Room 30 (1.40 to 2.10pm)</i> <i>Year 7/8 Harry Potter Club—Library and Rm 4</i>	<i>Fun Fitness (pick up at 4.15pm)</i> <i>All Years Table Tennis (pick up at 4.15pm)</i>
Thursday	<i>Jazz Band—Room 30 (1.40-2.10pm)</i> <i>Maths Club—Room 15</i>	<i>Year 7 Basketball (pick up at 4.15pm)</i> <i>All Years Table Tennis (pick up at 4.15pm)</i>
Friday	<i>Rock Workshop—Room 31 (1.40-2.10pm)</i>	<i>GCSE Badminton (pick up at 4.15pm)</i>

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