

Be the best we can be

Headteacher's Message

Before term started I discussed with my senior team the likelihood of unexpected events occurring as a result of Covid 19 and the need for our school and staff to be prepared to show the resilience and hard work that characterised our approach prior to the Summer holidays. The fast moving situation over the weekend was the first of these 'bumps along the road' and I am very sorry for the disruption caused on Monday. However, I am extremely proud of how quickly plans were put in place and how the school has returned to its routines. This is due to the hard work from the staff, the support from the Trust and parents and most of all as a result of the willingness of our students to work with us in such a cooperative way. I am hoping for a less bumpy ride over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Andrew Fell

Face Coverings

Please find attached guidance on students wearing face coverings while at school.

For further guidance on Covid 19 and family health advice please visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-faqs

Attendance

We have been really pleased to see the vast majority of our students return to school at the beginning of term.

Please can we remind parents and carers that if your child is unwell and will not be coming into school to **phone the Absence Line on 01953 860233 before 9am** on each day of their absence. If a child is absent and we have not had notification from you we will then make contact that morning.

Please can we also ask you to avoid making any medical appointments during school time where possible. However, we do understand that often this is unavoidable and where hospital appointments are made, please can a copy of the appointment letter be sent into school. Lastly, If there are any issues which are affecting your child's attendance at school, please contact us to discuss areas of possible support and working together.

Whole School

Weekly 95.68

Cumulative 96.23

Careers Guidance Appointments

Careers Interviews take place in the Meeting Room at the bottom of the Staff Room with our Careers Adviser, Ellen Alexander.

Tuesday 15th September 2020

<u>Time</u>		<u>Student</u>	
Period One	8.55am – 9.25am	Jacob A	11F
<i>Period One</i>	<i>9.25am – 9.55am</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	
Period One	9.55am – 10.25am	Jasmine C	11CO
<i>Break</i>	<i>10.25am – 10.45am</i>		
Base Time	10.45am – 11.05am		
Period Two	11.05am – 11.35am	Phoebe P	11CO
Period Two	11.35am – 12.05pm	Ronnie S	11CO
Period Two	12.05pm – 12.35pm	Liam G	11CO
<i>Lunch needed</i>	<i>12.40pm – 1.10pm</i>	<i>Year 11 Drop-in Session, no appointment</i>	
IL	1.10pm – 1.40pm	Chloe B	11F
Period Three	1.40pm – 2.10pm	Amy F	9CO
Period Three	2.10pm – 2.40pm	Charlie M	11T
Period Three	2.40pm – 3.10pm	Amy-Lou R	11T

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Bronze and Silver DofE are being launched for this year for year 9 and 10 respectively. This is a great opportunity to gain an additional qualification from the worlds leading youth achievement award which can help support education and employment applications. Please see the DofE section of the school website for more information. <https://www.obhs.co.uk/students/duke-of-edinburgh-award/>

OBHS Second Hand Uniform Facebook Page

A Facebook group has been created for Parents/Carers to exchange/sell school uniform that no longer fits their child. This was kindly set up by a parent and could be an alternative to buying uniform at full cost.

Norfolk County Council Cycling Allowance

A cycling allowance is available for any student resident in Norfolk who qualifies for support under the general school and college transport policy but cycles to school instead.

You must be sure that your child will be able to cycle to school safely.

How much grant you'll receive depends on when you apply during the school year. You can't apply for the current school year after the last day of the spring term i.e. at the start of the Easter holidays, but you will be able to apply for the following school year.

If you receive a cycling allowance you won't get any other help with transport. You'll need to decide how your child will get to school when they can't cycle – e.g. in bad weather.

Further details including how to apply can be found on the County Council website www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/cycling-allowance