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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. I am very pleased to say we have had a very good start to the year. Our new Year 7s have settled well and all of our students are looking very smart. We are pleased with this year's exam results and the new grading system of 1-9 is becoming more clear. The programme of study skills, revision and support will begin this term for our Year 11s who have come back from the summer break in a very positive frame of mind, ready for their important year. This term sees the rollout of homework being set online and we are keen to ensure it works smoothly.

There are many events and activities planned for this term; the strengthening of our partnership with a Ghanaian school, Open Evening and many other trips and enrichment activities. To keep up to date with these you can follow us on Twitter @OldBuckenhamHS

As you know, I am keen to develop and strengthen our partnership with parents/carers. We will be running elections for Parent Governors, as well as continuing with our Parents' Forum and morning surgeries for parents/carers. Please contact me at school for details. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Mr A Fell,
Headteacher



School Twitter Accounts

The school and various departments have set up Twitter accounts so that you can get instant information about upcoming events and activities and find out more about what we do. Please follow:

- @OldBuckenhamHS (main school account)
- @OBHSPE (PE Department)
- @OBHS_MFL (MFL Department)
- @OBHSMusic (Music Department)
- @OBHSSCIT (Science Department)

School Of Rock Sponsorship

With costs running to over £4,000, all of which has to be recouped through ticket sales, we are always grateful to receive suggestions of potential sponsors or sources of funding in support of the school production. If you have any bright ideas, please get in touch with Mr Hilton.

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School Of Rock

Rehearsals are now under way for our 2017-18 school production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *School of Rock!*

Performances take place on 8th, 9th and 10th February and we hope that all students, parents, carers, friends and relatives will come along and support the hard work of the cast. We have over 100 students involved in the production which promises to show OBHS at its very best!

Tickets will be on sale through the school website later this term — watch this space...

Governors' Corner

Governors are pleased to welcome new students, families and staff and to welcome back all who have been here a little longer. We especially welcome our new team of Assistant Headteachers and we look forward to the coming academic year with great enthusiasm.

Governors give their time to work to support the school as 'Critical Friends' across all aspects of school life and as this year starts we are seeking to recruit three new Parent Governors to join us—the deadline for nominations is Monday 25th September. If you are in need of nomination forms please contact the school. If you would like to talk to a governor to find out a bit more first then please contact us through the school.



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Music and Drama Clubs

All students are encouraged to attend Music and Drama clubs—this half-term we are running Windband, Jazz Band and Rock Workshop, with Drama Club and Choir beginning after half-term. Please see the schedule below for further details.

Inter-house Music

The annual OBHS Inter-house Music Festival has been brought forward this year and takes place on Wednesday 18th October, 7pm in the school hall. All students from all years are encouraged to join in with their house choir and take part, with the winning house on the night receiving the Governors' Cup. Year 11 students will be making each form aware of when their house rehearsals take place—please encourage students to support their house, and we look forward to seeing parents and carers at the final performance!

Individual Music Lessons

Spaces are available for individual music lessons in singing, piano, guitar, drums, brass and woodwind—please see Mr Hilton for an application form. Lessons are booked in half-term blocks and cost £14.50 per lesson. Students in receipt of the pupil premium can receive an 80% bursary towards the cost of lessons (subject to annual review) - why not give it a go?

Aprons

As from September, if you prefer, you can bring in your own apron from home for your food practical lessons.

Ingredients and Containers

Just a reminder that we no longer sell eggs in school for any food practicals so please make sure all ingredients are weighed out ready for the practical and don't forget your eggs. Also, please ensure that an appropriate sized container is brought into school for transporting food products home. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

26 Sept	<i>Open Evening 5-7pm</i>
4 Oct	<i>Careers Fair</i>
5 Oct	<i>Year 7 Settling-In Evening</i>
13 Oct	<i>Matt Dickinson author visit</i>
18 Oct	<i>Interhouse Music Festival</i>
19 Oct	<i>Last day of school before half-term holiday</i>
20 Oct	<i>Staff Training Day—school CLOSED to students</i>

School resumes on Monday 30th October 2017 (week B)

1 Nov	<i>Post-16 Evening (tbc)</i>
9 Nov	<i>High School Choirs Festival</i>
16 Nov	<i>Presentation Evening</i>
22 Nov	<i>Year 10 Progress Evening</i>
18 Dec	<i>Year 7 Christmas Celebration (tbc)</i>
18 Dec	<i>Christmas Concert</i>
19 Dec	<i>Last day before holiday (school closes at 3.15pm)</i>

School resumes on Thursday 4th January 2018 (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 11 Basketball</i>	<i>Years 9, 10 & 11 Netball Years 7 & 8 Hockey Year 10 Football</i>
Tuesday	<i>More2Life Club—Room 5 (everyone welcome) Wind Ensemble—Room 31 (1.40-2.10pm) Year 7 & 8 Drama—Room 35 (1.40-2.10pm) Year 10 Basketball</i>	
Wednesday	<i>Choir—Room 30 (1.40 to 2.10pm) Year 9 Basketball</i>	<i>Girls Football Year 8 & 9 Football Years 9, 10 & 11 Hockey</i>
Thursday	<i>Jazz Band—Room 30 (1.40-2.10pm) Maths Club—Room 15 Harry Potter Club—Library and Room 4 (Please see Mrs Hassan for details) Year 8 Basketball</i>	<i>Year 7 & 11 Football Years 7 & 8 Netball</i>
Friday	<i>Rock Workshop—Room 31 (1.40-2.10pm) Year 7 Basketball</i>	

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