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Dear Parents and Carers

The first half of the spring term has flown by and I have been very pleased and impressed by the hard work, in and out of the classroom shown by our students. Our Year 11 students are taking their studies seriously, and I am optimistic that this will result in a strong outcome in the summer.

Site improvements continue at pace, work on the second veranda area will be started in the Easter holidays with the re-turfing of the memorial gardens. The roof and veranda upgrade is then scheduled for the summer. Finally, we are waiting for final confirmation of a new outdoor games area planned for the summer.

Friends of OBHS

Following the Friends AGM earlier this term, I need to pass on to parents the real risk of the Friends not being able to continue due to dwindling numbers of parent volunteers. The Friends provide enormous help and assistance to the school both financially and with the running of out of school events. Last year over £3,000 was raised, with all the money being used to support and enhance the experiences of all students.

Specific grants have enabled:

- 20 x chopping boards
- 6 x keyboards
- 2 x embroidery sewing machines
- Schools Tennis annual membership
- Donation to Year 11 prom
- New drum kit + 10 guitars
- Open Studio fee for event in the Summer
- Pewter casting machine and block of pewter
- 2 x large exam clocks

It would be a real shame if this great work ceased due to a lack of support and I would encourage parents who have time to help, to contact Lisa Groom (Chair) at groom551@btinternet.com. Alternatively, the Friends will be attending the next Parent's Forum on Thursday 27th February at 7.15pm. The agenda for this meeting will include how parents and the school can work together more closely. A more detailed agenda will follow shortly.



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Governors

Miss Irvine has stepped down from her role as Chair of Governors and I am pleased that Mr Eves is now taking on this important role. The Governing Body is in need of new Governors. I would encourage parents who may be interested in the role to contact Mr Eves or myself via the school.

Key Stage 3 Assessment

I have received feedback from some parents that our Assessment and Reporting system is not as clear as it could be. There is a new detailed guide to Assessment and Reporting in Years 7-9 on the school's website which can be found under the parents' tab.

Library

We are fortunate enough to have a well-stocked school library and through our reading challenges encourage students to enjoy the books available. We are looking for a volunteer to help support our student librarians with the organisation of the school library. Please contact me if you, or anybody you know, would be able to volunteer some time within the school day to support us.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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