



OLD BUCKENHAM HIGH SCHOOL

My name is Michael Rose and I have the privilege of currently acting as the Headteacher of Old Buckenham High School. I have served as Headteacher of two other High Schools over the last 11 years. I am a 'local' lad having lived in Thetford in the 1960's and settling back in Norfolk some 7 years ago.

In my first weeks in post, I of course want to get to know the teachers and students and then follow this with

time meeting parents and the wider community.

The Governors and I believe Old Buckenham High School should be a focus for academic excellence and a centre serving the heart of our rural community.

We want the young people at Old Buckenham High School to value their local community and environment.

We want them to understand and appreciate the good things that make

our community special and valued. We want them to contribute to local life and feel they belong and have a responsible part to play in its continued development.

I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and working together to improve opportunity and learning for all in our community.

Michael Rose
Headteacher

Governors' News

The Governors welcome everyone to the beginning of another School Year, in particular the new year 7 pupils and their parents. Welcome to the School, it is a wonderful place, we know you will love it. The School goes from strength to strength, and this year's GCSE results are again better than ever. It is a lot to live up to, we set a very high standard, but everyone here works hard and plays hard, and with the support of our fabulous teachers each year just keeps improving on the last. Who can tell what heights those of you joining the School this term will have reached by the time you leave.

A hearty welcome too, to Michael Rose who has kindly agreed to lead the School for the Autumn Term whilst we continue the search for our new Head. Michael is a hugely experienced Head and is already having an impact in School. He is taking a very positive, forward thinking, and highly active role, so that when our new full-time Head arrives in the Spring, they will be picking up the reins of a School moving at full gallop into a bright future. Thank you Mike.

The Governors will shortly be advertising an enhanced package to attract the very best candidates for the new headship, and interviewing a shortlist of them before half-term. We are confident of appointing a really good new Head.

At the beginning of the year the various Governors' roles will be agreed at a meeting of the Full Governing Body. We shall decide who will sit in which Committees, who will Chair them, and so on, and there will be an election soon for another Parent Governor to join us. We really encourage all parents, both old and new, to consider standing. The role is as demanding as you want it to be, but is always a fantastic opportunity to influence the future of the School which forms such a big part of your children's lives.

Contact Governors by email on:

governors@oldbuckenhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

- 1st October:** Open Evening for prospective pupils
- 3rd October:** GCSE Drama Trip to The National Theatre
- 8th October:** Year 7 Settling In evening
- 12th October:** Year 11 Berlin Trip Parents evening
- 14th October:** High School Choirs Festival, St Andrew's Hall
- 18th October:** 'Masque of the Red Death' rehearsal 1pm—6pm
- 19th October:** Years 8, 10 & 11 HPV vaccinations
- 20th October:** Post 16 evening
- 21st October:** Berlin History Trip
- 23rd October:** Last day of half-term
- 2nd November:** Staff training day

School resumes on Tuesday 3rd November which is a week B

If you would like to receive a colour newsletter by email, please send your details to: ahassan1@red.esinet.org.uk



Language Club

The MFL department will be hosting a language club on

Tuesdays in room 34 at lunchtime

The room will be open between 12.30 and 1pm with a variety of activities including film, board games, radio and opportunities to revise speaking in a foreign language.

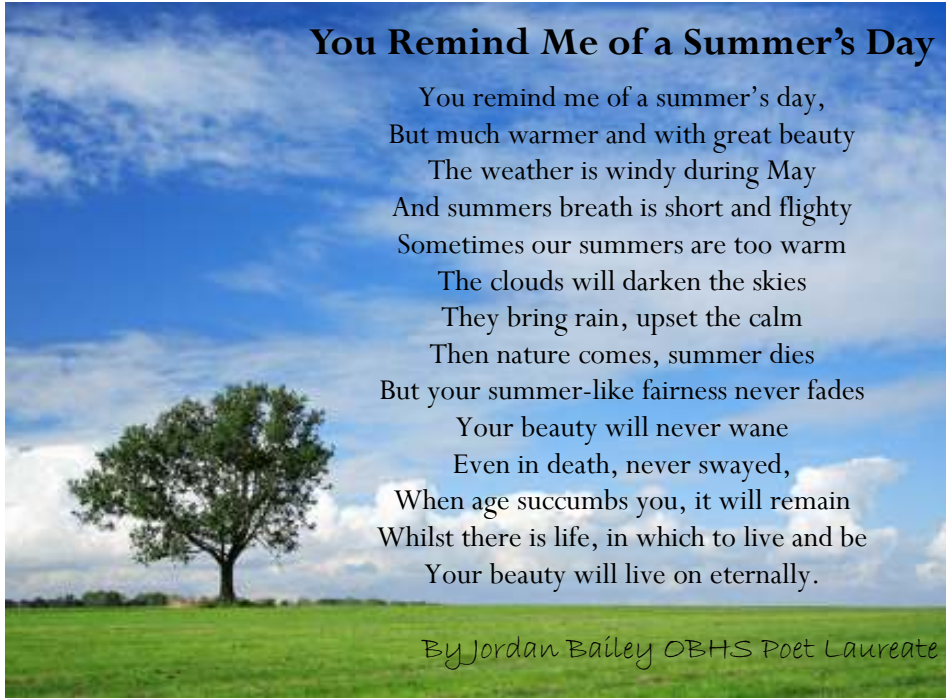
Everyone is welcome but there is no English allowed!

If you have any old board games that you no longer need, please give them to Mrs Nicholson in room 34.

You Remind Me of a Summer's Day

You remind me of a summer's day,
 But much warmer and with great beauty
 The weather is windy during May
 And summers breath is short and flighty
 Sometimes our summers are too warm
 The clouds will darken the skies
 They bring rain, upset the calm
 Then nature comes, summer dies
 But your summer-like fairness never fades
 Your beauty will never wane
 Even in death, never swayed,
 When age succumbs you, it will remain
 Whilst there is life, in which to live and be
 Your beauty will live on eternally.

By Jordan Bailey OBHS Poet Laureate



Schools Fantasy Football League

Here's your chance to use your football knowledge to beat the teachers, or your friends.

It costs £3.50 for the whole season and there are trophies, medals and certificates to be won.

To find out more, or to register please see Mrs Hassan in the Library by the end of September. It can only run if enough teams take part.

Don't miss the kick-off!



Arts Diary

Welcome back!

Our major production is already underway, with a read-through of the script with the entire company. A musical version of Edgar Allen Poe's 'Masque of the Red Death', this show will be the greatest challenge we have undertaken. We do however; have a fantastic cast who are inventive and enthusiastic.

Our theatre visit schedule kicked off on Thursday 10th Sept with a visit to the Norwich Playhouse to see Black Ram Theatre Co. present 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest', the play which was filmed in the 1970's and starred Jack Nicholson in an Oscar-winning role. On Friday 18th Sept we will be seeing a new stage production of Pete Townshend's Quadrophenia at the Norwich Theatre Royal. Based on the 1973 album by The Who, it takes us back to 1964 when 'Mods' and 'Rockers' faced-off on the beaches of Brighton. No tickets left for this one, I'm afraid. Please note, theatre goers, that we leave school at 3.45 pm for an early evening show, so bring a change of clothing with you.

Booking is open for our next two trips:

Saturday October 3rd

'Mother Courage' by Bertholt Brecht at London's National Theatre (Matinee performance). Travel by National Express Coach from Attleborough. 11 places. Cost £25.

Tuesday November 24th

'Shakers' by John Godber & Jane Thornton at Mumford Theatre, Cambridge (evening performance). Travel by minibus. 13 places. Cost £15.

See Mr Lynch for further details and letters.

Our next Drama Workshop, open to years 7-9 will take place on Wednesday 23rd September, 3.30 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. and will explore ways to turn a short story into a drama. Our stimulus will be Edgar Allen Poe's 'Fall of the House of Usher'.

I am proposing running a Rock Workshop session on Saturday 26th September between 2pm and 5pm. Our focus this year will be 'The Blues', aiming to put on two nights of 'Blues' in January '10. We also plan to organize a trip to Norwich Waterfront to see young 'Blues' guitarist Ollie Brown in December. If interested in the Saturday workshop, let Mr Lynch know. We need a minimum of eight participants to run it.

Performing Arts Dept Calendar Dates

Wed 14th October	High School Choirs' Festival at St Andrew's Hall
Sun 18th October	Masque of the Red Death rehearsal 1pm – 6pm
Sun 8th November	Masque of the Red Death rehearsal 1pm – 6pm
Mon 9th November	Masque of the Red Death rehearsal 3:30 – 6pm
Tue 10th November	Masque of the Red Death rehearsal all day, until 4pm (Cast off timetable all day)
Wed 11th November	Masque of the Red Death performance 7:30pm
Fri 13th November	Masque of the Red Death performance 7:30pm
Sat 14th November	Masque of the Red Death performances 3:30 & 7:30pm
Tue 15th December	Christmas Show 7:30pm
Wed 10th February	Inter-house Music Competition 7pm
Wed 10th March	Spring Concert 7:30pm
Wed 17th March	Years 7-10 Drama production 7:30pm
Fri 19th March	Years 7-10 Drama production 7:30pm
Sat 20th March	Years 7-10 Drama production 7:30pm
Tues 30th March	GCSE Drama public performance 6pm
Wed 31st March	GCSE Drama exam
Wed 7th July	Summer Concert 7:30pm

Music Department - Extra-Curricular Timetable

from 14th September 2009

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 12:30 – 1:00	Music Keyboard/ Computer Club (Room 30)	Singing Group (Room 30)	Jazz Band (Room 30)		
After School	Show Band (in the Hall) – 5pm	<i>Show rehearsals</i> – see schedule	<i>Show rehearsals</i> – see schedule	<i>Show rehearsals</i> – see schedule	<i>Show rehearsals</i> – see schedule

Sponsored Walk 2009

A big thank you to everyone who supported us this year—we are well on the way to receiving in excess of £1,000 which will go towards equipment to enhance the school's resources for everyone.

At this moment in time there is still a lot of money to be collected and brought in and we would be very grateful if you can remind your child to do this if they have not already done so. Thank you.

We were incredibly lucky with the weather on the day of the walk. It was a lovely warm and sunny day as opposed to the days before and after which were more normal for the time of year—being unsettled and damp.

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Form 8T had collected , and brought in, the most money by last Friday therefore they will be treated to a fun party at the end of this half-term. However, there is still a large tub of chocolates for the form who brings in the most money overall—**so don't forget!**





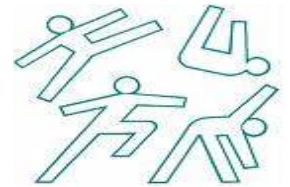
Things are looking very fishy!

Geography teacher Adam Todd branched out from his usual occupation during the summer break to indulge in his favourite hobby—fishing for pike. Mr Todd, who began fishing with his father when he was seven decided to enter into an open qualifier competition, where the top ten competitors go through to represent Great Britain in an international pike fishing competition.

The qualifier was over 2 days and took place at Whittlesea in the fens. Being one of the youngest competitors, Mr Todd was delighted to catch 5 small pike on day one, putting him in the top 11 places. As a seasoned competition fisherman, having competed in various events since the age of 14, Mr Todd cast even wider on the second day to reel in a fantastic 6 larger pike putting him in top position for day 2. This took him to 3rd place overall based on the weight of his catch. He also had the honour of catching the highest number of fish over the two days.

We wish Mr Todd every success when he represents his country at the International Pike Fishing Competition in Ireland—Autumn 2010.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PE September 09



OBHS PE Dept

	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Basketball Y7	Hockey Y10 & 11 Trampolining Y8 & 9
TUESDAY	Basketball Y8/9	Y7 & 8 Football Y7 & 8 Netball
WEDNESDAY	Basketball Y10/11	Y9/10 & 11 Football Y9/10 & 11 Netball
THURSDAY	PE Detention	Hockey Y7/8 & 9 Rugby Y10 & 11



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