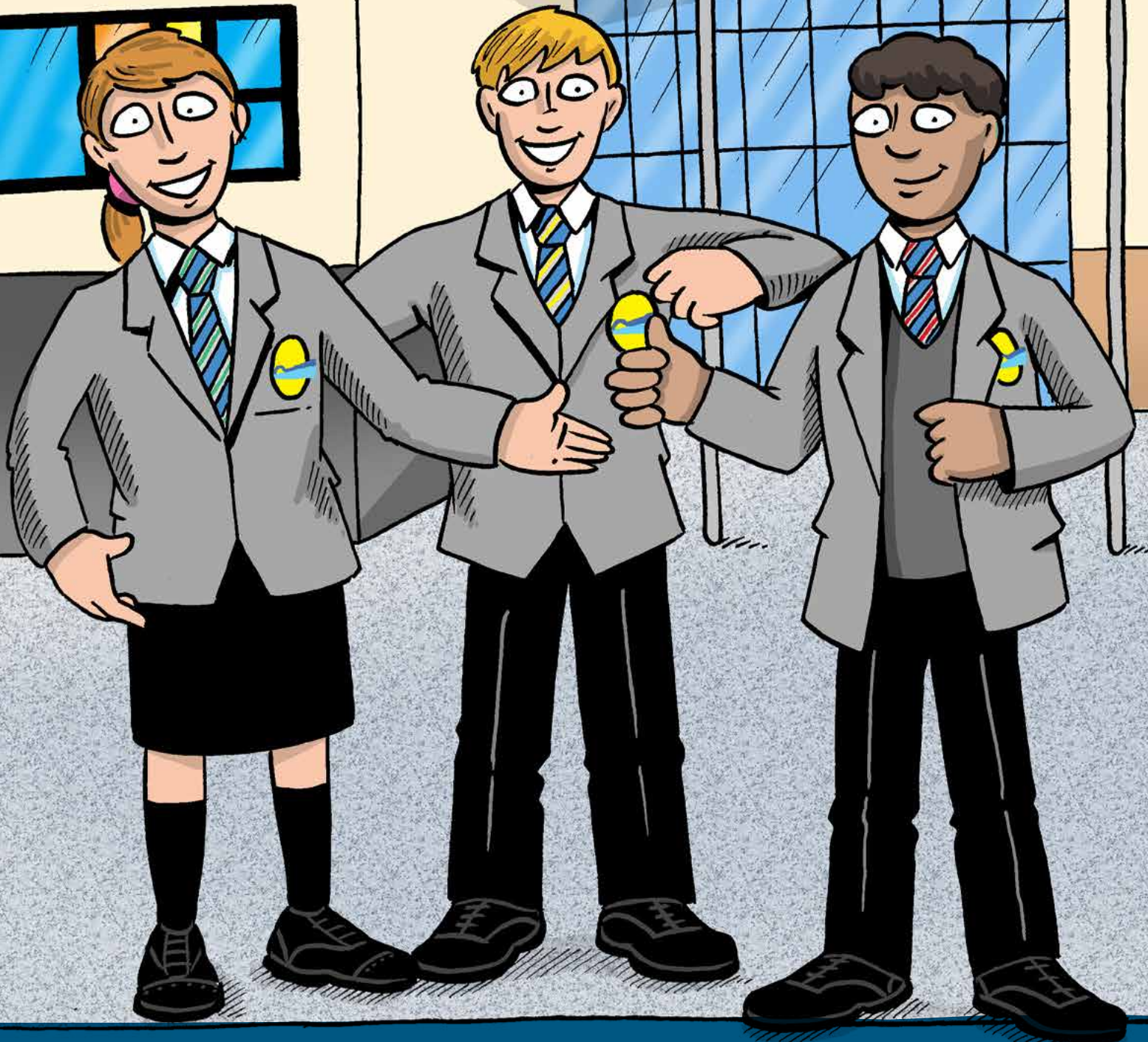
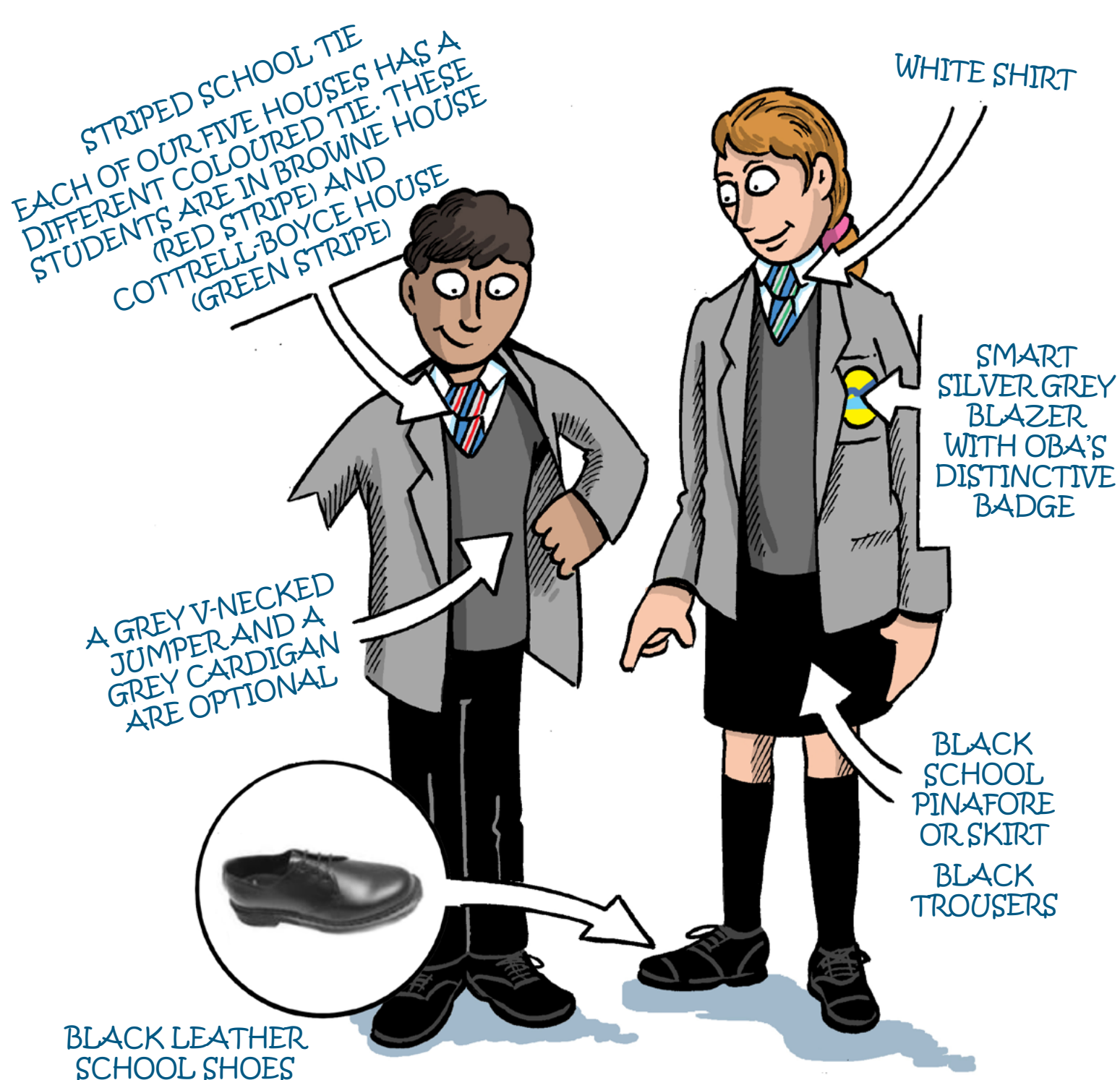


**WELCOME
TO OBA!**

(Tr)iston Bolingbroke Academy



This is your guide to joining OBA. We have written it to help you settle in to your new school and show you all the fantastic things we have in store for you.



BLACK LEATHER SCHOOL SHOES

We are very proud of our school and a big part of how we show this is by wearing our uniform with pride. We have clear simple rules about how you should present yourself and expect everyone to stick to them.

Blazers must be worn, shirts must be tucked in and top buttons fastened. Ties must be full length and only black leather school shoes are allowed!

It is also important that you arrive at school on time every day, and come ready to learn. So, always remember your 'Fab Five':

- 1 Pen
- 2 Pencil
- 3 Ruler
- 4 Planner
- 5 School bag

What key tips can you give me?

Starting a new school and moving into secondary school is a big adjustment. We have asked the experts for advice on settling in and making friends when you join us. So, over to our Current Year 7s:

“OBA is a wonderful place and if you get lost just ask a teacher for help.”
Macey Cannon, 7CSR

“Don't worry about getting things wrong as you can learn from these things.”
Jack Highton, 7CSR

“Try your hardest and be yourself. There is no reason to be scared!”
Katie Fisher, 7CSR

“Give your homework in on time and don't be late for school!”
Alex Campbell, 7JES

“Always bring your equipment and focus on your work.”
Liah Leigh, 7JES

“Don't worry about the older pupils, they are not all scary and lots of them will help you out.”
Isabella Dorman, 7JES

“Be the best you can.”
Bradley Jones, 7JES

“Don't be nervous, you will make friends.”
Chris Mccarick, 7JES

“Be confident, don't worry and enjoy school.”
Ellie Greenley, 7SMU

“Make a good first impression.”
Bailey Doyle, 7SMU

It won't take you long to settle in. But, remember, if you are struggling, let one of your teachers know. They are all here to help you.

What is Year 7 like?

Our pupils have lots to say about OBA, so we are handing this section over to them so they can tell you what they love about being in Year 7 at OBA:

“The food because there is a lot of choice!”
Kyiah Bowen, 7PGD

“That people are kind and friendly. It gives you confidence and makes you feel happy about yourself.”
Leila Tamale, 7PGD

“The enrichments because there is a wide variety to choose from.”
Ashleigh Burns, 7PGD

“The lessons because they are always fun!”
James Jones, 7PGD

“The lessons because they are all fun and different.”
Luca Jones, 7RRS

“The lessons because the teachers are really nice!”
Dylan Atherton, 7RRS

“All the trips and activities because they are always fun!”
Lois McDonald, 7RRS

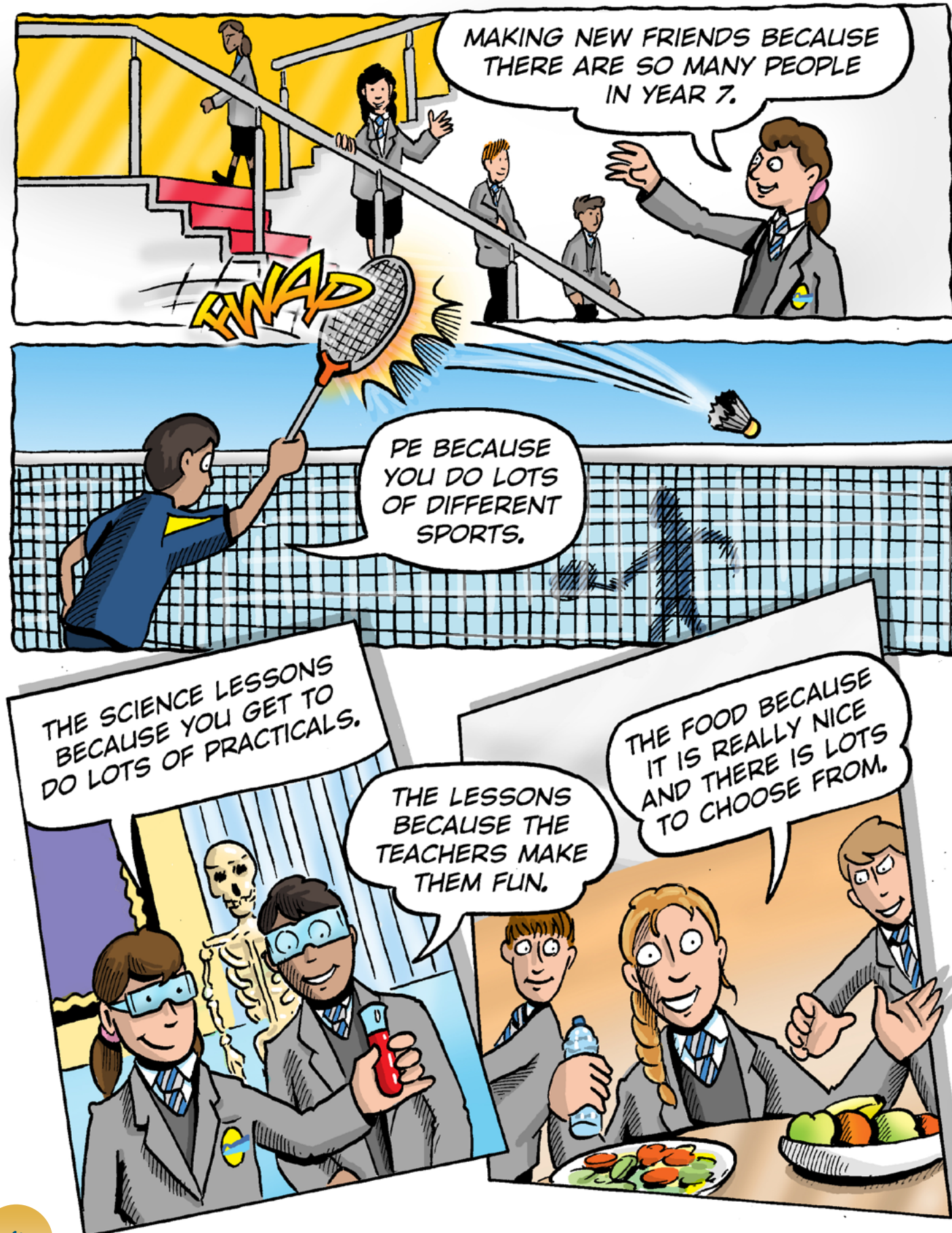
“The food because I am vegetarian and there are lots of nice options for me.”
Jessica Wales, 7RRS

“Making new friends because everyone is friendly and kind.”
Bethany Murdoch, 7RHY

“That you can meet new people/friends and have fun together because you can share each other's opinions.”
Jessica McNamee, 7SMU

We know that next year, you will have lots to pass on to the next year 7 intake.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT OBA



I have got some questions and worries about starting OBA. Can you help?

Firstly it is important to know that OBA is a very friendly place! We are often asked the same questions each year, so you may find the answer to what you are concerned about below:

What happens if I am lost or late?

There will be lots of people around to help you when you first start at OBA. If you lose your way, just ask a member of staff or older pupil and they will help. Your teachers know that it will take you more time to move between your lessons when you are new, so they will understand if you are a bit late. Don't worry if everything seems big and scary at first. It is the same for everyone and you will soon find your feet!

We are strict about being on time for the start of school at 8.30am because learning starts promptly.

What happens if I get bullied?

OBA is not like the schools you may have seen on films. We do not tolerate bullying of any kind. If anyone is being unkind to you or a friend, let your Form Tutor or Head of Year know straightaway. Do not be afraid to speak up. We are here to help and it will be OK.

When can I use the toilets?

You are encouraged to use the toilets during break times to cause the least possible disruption to lessons. The toilets are modern and clean. We check the toilets during the day but rely on our pupils to help keep them clean and tidy.



What is the food like and how do I pay for it?

We know that having good, tasty and reasonably priced food is important to you so we have lots of fantastic meal options available! We offer a meal-deal for £2.40 and this includes a hot meal, drink and small cake or biscuit.

There are different choices on offer every day but you can always choose from chicken wraps, curry, pasta, jacket potatoes, pizza, paninis and sandwiches. Daily specials include noodles, pies, brunch, lasagne and fish and chips!

You pay for items in the dining room using your fingerprint which you will have taken on your first day.

What homework will I get?

You will get regular homework but not for every subject every day. Your teachers will ensure that you have enough time to do it. Homework is an important part of learning and helps you to develop independent study skills.

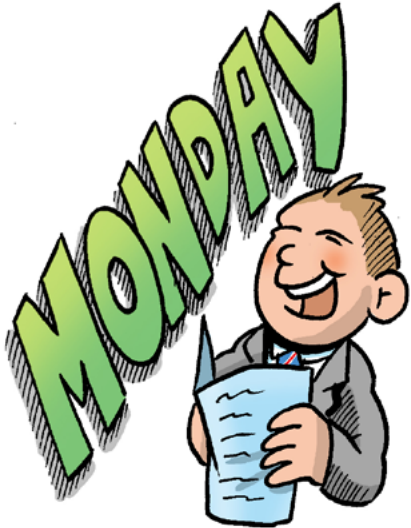
It is also important to do it properly and hand it in on time.



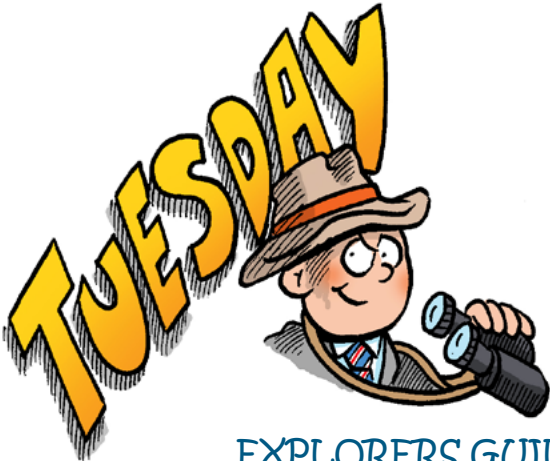
What Clubs can I do at OBA?

You are going to learn lots of new things at OBA. We have fantastic facilities and dedicated teachers to help you learn and make sure you are supported. We also have over 100 after-school clubs for you to get involved with. These are called 'Enrichment'.

These clubs are a great way to make new friends so why not try something new? The best thing is that you don't need to wait until September to join the clubs listed on this page – these ones are all available for you to join today! They all run after school from 3.00pm – 4.00pm.



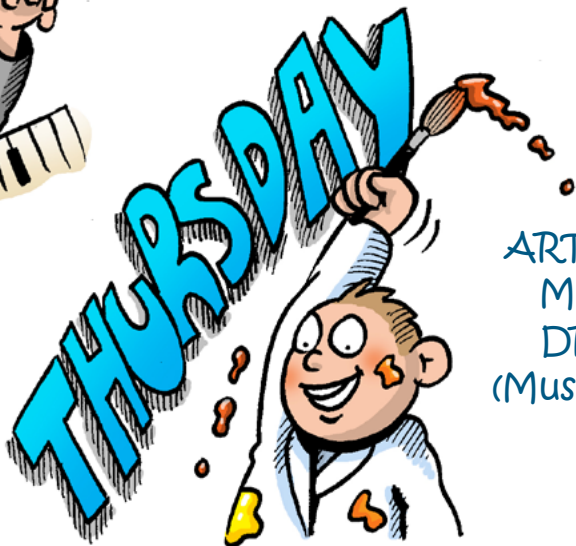
SINGING CLUB
(Music Department)



EXPLORERS GUILD
(Library) Miss Wheatcroft
KEYBOARD CLUB
(Music Department)
FILM CLUB
(Library) Mr Rushton
SCIENCE (GO17)
Miss McMullen



KEYBOARD CLUB
(Music Department)
ICT (FO20)
Miss Goodwin + Miss Houghton
DIGITAL ANIMATION
(FO21) Mr Milne



ART CLUB (FO15)
Miss Skidmore
DRUM CLUB
(Music Department)

Saturday Academy

Saturday Sports (Years 4, 5 and 6 welcome) 9.30am – 12.30pm. Your chance to play football, basketball, handball, cricket, golf, pool and table tennis. You will also use our brilliant fitness suite. We welcome all abilities. Our Saturday Sports Academy will help you to get to know your teachers and classmates before you start at OBA in a fun and relaxed environment. Both our Sports Club and Around-the-World Project are available every term-time Saturday for the amazing cost of £1.00 a week! Why not come along and see what it is like?

Where do I fit in?

Our school motto is **Nurture, Support and Excellence** and we believe this is key in making sure every pupil reaches and even exceeds their potential during their time at OBA!

When you join OBA you become part of our school community.

You will be in Year 7 but you will also be part of a 'house'. We divide the school into five houses, which cover all years, and there is lots of friendly competition between the houses for sports, punctuality and best attendance awards!

Our houses are named after five contemporary children's authors who often come into school to do workshops with our students. Each house has its own school tie so you will be able to tell who else is in the same house as you.

You will also be part of the Year 7 team. You will be one of 200 pupils in Year 7 but there will be approximately 25 people in your form group and lessons.

Year 7 is looked after by Mrs Snagg (Director of Transition), Mrs Stitch (Head of Year) and Mr Barrett (Assistant Head of Year). You will also have a Form Tutor who you see every day and who will get to know you really well.

Your welfare and school experience are at the heart of everything we do and therefore if you have any questions or worries about anything, please let one of us know as we are here to help!

Year Teams and House Info:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mrs Stitch Head of Year (and Head of Nickson House)	Mrs Hasty Head of Year (and Head of Cottrell- Boyce House)	Miss Porschke Head of Year (and Head of Broune House)	Mrs Dutton Head of Year (and Head of Wilson House)	Mr McIntyre Head of Year (and Head of Tafari House)
Mr Barrett Assistant Head of Year	Mrs Fisher Assistant Head of Year	Mr Milne Assistant Head of Year	Miss McKevitt Assistant Head of Year	Miss Money Penny Assistant Head of Year

What will my school day look like?

One of the biggest adjustments for our Year 7 pupils is getting used to the school day. As you can see from the times to the right, the day is divided into lessons. Between lessons you will move to different classrooms.

This means you will need to have everything with you for your next lesson. It is important to be there on time, although we will understand if you are late to class when you are first settling in. You will have different teachers for each subject, so this means you will have about 10 different teachers!

We will give you a map and a copy of your timetable with classroom numbers and subject details. Everyone is here to help, so if you can't find your way, just ask!

Example Timetable			
Timetable – HOOPER, EVIE 7MRN/ABI			
Lesson number	Room number		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mon: 1 Science TRN	Tues: 1 Science TRN	Wed: 1 Spanish G002	Thurs: 1 Music KRD
Break Time			
Mon: 2 English EBN	Tues: 2 IT F006	Wed: 2 Science TRN	Thurs: 2 English G025
Mon: 3 English SSS	Tues: 3 Maths DCG	Wed: 3 PE F034	Thurs: 3 English EBN
Lunch Time			
Mon: 4 PaC SMG	Tues: 4 Maths DCG	Wed: 4 PE NFD	Thurs: 4 English EBN
Mon: 5 History LHY	Tues: 5 Tech G009	Wed: 5 Art G001	Thurs: 5 English EBN
Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment
After school activities			

Times of the School Day	
For Year 7 and 8	
8.30am – 8.50am	Form Time
8.50am – 9.50am	Lesson 1
9.50am – 10.10am	Break Time
10.10am – 11.15am	Lesson 2
11.15am – 12.20pm	Lesson 3
12.20pm – 12.50pm	Lunch
12.50pm – 1.55pm	Lesson 4
1.55pm – 3.00pm	Lesson 5
3.00pm – 4.00pm	Enrichment

Is there anything I can do to experience OBA before I start in September?

Yes!

- Attend the Enrichment Clubs listed on page 6!
- Come to the Around-the-World project.

(We run a very popular club on a Saturday morning called Around-the-World as part of our Saturday Academy activities. It is exclusively for Year 6! Each week you will learn about a different country, through a range of exciting activities such as Arts and Crafts, Sport, Cooking, History, ICT and Science.)

- Attend your Induction days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July (8.45am – 2.45pm).

(On these days you will meet your Form Tutor, get to know your new classmates and spend time moving around the Academy to different lessons. These two exciting days will really give you a taste of what life is like as an OBA student).

- Come to Summer School!

OBA is the place to be this summer!

Dates: Monday 13th – Friday 17th August 2018

Times: 9.30am – 3.00pm

Activities: Multi-Sports (including football, basketball and rugby), Hair and Beauty (in OBA's salon!), Cooking, Science, Textiles, Dance, Drama, Athletics, Table-Tennis, Bowling and much more!

You will have the chance to meet teachers, make new friends, have fun and try something new.

Don't miss out!

Last year we had over 130 of our new Year 7 students attend Summer School – let's see if your year group can beat this!

Sign up on your induction evening or pick up a booklet from the Academy's main reception.



Who do I contact if I have any more questions or worries?

You can contact anyone in our Year 7 transition team. Their job is to help make your time settling in to OBA as stress-free and happy as possible.

- Director of Transition – Mrs Snagg
- Head of Year 7 – Mrs Stitch
- Assistant Head of Year 7 – Mr Barrett
- SEN Manager – Mrs Sothern

You can contact them via:

Telephone: 01928 711643 and ask for the teacher you would like to speak to, or Email: admin@ob-ac.co.uk

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