

# OPPORTUNITY BELIEF ASPIRATION



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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**As we come to the end of this academic year, I think we will all agree that the dramatic events of the past 4 months were something that none of us could ever have imagined experiencing in our lifetime, when life for both students and staff at the Academy changed almost beyond recognition.**

For a variety of different reasons, the end of the summer term has been as hectic as ever and we are already focussing on the challenges that September will bring. As you can imagine, there is a significant amount of planning and reorganisation underway with regard to our building, curriculum and timetabling. It goes without saying that the safety and well-being of students and staff at the Academy is paramount and I am currently working with my Leadership Team looking at what needs to be done to enable us to open for all students as normally as possible in September.

As I said in my recent letter, we are currently working on updating our 'Risk Assessment' using the current government guidelines, but I have been informed that additional guidance is to be released in August. Therefore, at this point it is still hard to know what September will look like in terms of the reopening of schools, but I will keep you updated with any information that you, as parents/carers, need to know in relation to arrangements for September.

As you will be aware, we had our Ofsted inspection in the New Year, when the hard work and dedication of staff at the Academy was recognised and OBA maintained its grading as being a 'good school' in January 2020.

This is also the time of year when I look back on the achievements of the past year and once again, the talent of our students never ceases to amaze me. As you know, the annual Academy production is one of the highlights of the Academy calendar and this year's production of 'Ghost - The Musical' would have been no exception. Our students had put in a huge amount of work preparing for this and were immensely disappointed at not being able to perform to the local community. I know that many of you were equally disappointed by this, but hopefully we will be able to welcome you back next year.

The academic year of 2019-20 got off to a flying start with a calendar full of exciting and interesting events. A huge number of these took place before 24th March and I hope this Newsletter gives you a flavour of the various curricular and extra-curricular activities and opportunities that staff at the Academy had worked extremely hard to provide for our students.

Whilst the events of the past 4 months disrupted the exam season, I am hoping the hard work of both Year 11 and Year 13 students will be recognised and pay off when the exam results are published in August; but I know you will all join me in wishing them the very best for their future education or careers.

I am immensely proud to be the Principal of this amazing Academy and I remain determined in my quest to drive us forward to be the outstanding Academy that this community deserves.

Finally, can I thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times, and on behalf of all the staff, wish you all a 'safe' and relaxing summer break.

- Dennis Kirwan  
Principal



“Pupils enjoy learning  
at Ormiston Bushfield Academy.  
They are proud to be part of a  
school community where  
pupils and staff support  
one another.”



# SEPTEMBER

## ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Our Student Voice Team and Mrs Paul visited Spalding High School to train to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, as part of the Princess Diana Award. Mrs Paul reported that it was very informative and lots of fun!



## OPEN EVENING

91%  
GRADE 4 OR ABOVE  
LANGUAGES

## THE UNI OF ESSEX TRIP

Our Year 11 girls headed down south to the University of Essex learning all about coding, university finance and skills for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The girls coded and built a pulling machine to transport our LEGO duck called Quackers!



## #Burnetnewsclub

For the third term's competition, the Burnet News Club students were set with the challenge of explaining which of the pictures was the odd one out. Congratulations OBA and other schools for their thoughtful answers.



“ I think that C is the odd one out since it seems less powerful. B is presenting them of power due to the guns. A gun could suggest any level of power even if no one is using it to purposely harm. A presents power is due to the same amount of harm it can cause as B. Being a spokesperson for a region or country can cause as much harm as guns. ”

78%  
GRADE 4 OR ABOVE  
ENGLISH

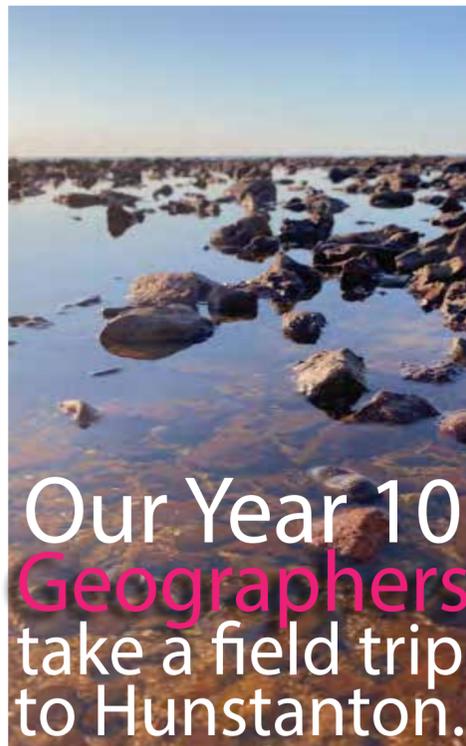


## #europeandayoflanguages

On September 26th, we celebrated European Day of Languages. Within their form groups, students had to gather interesting facts from staff relating to languages. We found out that Mrs Barber has lived and worked in New Zealand, Miss Wardell was born in Singapore, Mrs Thompson lived in Australia until she was 13 and many more. You can find out more facts on our Facebook & Twitter pages!



Our Year 10 **Business** and **Travel & Tourism** students took part in a talk all about running a successful theme park at **Alton Towers**.



Our Year 10 **Geographers** take a field trip to Hunstanton.

Following from **Mental Health Awareness Week** in early October, the Sixth Form started their week with a session on 'the power of the mind' by mindset coach and hypnotherapist **Victoria Maskell**. They learnt a few tips on how to take back control and be in their own driving seat. Our psychology students also did some experiments to test their own subconscious!



**COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE** WE ARE **MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT** **O B A** SIXTH FORM raised **£138** WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

**OBA WINS GOLD!**

OBA won Gold Champion School Status in recognition of our continued relationships with NCS.



# OCTOBER



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The school  
offers a  
**wide range**  
of additional activities  
for pupils to take part in  
and most pupils take  
**advantage**  
of these.

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Journalist  
**Gina Clarke**  
visits OBA to talk to our students as part of our #EnglishChallenge on Monday 11th.

In preparation for **Remembrance Day**, the Academy fully supported those students involved in the Uniformed Services by allowing them to wear their respective uniforms to the Academy.



## Young Chef competition

OBA held a Rotary RIBI Young Chef competition, and what a fantastic array of delicious dishes from our students who took part! The KS3 Winner was Jack, and the KS4 winner was Ricardo. Well done to all involved!



## Student Voice

30 of our Student Voice team went to the 'WE Movement' event in Nottingham, packed with celebrity speakers, live music and amazing dance. Guest speakers included Martin Luther King! The students were really inspired for social change and to make a difference.

## RIBI YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION



**#AntiBullyingWeek**  
**DON'T BYSTAND STAND UP**  
Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors campaigned to make a stand against bullying. They delivered assemblies and activities to promote the campaign. Themes were positivity, kindness and respect.



**OBA raised £1,197,76**



Proudly supporting youth social action  
**#iwill**

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# NOVEMBER



## WOMEN IN STEM

Some OBA students attended the STEM trip to the Royal Holloway University. They received talks on computer science, what a STEM degree entails, career pathways in STEM and a 'Q&A' with student ambassadors. Student behaviour was exemplary.

# DECEMBER



## WELL DONE KAITLYN!

'The Cross Keys Young Achiever Award goes to Kaitlyn!' Despite the difficult challenges Kaitlyn faced, she always kept her head up with a smile!



## A Magical Christmas!

Our Year 7 English students took a trip to the Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studios!



## FULLY BOOKED

On Wednesday, December 11th, students were taken to Waterstones bookshop. Students were able to spend time choosing their reading books. Mrs Ash was delighted to see the students so engrossed!



## Bonjour a toute la classe!

A few of our Year 9 French students had the opportunity to visit local primary schools and deliver a French speaking lesson! Their lessons were well planned and pupils loved every second of them!



## FEED THE WORLD!

The last week of the Autumn term brought various events. Staff karaoke, 'Just Dance' and 'Bake Off' took place to raise money for the *Save the Children* charity. 'Well done' to Rebekkah and the sixth form team who held the activities. The total raised was **£148.40!** We also collected blankets, jumpers, hats & scarves and donated them to the homeless as part of a tutor group charity project.



## ELECTION DAY FOR OUR SIXTH FORM

On December 6th, our OBA Sixth Form held an election special Question Time. Students took on the roles of political party leaders, delivering campaign speeches and answering questions from our audience of Year 12s and 13s.



## OUR LOVELY DINNER LADIES READY TO SERVE CHRISTMAS DINNER!



# JANUARY

**MOVING IMAGE AWARDS**



OBA Film Students make the shortlist for Best Film or TV Extract at the Moving Image Awards!



**Lego League STEM Competition**



## Business trip to amazon

Our business students went to the Amazon UK warehouse on January 30th. They were told about the process from order, click, to delivery. They also had a tour of the fulfilment centre. Students were able to pack their own boxes and asked some great questions along the way.



## WOMEN IN STEM

Our girls attended the STEM Accelerate trip at the Cambridge Astrophysics Centre. The event was held to promote girls in STEM. They heard lectures about the 'science of black holes' and 'galaxy formation'. There was a Q&A with current PhD students.



## OBA FRENCH SPELLING BEE WINNERS!



**Bronze**

**OBA GETS ECO-SCHOOLS BRONZE AWARD**

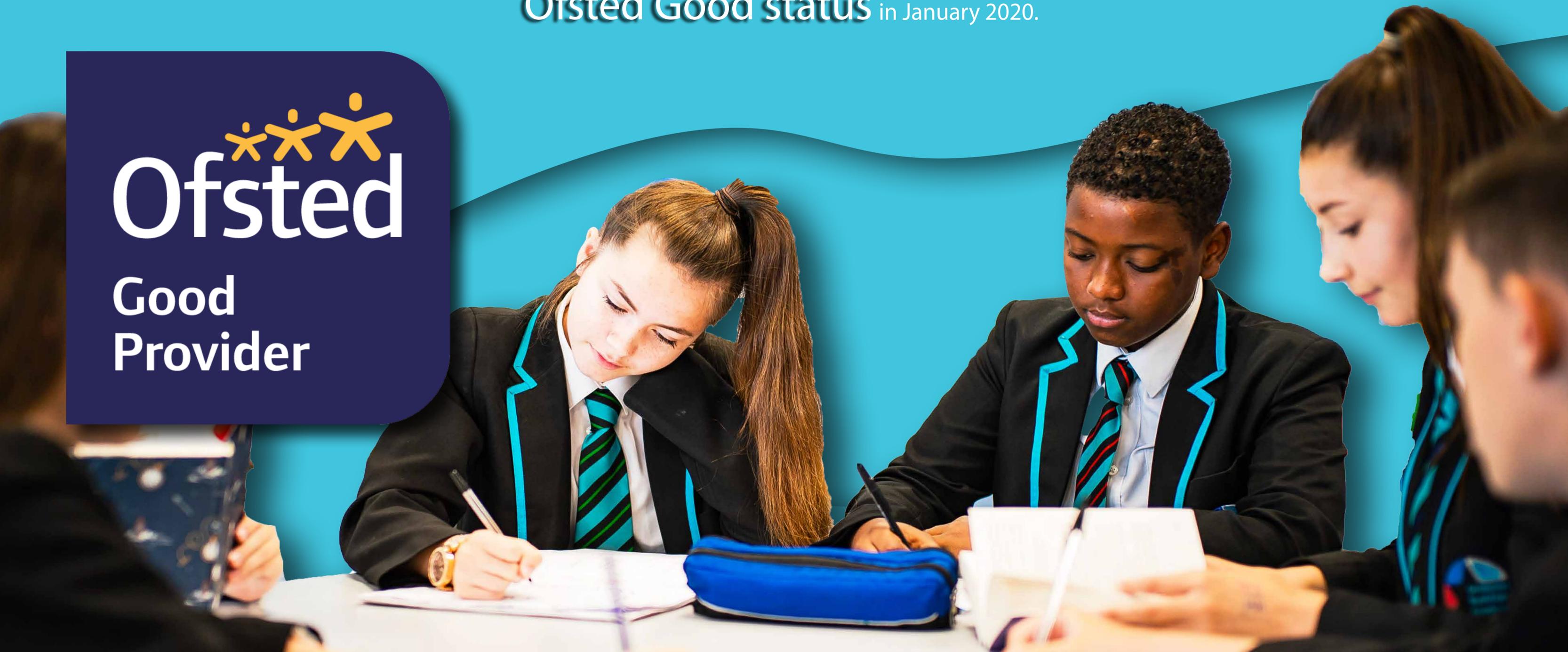
Read full Ofsted report here:  
[bit.ly/36w1ckP](https://bit.ly/36w1ckP)

It is with enormous pleasure that  
we can share the fantastic news that

**Ormiston Bushfield Academy** has maintained its  
**Ofsted Good status** in January 2020.



**Ofsted**  
Good  
Provider





Leaders prepare pupils  
well for their  
next stage of  
education

at

OBA



# FEBRUARY

Noah  is the new Youth MP for Peterborough!

OBA ranked **3rd** in Peterborough Secondary School League Table



## #iwill

Our #iWill students and 6th Form leaders have worked hard to create the Silver Lining Room. A place for students to relax and unwind at breaks and lunchtimes. A special thank you to Georgia and William who have been the lead designers of the room.



## British Biology Olympiad

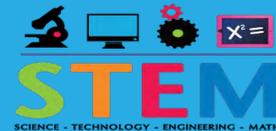
Five of our Year 13 Biology students entered the UK Bio Competitions: British Biology Olympiad and we are delighted to announce that our students did so well!

- Krzysztof - Silver
- Soloman - Bronze
- Emily, Laura & Daniela - highly commended



Some of our Year 13 students have had the opportunity to take part in the 'Tomorrow's Teachers' enrichment programme, run by T.E.S. These students have shown a natural aptitude for helping their peers to learn, and who could be amazing teachers one day. Here is Soloman shadowing the teachers in a Science class. Well

### tomorrow's teachers



Our future engineers took a trip to Hydromarque for our STEM Careers project. Students had the opportunity to learn about how an engineering company works to learn the science of industrial pumps and also got to see and industrial pump being tested!



## A Level Geography trip to Edinburgh!



# FORWARD

## #iwill

### Talk The Talk

Excited for our students to start their sessions with 'Talk the Talk' to improve their speaking and listening skills and to teach them how to use persuasive language techniques to get 'their message' across. What a fantastic opportunity!



12 of our #iWill students attended the 'WE Day' event at Wembley Arena. There were speeches about social change from Lewis Hamilton, Jamie Oliver, Callum Scott, Margaret Trudeau, Julia Gillard and Idris Elba. The students had an amazing time and came back truly inspired.



## OBA6 CHARITY BAKE SALE

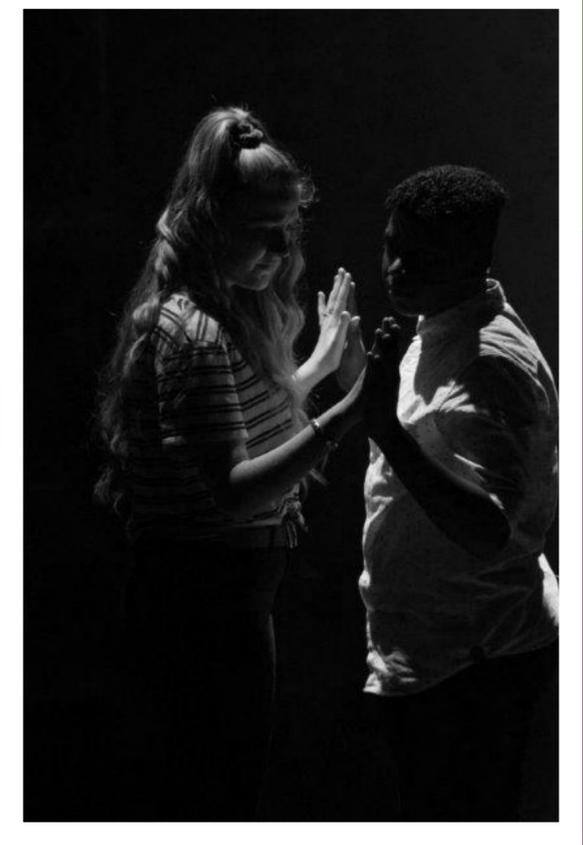
### GHOST THE MUSICAL SCHOOL EDITION

March would have brought to the Academy 'Ghost: The Musical'. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we had to keep our theatre doors closed for this year, but we hope to welcome you all back in 2021!



## LANGUAGE LEADERS

Orla and Ella went to Ormiston Meadows Primary School to teach their second French lesson to Year 3 students, this was about animals and colours, a fun and engaging lesson with lots of activities. A pleasure to watch such a good lesson!



A PERSONAL MESSAGE  
FROM MR KIRWAN



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I would like to say how proud I am of all my staff for facilitating keeping OBA fully open across all year groups to keep the provision going for all of our students over the postponement of the school show, cancellation of the GCSE and A Level exams, and ultimately the closure of the school as of the 20th March, it has not been an easy time for any of us.

However, we have been buoyed by the positive comments we have received from parents and other stakeholders of OBA we really appreciate your support.

On Monday 15th June, we opened our doors to groups of Year 10 and Year 12 students; it was an absolute delight and pleasure to welcome them back. These students took the opportunity for some face-to-face sessions with teachers which were very well received. Although we are a long way from normality, Monday felt like a very positive step in the right direction to returning to our usual vibrant community.

# LOOKDOWN



# Virtual ARTs Festival



@OBApeterborough

Day 1

Day 2

FINE ART SHOWREEL  
CELEBRATING WORK FROM ALL AGE GROUPS

Day 3

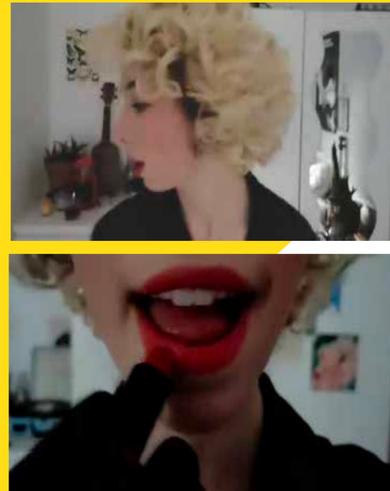
'FEELING WHITNEY'  
A SHORT FILM BY SARAH



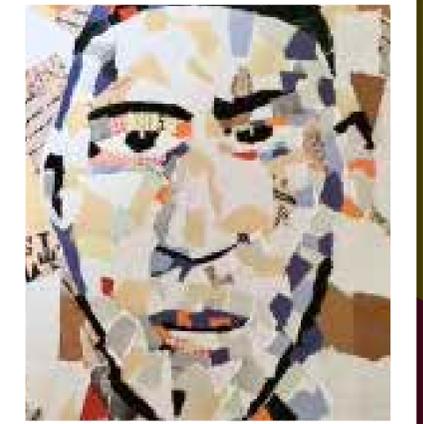
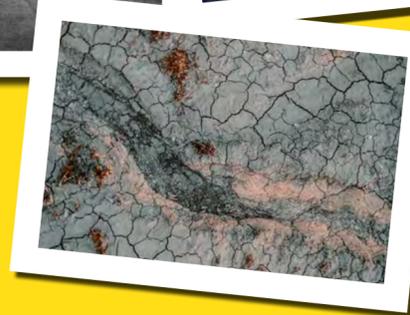
OBA MUSIC STUDENTS PRESENT  
'TIMES LIKE THESE'

Over a few days in June, we celebrated the amazing work our students have completed during lockdown. Our music students have worked incredibly hard to perform and film their sections of the song "Times Like These", to then be edited together seamlessly. The video was a huge hit on the Academy's social media, attracting over 3000 views! The video can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages if you haven't already tuned in!

9 'TIL 5  
A SHORT FILM BY FLEUR

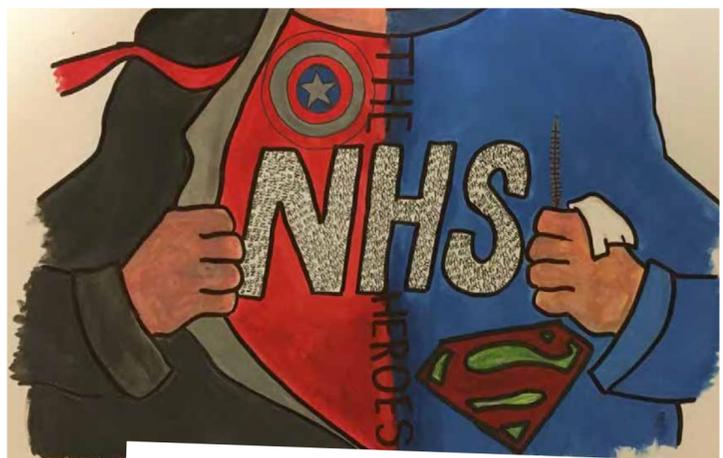


IT'S A CATS LIFE  
A SHORT FILM BY REBECCA



# CREATIVITY TAKES COURAGE

Students in Years 7 and 8 have been creating art work to thank the NHS for their work. They were inspired by artists up and down the country who have been doing the same to show their support. We have received some brilliant submissions from students and have included a small selection of pieces. Thank you to all the students who created a piece of work to show their support!



# SAFETY VISORS

The Academy's Design Technology Department started production of safety visors. We are delighted to collaborate with colleagues at local schools to help support this community effort to supply our NHS with this much needed protective gear.



THANK YOU

**Pupils are happy and safe  
and attend school regularly.  
Pupils who are new to the  
school settle in  
very quickly.**

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