

Friday 9th May 2014



From the Head's study.....

Sadly, Clare and I have had to make the very difficult decision to move from OBH at the end of this calendar year, following a recent family bereavement. However, our focus now, and that of the Board, is on finding a first-class successor who can carry on developing this vibrant and exciting school over the coming years to the benefit of each and every pupil who is lucky enough to spend their childhood years in Brettenham Park.

Yours aye,
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Dear Parents,

The sad news that John and Clare Brett will be leaving OBH at the end of the Michaelmas term 2014 has been a great shock within the OBH community. Life throws down many challenges and John and Clare have had to make a very personal, family decision following the death of John's father at Christmas.

With the decision having been made and with plenty of time in hand, working closely with John and the great benefit of his thorough knowledge of the prep school world, the OBH Governing Body can now conduct a thorough and rigorous selection process in order to identify an outstanding candidate to continue the legacy that John and Clare will leave behind:

- With John's expert guidance, OBH received an excellent ISI inspection report in May 2012
- Introduction of 11 day teaching cycle allowing academic rigour and development of key life skills
- Thematically led learning in Pre-Prep with high quality Early Years provision
- Innovative tracking and monitoring for each pupil
- Modern approach to boarding with fortnightly boarding model
- World of Work programme
- OBH Outdoor Education Diploma
- Development of Drama and Music

John and Clare have not come to their decision lightly and I hope you will join me and the rest of the Governors in giving them both our full support in the coming months. I know, for certain, John and Clare will do everything they can to support OBH now and in the future. They have done a huge amount for OBH in the last four years, re-positioning the school for the 21st Century, and we must now all ensure the great work of all our staff continues to build on the foundations put in place by the Bretts.

We wish John and Clare the very best for theirs and William and Harry's future in the coming months.

With best wishes,

Nick Bullen
Chair of Governors