

Vision & Ethos

Lucere Aude – Dare To shine

Our vision at OBA is for every child to dare to shine.
To be able to do this they need to have the courage to dare, to act boldly, to venture forwards and to take risks in their pursuit to shine.
To dare to shine our children need Courage and Choices.

They form the basis of our vision.
Courage is a character attribute and one that is embodied in our motto. To dare you need to be courageous.

While we want our children to be polite and respectful, it is only through having the strength of courage to go further than anyone else that they will be successful.
Being courageous is hard though and at OBA we build this explicitly into our curriculum, our learning journey for every child. We want them to have the courage to:

- **learn from mistakes**
- **be ambitious about future career paths**
- **do the right thing even when others are trying to stop you**
- **stand up for those that need you to**
- **be proud of who you are**
- **better yourself at every opportunity**
- **walk away from negative influences**
- **let your talents shine**
- **carry on learning when it gets really tough**
- **make the right, not the easy choices**

Hand in hand with courage, we want our children to have the knowledge that will enable them to make the right choices:

- **The knowledge about what career pathways are open to them and how to get there; choices about higher and further education, apprenticeships or work.**
- **Making the right choices in the classroom; self-regulation**
- **Knowing when to intervene and when to walk away both in and out of school**
- **Knowing the importance of making the choice to go the extra mile**
- **Choosing to be a great citizen, a great student**

We want all our children to Dare To Shine in the right way and that takes courage, and it means making the right choices.

The knowledge to make the right choices and the courage to dare to shine are not developed overnight. They are developed through our curriculum from the moment they start with us on their journey, until they leave us in Year 13. Courage and Choices are our golden threads that must run through our formal timetabled curriculum and our extensive curriculum offer to enable us to bring our motto to life.

