



Friday 1st March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Although it was two weeks ago, I hope you all had a good half term. We have now reached March, the days are getting longer and (hopefully) warmer, if not drier! We have had several events in the first two weeks of term – last week our GCSE Drama Students went to see Agatha Christie’s ‘Witness for the prosecution’ at County Hall and our A level Film Studies students went to see ‘Amy’ at the BFI, with a talk from the director of the film. This week we had the Staff vs Sixth Form badminton tournament and our GCSE and A level Art students spent a day at the V&A museum, carrying out research in preparation for their upcoming exam. Most excitingly, doors around the school have started to be decorated for our annual ‘Decorate Your Door’ competition for World Book Day on 7th March. I look forward to sharing the final doors with you in two weeks’ time.

Next week Year 11s start their final round of formal mock exams, before the real things start in May. We are currently working on their alternate timetable for the last few weeks of next term, which will be built around the public exams and allow students to have targeted revision before each exam. More details will come out about this before the end of term.

Every day we see the vast majority of our students meeting our expectations, working hard, and being kind and polite. Unfortunately there is a very small minority who are choosing not to do this. We are particularly concerned with behaviour by some of our students at the bus stops; in the morning at Sutton Station and after school on the Brighton Road. We have spoken to the students in assembly and via tutors, and we do have staff at the Brighton Road bus stop most evenings. However, we would ask parent/carers to support us by speaking to your child, if they take the bus, about how to behave appropriately. Students should line up and wait their turn, not push on to the bus past others, and be polite to each other and to members of the public.

Thank you, as ever, for your support.

End of Term Notice

The last day of term is Thursday 28th March and school will be finishing at 12.15pm that day. Students will be expected to be in full school uniform with all of their equipment/books for the day. Food will be available to purchase at break time only that day.

Miss C Auger
Headteacher

Absence Reporting

Please do not email the school office in box or leave a message on the answerphone with your student absence. Instead please report all absences through MyEd. Thank you

Mrs Stringer
Attendance Officer



Please sign up to the **MY Ed app** for all communications from the school and which also shows you up to date information about all aspects of your child’s school life
www.myedschoolapp.com

Hot Chocolate Moment



Hot Chocolate Friday - is to recognise students who behave impeccably all the time.



They are nominated by staff and are invited to have **Hot Chocolate** in Miss Auger's office at tutor time on Friday with Miss Auger and Miss Treagus.

- **Jada Year 8** for the most amazing piece of English work she did in a cover lesson with Mr Reader. The vocabulary is excellent!
- **Shiloh Year 7** for helping with SEN tours last week
- **Ella Year 7** for helping with SEN tours last week.
- **Chase Year 7** For her RE HW the most beautiful handmade book retelling her own modern day parable
- **Lika Year 7** for excellent Science homework on the 3 types of rocks
- **Reggie Year 7** for excellent Science homework on the 3 types of rocks
- **Shaian Year 7** for excellent Science homework on the 3 types of rocks
- **Mirana Year 7** for excellent Science homework on the 3 types of rocks

House News




House Score Board

964	896	929	899
COME ON GUYS!	Don't let them win	BAIT FOR RUBY HOUSE!	BELIEVE, ACHIEVE SAPHIRE
EARN YOUR POINTS TODAY!	TAKE PART!	RUBY HOUSE!	YOU

Spring 1

GCSEpod use.



gcsepod
education on demand

- 1st: Amber (1145) – 20 points
- 2nd: Ruby (717) – 15 points
- 3rd: Sapphire (574) – 10 points
- 4th: Emerald (459) – 5 points

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day is an important day in the calendar to celebrate the power and joy of books and reading. At Overton Grange we pride ourselves on the promotion of reading throughout the year: staff act as reading role models by displaying their current reads on classroom doors, Year 7 engage in library lessons and we have dedicated silent reading time at the start of lessons. However, for World Book Day, there are some additional things happening to promote students' enjoyment of reading further.

Students are in the process of getting ready for the annual 'Decorate your Door' competition in which classroom doors are dressed up as popular books. Additionally, on the day itself there will be a range of activities for students to take part in in the library including creating bookmarks and comic strips, sharing book recommendations and watching clips of authors talking about and sharing their work. Furthermore, there will be a book quiz trail around the school. World Book Day will also mark the culmination of the Year 7 Readathon.



Badminton Tournament

Sixth formers beat the staff

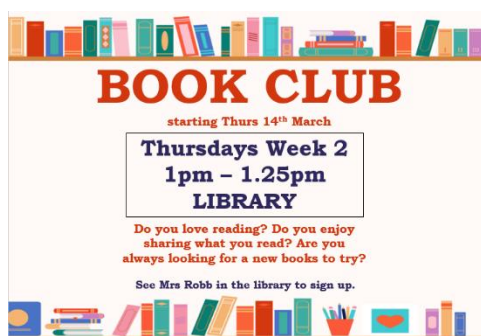
Emerald 144
Sapphire 99
Amber 77
Ruby 72

The World Book Day website, <https://www.worldbookday.com/>, has a range of features to encourage young people to engage with books and reading. Students can access a number of audiobooks, take part in a competition to design a book token and download a voucher which entitles them to a special selection of World Book Day books for free or £1 off other books. Details can be found on the voucher which has been added to the Satchel One platform.

The World Book Day charity suggests there are six key principles which contribute to children engaging in reading for pleasure, and at Overton Grange we work to steer students towards this: they have access to thousands of books in the library, as well as requesting books they would like to see on the shelves; time is made for students to read on a daily basis; teachers and the librarian are available to offer suggestions for reading, and the events held focus on the fun of reading.



The week following World Book Day sees the launch of Overton Grange's lunch time book club on 14th March. The initial weeks of the book club will shadow the Yoto Carnegie book awards, a prestigious medal which honours some of the best children's literature on the market. Students will read, discuss and decide on the best book from that selection. There has already been great interest in students signing up for the book club, and I look forward to running it.



Mrs Robb
Librarian

Careers

The sixth form continue to have bespoke careers lessons on skills such as CV writing and interview technique. They also have guest speakers from a variety of sectors. Today Year 12 heard from Matthew Wood at Millwood industries. He spoke about finding your passion and we heard all about his adventurous training and how he used it to help further his career. If you want to help our year 12s please offer to host a work experience placement in the first week of September.

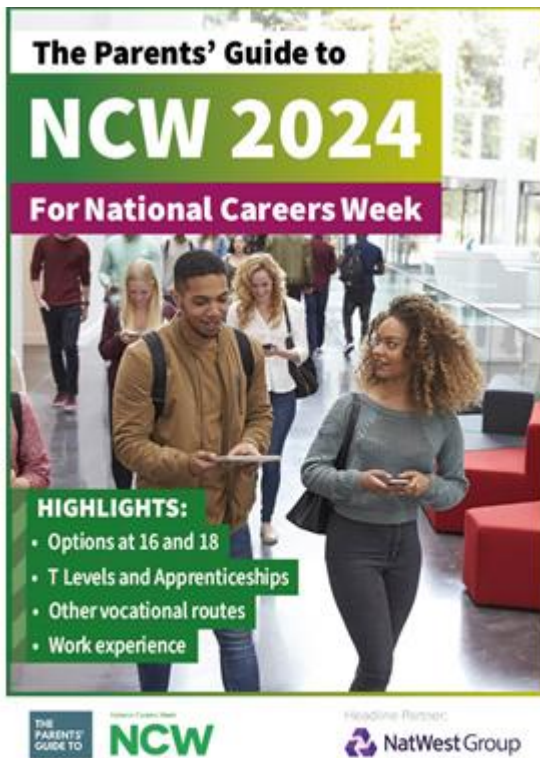


It's National Careers Week 4th – 9th March (Years 10-13)

It's <https://nationalcareersweek.com/> 4-9 March and we're thrilled to continue our partnership with NCW to create *The Parents' Guide to National Careers Week*, a free guide outlining vocational options after GCSE and sixth form. It's a really useful resource to share with parents to give them more information about their children's non-academic routes to careers.

National Careers Week is a celebration of careers guidance in education across the UK.

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalcareerweek>



News from Bus Company

We have been made aware of the following from the bus network which start on Saturday 2 March.

These changes follow the introduction of over 80 electric buses in Sutton in the summer last year and help make the bus network bigger, simpler, more efficient, improve access to key locations and developments, and ensure resources are invested in the locations where customer demand is highest.

In late 2020, we consulted on proposals to change a number of bus routes in the London Boroughs of Croydon and Sutton. Following the consultation, we revised some of the proposals to address some of the feedback received. This was explained in the consultation report, which was published in September 2021.

The majority of the changes will come into place on Saturday 2 March. We expect the remaining changes to be implemented later this year and we will provide an update on these once dates are confirmed. We are confident the changes being taken forward will continue to support current and expected demand in the areas affected. I have summarised the changes by route below showing the current start and end points. A dedicated webpage is also on our website with full details of the changes, including maps and further travel advice.

Route 455 (Wallington Station to Purley, Old Lodge Lane)

Route 455 will be replaced by the changes to routes 166, 312 and S4. One bus stop on Saint Peter's Road in South Croydon will no longer be served in both directions. Customers can use alternative bus services from Brighton Road which is about 400 metres from these stops.

Route 470 (Colliers Wood station to Epsom, Clock Tower)

Route 470 will be changed to run between Colliers Wood station and Sutton Station, The Quadrant and will no longer operate between Sutton Station and Epsom. Customers will be able to use new route S2 instead to travel between Sutton Station and Epsom, Clock Tower. Route 470 will also be rerouted in both directions from Sutton Common Road via Marlborough Road, Dibdin Road, Stayton Road and Hallmead Road to Sutton High Street, replacing current route S3 between these locations. This section of the route will remain as a Hail and Ride section, where customers can board or alight the bus at any safe location. Route 470 will no longer serve Sutton Common Road beyond Marlborough Road or Angel Hill. Customers will be able to use new route S2 between these points instead. Route 470 will continue to operate about every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday, with no late evening or Sunday service.

Route S2 (New route: St Helier Station to Epsom, Clock Tower)

New route S2 will operate between St Helier station and Epsom Clock Tower. This will replace current route S4 between St Helier station and Sutton station and also replace current route 470 between Sutton station and Epsom, Clock Tower. Route S2 will operate every 20 minutes during Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes during the evening and all day on Sundays. Route S2 will be operated by zero-emission buses.

Route S3 (Malden Manor Station to Sutton Hospital – Monday to Saturday only)

Route S3 will continue to run between Malden Manor and Sutton Hospital. It will rerouted in both directions from the junction of Sutton Common Road and Marlborough Road via Sutton Common Road and Angel Hill to Sutton High Street. The section of Sutton Common Road to Angel Hill will be a Hail and Ride section, where buses will pick up and drop off customers at any safe location. Route S3 will no longer serve Marlborough Road, Dibdin Road, Stayton Road or Hallmead Road. Customers will be able to use the revised route 470 instead between these locations. Route S3 will continue to operate every 20 minutes on Monday to Saturday daytimes, with last buses running about 21:30 with no Sunday service.

Route S4 (St Helier Station to Roundshaw)

Route S4 will be changed to operate between Sutton, Marshalls Road and Waddon Marsh, Sainsbury's. Route S4 will no longer operate between Sutton, Marshalls Road and St Helier station. Customers will be able to use new route S2 instead between these locations. Route S4 will also be extended from Roundshaw, Wilson's School to Waddon Marsh, Sainsbury's. From Mollison Drive route S4 will replace current route 455 via Plough Lane, Croydon Road, Hilliers Lane, Beddington Lane, Beddington Lane Asda, Beddington Lane, Coomber Way, Ampere Way, Purley Way, Trafalgar Way and Drury Crescent to Waddon Marsh, Sainsbury's. Route S4 will also serve Waddon Marsh London Trams stop, creating a new direct interchange between the bus and tram. Route S4 will continue to operate about every 30 minutes during Monday to Saturday, with no Sunday service.

As part of these changes there will be some changes to the types of vehicles used on each route, but it is expected the total distance operated by electric vehicles will increase across all of the changes and the total number of scheduled bus kilometres will increase. We will monitor these changes to ensure they are operating as expected and that capacity matches current and expected demand.

A comprehensive customer communications campaign will now take place ahead of the changes coming into place, including (but not limited to) emailing other local stakeholders, emailing registered regular customers of the routes affected later this week, updating bus stop publicity, a dedicated webpage is now live, providing advance warning notices at affected bus stops and key transport interchanges, along with updating maps and posters. We encourage customers to check their journeys using the planning tools on our website or the TfL Go app.

We are continually improving and adapting our bus network, including its expansion in many parts of outer London. We have doubled the frequency of Superloop route SL7 which operates between Heathrow, Sutton and West Croydon, and new Superloop route SL5 started operating between Croydon and Bromley on Saturday 3 February. The new route runs every 12 minutes during Monday to Saturday daytimes, and every 15 minutes during the evenings and all day on Sundays.

Our Bus Action Plan aims to increase the number of customers choosing to travel by bus across London by making bus travel more reliable, faster and greener. Journeys are getting better with new comfortable zero emission buses, we are investing in more bus lanes and the latest traffic light technology to improve reliability,

and we are upgrading to real-time information at stops and on buses. Improvements in 2023 included adding an extra one million scheduled bus vehicle kilometres per annum to outer London services. Our growing fleet of zero-emission buses now has over 1,300 vehicles – about one in seven buses in our fleet, including nearly 100 operating in the Sutton area. We have also invested in over 300 new Countdown signs at bus stops.



EASTER
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
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THU 28 MARCH – FRI 12 APRIL

FREE*
FOR
RECEPTION
– YEAR 11

Scan the QR code or visit
suttoninformationhub.org.uk/HAF
to find out more

Book your child's place today!

*All eligible children entitled to benefits-related free school meals can book a free place.

Sutton Department for Education

The poster features a blue background with a large circular image of children playing on a playground. A red circle highlights the 'FREE*' offer. A QR code is provided for more information. The bottom of the poster has a green grassy area with colorful Easter bunnies.



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Book your child's place today!
Enjoy a holiday filled with exciting activities, engaging workshops, trips and more. Nutritious food included.

Let's 'HAF' FUN this Easter!

Inclusive activities:

- > Arts & craft
- > Sports
- > Performing arts
- > Tailored workshops for 13+ year olds
- > New experiences
- > Day trips
- Plus much more!

Scan the QR code or visit suttoninformationhub.org.uk/HAF to find out more.

Sutton Department for Education

This version of the poster includes a list of inclusive activities on the right side, such as Arts & craft, Sports, and Performing arts. It also features a QR code and the same 'Book your child's place today!' call to action.

Legacy Youth Zone

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Easter Community Day!

Saturday 22nd March, 12pm - 4pm

Come on down to Legacy Youth Zone
 Discover an afternoon of fun including
 mini challenges and games that see what
 legends it all about!

Get your FREE Tickets

What's on:

- Sports challenges
- Easter egg hunt
- Food
- Activities for all ages and so much more!



Have you tried our Holiday Club yet?

Monday 1st April - Friday 12th April 2024

We have lots of fun activities throughout the week - there's something for everyone. If you're aged between 8-12 years old then join our Easter Holiday Club!

Book your space by scanning the QR Code



Not a member of Legacy Youth Zone yet?

If you're aged between 8-17 (or even up to 25 if you have an additional need) then you can access all of what we offer for just £5 per week, and only 30p per visit!

Become a member by scanning the QR Code



Charity Registration No. 1170284

It is aimed at children, teenagers and young adults with SEN and is a family friendly event with a professional DJ.

We are a local charity, Focus Surrey, You can read more about us here: <https://www.focus-surrey.com/> or on Facebook at [@ABASurreyFocus](https://www.facebook.com/ABASurreyFocus).

You can get your tickets here - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/focus-surrey-saturday-club/t-xmjload>

🎵 Welcome to Focus Surrey's Easter SEN Disco

When: Saturday 13th April - 5pm to 7pm

Ticket price: £5 per child/young person attending. Carers go free.

📍 Location: Frames Coulsdon, 202 Brighton Rd, Coulsdon CR5 2NF

👤 This is a SEN friendly disco for children and young adults with SEN and their families. It is Alcohol free.

🚗 Parking: There is parking on Lion Green Road Car Park. Lion Green Road car park
 100 spaces, 2 disabled spaces - Open 24 hours - Motorcycles: free
 Charges apply Monday to Saturday, 7am to 6pm

🎵 Music: Please let us know what music you would like to hear and we will do our best to play at least one of each attendee's favourite tunes.

👤 **We would also like to make you aware that strobe and other lights are used and music is played at a volume that provides a club experience. We also have a quieter area for those who need it.**

👤 All young people must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Please note the SEN disco will close at 7pm.

You can get your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/focus-surrey-saturday-club/t-xmjload>

Focus Surrey events provide a safe and enjoyable experience for every child or young person and their family. To promote our services and for fund raising purposes, we often use photos on our social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and we require your consent to share them. Please indicate

Website: [focus-surrey.com](https://www.focus-surrey.com)
 Instagram: [@focusabaclubsurrey](https://www.instagram.com/focusabaclubsurrey)
 Facebook: [@ABASurreyFocus](https://www.facebook.com/ABASurreyFocus)
 Twitter: [@focus_surrey](https://twitter.com/focus_surrey)

From Focus Surrey

The next SEN disco in Coulsdon, Croydon will be on Saturday 13th April.

whether you give your consent when requested as part of the registration form when you book your tickets.

All monies raised will go directly to Focus Surrey, a registered charity (1178378) supporting families with Autistic children in Surrey and neighbouring local authorities. Focus Surrey provides affordable one to one support using the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis to develop learning and social skills for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and other communication difficulties. The club provides their families with an inclusive social community where they can network with other parents of, and professionals working with, children with ASD.

Focus Surrey receives no funding and we rely on fundraising to be able to do what we do. Tickets are £5 however if you could see your way to adding a small donation on top of that, even just to cover the booking fee, this would really be appreciated. All the money we raise goes back into supporting children and young people with Autism and communication difficulties.



Nut Free School

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction and is **life-threatening**. Symptoms include breathing difficulties, fainting, swelling and a red, raised itchy rash. We have a number of students who have nut allergies and therefore aim to be a nut-free school. We would ask parents/carers, staff and students to **support us** with this **by not bringing nuts or nut based products to school**. This includes Kinder Bueno!

