



Friday 3rd November 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term. With the clocks going back and the return of darker evenings, we are well and truly on the road to winter. I have been very pleased with how students have returned after the break, in particularly year 11 who have come back and gone straight in to their mock exams. The Invigilation team have been extremely impressed with how the students have conducted themselves throughout the week.

With the arrival of Storm Ciaran, it has been clear that some of our students are not as prepared as they could be for the wet weather. I would kindly request that all students have a bag and a suitable waterproof coat, not hoodies, for their journey to and from school.

Next week is Remembrance week. We will be marking this in tutor time and Assembly, as well as having a minutes silence at 11am on Friday 10th November. We also have Year 7 students selling poppy merchandise at lunch and afternoon tutor times – if your child is able to contribute some change to the Poppy Appeal, all donations will be most welcome.

This weekend is Bonfire night. If you are marking the occasion, please enjoy yourselves but stay safe around fireworks.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Charlotte Auger
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS SINGING @ OVERTON GRANGE

The season of singing is upon us as we prep for upcoming concerts and carol services.

SENIOR CHOIR

This meets every Tuesday in X1 at 1.15 and is open to anyone in Year 9-13 and staff. Please come along!

YEAR 7 & 8 SUPER CHOIR

We will be practising in class so no need to miss lunch!

If you would prefer your child to be exempt from Christmas music activities on religious grounds please email reception, for the attention of Ms Callaghan.

NEW SINGING TUTOR

We are welcoming Florence (from Hong Kong) to teach vocals skills so sign up to get a shared lesson for £5.50.

Mrs Callaghan
Head of Music

Dates for the diary

Friday 10th November the Year 12 Film Studies students will be visiting the BFI on the Southbank.

Access to the school via the gate at Overton Park

A reminder that the back gate is only open for access in the mornings and is not an access point for students during the school day or after school.

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 Treagus' office at tutor time on Friday.

Seb in Year 12 for entertaining the residents of Crossways, playing beautiful music.

Gi in year 10 for her dedication and cheerfulness practicing writing Peel paragraphs in English for her history lessons.

Yvette in Year 11 for making such a huge effort in history recently learning the skills of the "How far do you agree" question. Completing excellent homework and generally working really hard in history. Well done!

Hussien in Year 10 has shown excellent effort in English and is working incredibly well.

Boe in Year 10 has shown excellent effort in English and is working incredibly well.

Ramsey in Year 10 has shown excellent effort in English and is working incredibly well.

Joel in Year 10 has shown excellent effort in English and is working incredibly well.

Daisy in Year 9 for a really good first half term in Yr 9 - great improvement in attitude and effort shown.

Kavizan in Year 8 for being extremely polite when collecting his laptop.

Tova in Year 7 for absolutely amazing RE homework

And finally this week's 'Hot Chocolate Friday' staff members are **The Site Team** for all their hard work over the half-term.

House News



House Score Board

340	285	281	250
			

Congratulations to Amber house taking over Emerald as the leaders on the score board!

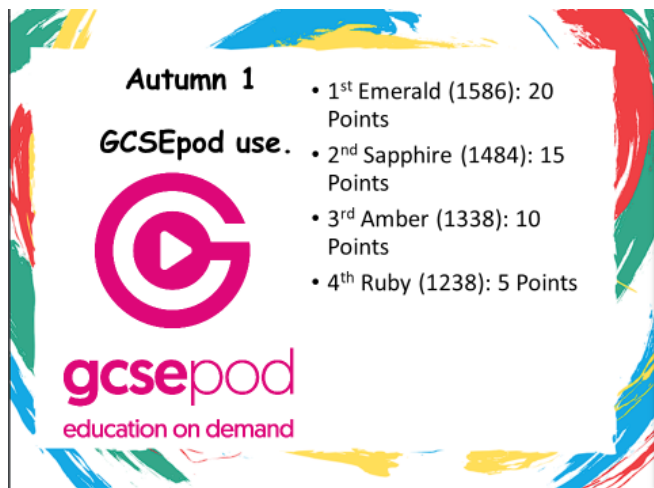
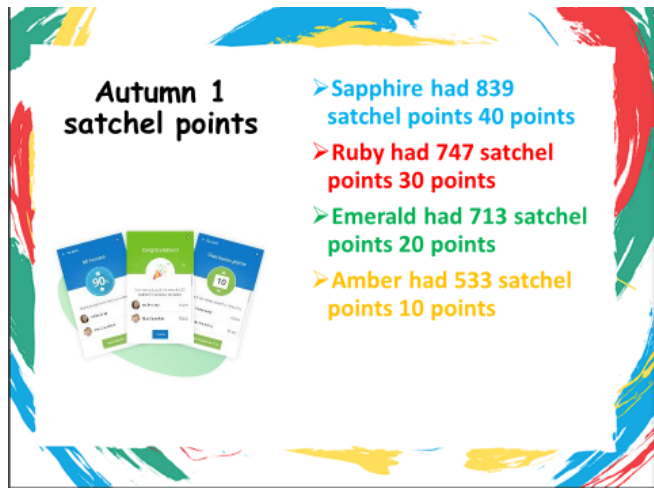


Our Jack Petchey staff winner was chosen by the student leaders Kamal and Lloyd

Mr Page has been exceptional; he has gone out and above the ways to support students in the school. He has supported students in many different ways such as using his great sense of humour to cheer students up and supporting students who are ill. His support for students has been especially beneficial for integrating the new students and year 7s into our school, with multiple students saying how he helped them when they got lost and was a friendly face to turn to. As a member of the pastoral support team, Mr Page supports students who are in stressful or emotional situations. He encourages them to attend their lessons and do their best. Additionally, He takes a great interest in students' extracurricular activities, with one student saying he has shown an interest in their out-of-school

rugby. As Head of Amber house he has used his infectious enthusiasm to champion every activity and has won the cup two years in a row. Overall, we view him as a loyal member of the Overton Grange family.

In the photography competition Ms Collins from the Art Department was thrilled to judge and we decided the Pet competition is going to be a new house competition as well as photography as this was so popular!



Autumn Book Borrowing

Congratulations to the following students for the highest number of books borrowed:

- Testimony in Year 7 (27 books)
- Leah in Year 9 (22 books)
- Shiloh in Year 7 (21 books)
- Timmy in Year 8 (20 books)

Bake Off

The 6th Form had a hard job today judging the bake off competition!

Well done to:

Megan 1st Amber

Joana 2nd Emerald

Sezen 3rd Amber

Erin 4th Sapphire





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

SUTTON YOUTH SUMMIT

**COST OF LIVING
SAFETY
INEQUALITIES
MENTAL HEALTH**

SUPPORT & Advice on cost of living

FREE food & drink

WIN!

INFO on careers, FE & Apprenticeships

FUN activities

WIN a laptop in our FREE PRIZE DRAW plus other fantastic prizes!

DATE: Thursday 16th November 2023 FREE ENTRY TIME: 3-6.30pm
VENUE: Downstairs in the St Nicholas Centre (opposite Gym Sutton)

Get your tickets now on **EVENTBRITE**

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WINTER!
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER TO FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

FREE FOR 5-16 YEAR OLDS

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

Let's 'HAF' FUN this Winter!

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/pages/HAF to find out more.

Sutton Department for Education

The Winter HAF programme returns for the Christmas break - Thursday 21st December until 5th January 2024 (bank holidays and weekends not included).

The Winter offer is for children aged 5- 16 years old on benefits-related free school meals to access free fun activities with a nutritious meal provided at each session for 4 days over the two week Christmas break. It will have a range of exciting activities, from arts, theatre, multi-sports, winter themed trips, skill based workshops for secondary ages and much more!

Booking will be open from 14 November 2023 – please check your inbox for the voucher. If you have not received your voucher by this date please contact f.lambert@overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk



SEASONAL EDITION



Get out the hot chocolate and fluffy coats because jumper season is here! Whilst some of us may be happily embracing those cool evenings and long nights, others may be curled up in bed, hibernating in bed until the spring... Whichever camp you fall into, we want to give you some tips to help keep you safe over the next few months, as well as providing some vital information about recent issues.



Introduction to Steve Welding - E-safety advisor



Hello all. I have been asked to introduce myself to you and explain my involvement with the children and young people who attend our Sutton Schools.

My name is Steve Welding, and I work for a company called Cognus as the E-Safety Advisor in Sutton. I go into both Primary and Secondary School and speak to children about online safety. I also carry out parent and staff online safety workshops which helps to build their knowledge on how to keep children safe online. I aim to keep children and young people safe when they are online and maybe I will meet some of you when I visit your school.

Global and National

Gaza/Israel Conflict

- Thousands of officers are undertaking extra patrols across London following the Hamas - Israel conflict.
- In addition to the reassurance and security patrols, officers have visited more than 200 schools as well as more than 300 synagogues, mosques and other places of worship.
- Officers will continue to have a presence at public demonstrations where required, to ensure the safety of participants, but the organisation remains apolitical on the matter.



Violence against women and girls (VAWG) Action Plan

- The horrific murder of Elianne Andam sent shockwaves across the country, and unfortunately it is yet another devastating reminder as to why work on VAWG issues, is so important.
- The MET continues to supply additional resources for VAWG work, and are using an evidenced based approach with leading academics to try and identify the highest harm offenders in London, (VAWG 100).
- Outreach work is also occurring, with the next VAWG Action Plan Meeting in Sutton being on 31st October at Hill House Community Centre, SM4. Attendance must be registered on Eventbrite due to capacity issues. Link is below, and we hope to see you there! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vawg-action-plan-meeting-sutton-tickets-732792019657?aff=oddtcreator>



Crime In Sutton

Robbery

1. High Street Wallington and Sutton

- Unfortunately robberies have increased again on Sutton High Street and Wallington.
- Whilst this is in line with expected seasonal trends, our local and specialist teams are working tirelessly to identify and arrest those responsible

2. 'NEW' Rosehill, Purley (SM3, SM5)

- X3 robberies have occurred on 25/09, 29/09 and 04/10 between 17:00 – 19:00 which may be linked.
- Teenagers have been approached by a lone male suspect. He initiates conversation by talking about his cousin's phone being stolen, or asking them whether they've seen males on foot or in a vehicle.
- He then asks to look at the IMEI number on their phone, (a unique identity number for a device which can be seen by typing *#06# into the keypad), before stealing it.

Crime In Sutton

- The suspect keeps putting his hands down his joggers so some victims believe he may have a weapon, but this is unconfirmed.
- He is believed to be wearing black/grey joggers and hoodie with a black balaclava/black North Face beanie, Black Nike coat, Black air force max and South London accent.
- He is likely between the age of 14-15 and stated he went to a Sutton school

Violence

- There has also been a murder on the Roundshaw Estate at the beginning of October
- Currently there is no information suggesting this will lead to more violence in the area, but this is being monitored daily

What are we doing to stop this?

- Specialist crime analysts are looking at robbery and theft reports regularly to provide in-depth analysis to officers to help them be in the right places at the right times
- This includes using lots of different policing and analytical techniques to try and impede offenders
- A dedicated officer has been assigned to the potential linked offences in Rosehill described above to try and identify a suspect to arrest
- We are also trying to increase our police presence in key areas, (including the Roundshaw Estate), but this may be difficult due to officers being required to help with the Israel - Gaza protests

What can we expect in the next few months?

Halloween & Bonfire Night

- Everyone deserves to have fun during the holiday season, and if you're willing to brave the cold, Halloween and bonfire night can be a great time to spend with family and friends.
- To ensure everyone's safety, bespoke policing plans have been created to prevent people taking advantage of these holidays to terrorise the public. This includes having bespoke patrols in key areas to deal with any issue.
- Please note. Large groups of people engaging in anti-social behaviour will likely be separated/moved on if they are causing issues, and we will take a zero tolerance approach to intimidation, threats or violence, so please enjoy these holidays responsibly.

What can we expect in the next few months?

- If enjoying any private firework displays, please also note the legal restrictions on times the can be used, and the different age restrictions
- For more safety advice visit the Met's Website:
- <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/fireworks/>

Christmas

- Each year there are small seasonal trends in crimes, which means at certain points of the year people are more at risk of becoming victims of certain crimes than others
- During the run up to Christmas, theft and burglary becomes more common, likely due to the fact this is a very expensive time of year for many
- Additional resources are being put into these areas to prevent crime, but please visit the MET's website to find a full list of crime prevention tips and tricks for this festive season



What can I do to keep safe?

- Be aware of your surroundings when out in public, and ensure valuables are kept out of sight where possible
- Drug dealings can be linked to burglary, so please report any areas where you see drug users gathering
- Ensure doors and windows are locked, even when you're in the house
- Do not keep keys near the door to stop people taking them through the letter box
- If you have an intercom system, do not open the door to people you do not know even if you're in a communal building
- Consider using parcel drop off points for Christmas presents to reduce the chance of them being taken



What is fearless?

- Fearless enables young people to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously.
- Visit their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless>
- Or call them on 0800 555 111

Open @ Overton is back on!

Please see poster and Satchel for updates.

OPEN @ OVERTON

Overton Grange's LGBTQIA+ Club



A space for LGBTQIA+ students or anyone curious, questioning, or an ally.

Join us for conversations, arts & crafts, board games, films and more!

Be on the look out for termly plans and film nights.

Bring your lunch!

N5
Monday Week 1
Lunchtime (1:00-1:40)

STARTING ON THE 18TH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

