



Monday 4th December 2023

Message from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe we have reached December already and that we are two-thirds of the way through the first term. It has been a busy month, with Year 11 mock exams, BTEC and GCSE retakes, as well as various trips and events. December promises to be equally as busy as we prepare for the Year 7 Carol concert and the Winter Party, as well as the return of the eagerly awaited Christmas Show. Our first event is Christmas Jumper Day, which takes place on Thursday 7th December 2023. This is a national event, raising funds for Save the Children - I hope lots of staff and students will take part. The next few weeks promise to be full of good cheer, but we would ask that our students stay on task and continue to meet our first expectation: 'to work hard and allow others to learn'.

Lastly, next week we are hosting a Community problem-solving event for the local police. It is a free event for members of the local community to attend – both young and old. Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-met-for-london-sutton-police-2nd-event-community-problem-solving-tickets-750699902617> for more details and to book tickets. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Canteen theft

It is disappointing that there are a small minority of students who think it is acceptable to take food and drink without paying. The canteen is a business. If items continue to be taken in this way, the outcome will be an increase in price to cover the losses. Anyone caught doing this on will be given an automatic hour detention.

End of term arrangements

Term finishes on Thursday 21st December at 12.15pm. All five lessons will run, but will be shorter.

The last day of term will NOT be a Mufti Day, you will be expected to be in school in full school uniform as usual.

We return to school on Monday 8th January

Dates for the diary

1st December 2023 Year 7-11 Nasal Flu Vaccination (full details on how to sign up have been sent by MyEd)

Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 7th December 2023

Year 7 Winter Party – 14th December 2023
Time 6:30-8:30PM
Price: £6.50pp

Thursday 21st December – early finish at 12.15 for end of term.

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.

House News

Foodbank

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the food bank. We raised a grand total of 658.1 kilos – **AMAZING!** The delivery to the foodbank is happening tomorrow.

Model UN

I would like to congratulate the following students for their attendance at the London Oratory Model United Nations conference. All students had to work hard to research two topics and one crisis, as well as think about potential solutions to their problems. All submitted two draft resolutions, and I would like to congratulate Lloyd in particular who received a highly commended. All our students acted with professionalism and rose to the occasion. I would like to get more interest in the MUN society especially from Year 12 students.

- **Megh Year 11**
- **Momodou Year 13**
- **Eva Year 11**
- **Kamal Year 13**
- **Denise Year 11**
- **Sravya Year 13**
- **Ethan Year 11**
- **Harrison Year 13**
- **Philippa Year 13**
- **Lloyd Year 13**



Geo Politics, History, Law, Economics, International Relations

Model United Nations Club

Every Thursday

15:15 – 16:00

Year 7 – 13

Sixth Form common room

See Mrs Buxton



House Score Board

405	349	398	342





- Fashion Design Competition **Lucy in Year 7**
- Fashion Design Competition **Heidi Year 10 Miss Parkinson**

Flu Jab Clinic

The Council's Public Health Team has requested we inform you about the following walk in flu jab sessions. These jabs are available for all school age children.

Date: Saturday 9th December

Clinic Time: 10 am – 2.30pm

Location: Sutton Life Centre, SM3 9PX

These sessions are not booked, children can just turn up to request the jab.

It is recommended that the child has their NHS number or some form of ID, but this has not been officially requested.



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

Careers Appointment

The Careers Team are currently seeing Year 10 students for their careers appointment, all students have been notified about their appointments. Please ask them to check in with the Careers Team if they are unsure when theirs is due to be. Please encourage your child to attend their appointment, it is very valuable!

Mrs Oakley, Careers Advisor



Black History Month Competition

I would to commend the following pupils for their winning entries for the BHM competitions. All pupils who entered will receive house points

- Most Valuable Woman Competition **Grace Year 7**
- Most Valuable Woman Competition **Harishram Year 10**



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!

*Eligible children entitled to benefits-related free school meals can book a free place with their school teachers. Limited free places are available for children outside this cohort.

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



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SPORTWORKS HOLIDAY CAMP

2ND - 5TH JANUARY 2024
 10AM - 3:00PM
 @ GREEN WRYTHE SCHOOL, SM5 1JP
 £25 per day

- play games
- make friends
- have fun



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Holiday Activities & Food Programme for children and young people who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. There are a limited number of places for children with SEND.

For more information please contact:
jake.ramshaw@sportworksltd.co.uk



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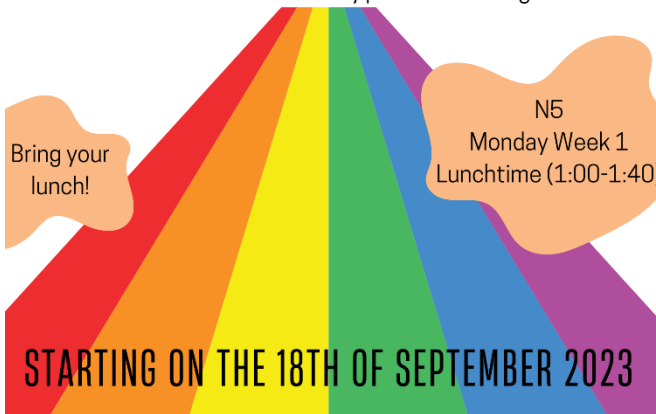
Overton Grange's LGBTQIA+ Club



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.



iPhone users please be aware of the recent update.

IMPORTANT PRIVACY UPDATE:

If you have an iPhone and have done the recent iOS 17 update, they've installed a feature called NameDrop. This feature allows you to easily share contact information and photos to another iPhone by just holding the phones close together. This feature is defaulted to 'ON'. To shut this feature off, go to Settings, General, AirDrop, Bringing Devices Together and change to 'OFF'.

PARENTS: Don't forget to change these settings on your child's phone to help keep



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!

