



Friday 13th October

Message from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the first half term and of October. It has been a busy seven weeks, with Year 6 and Sixth Form open evenings and mornings, various trips and House competitions, including the staff v sixth form volleyball and the annual photo competition. Our new Year 7 and 12 groups are now well and truly settled in.

We started the new school year with a reminder of our four expectations: to work hard and allow others to learn; to come to school on time, in uniform and with the necessary equipment; be polite, well-mannered and show consideration and respect at all times; maintain a clean, safe and pleasant working environment. We know the vast majority of our students meet all of these expectations every single day and it has been my pleasure, along with Miss Treagus, to meet with some of our students for Hot Chocolate Friday, where we recognise those who are meeting those expectations, or even going beyond them to help others.

Next half term promises to be just as busy. Year 11 have their mock exams in November, there are external exams for some year 12 and 13 students, the UCAS application process gets going for Year 13, there are more trips, the Christmas concert and the Halloween disco, to name just some of the events.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to our students, staff and to all you parents and carers. It is all of us working together that makes this school what it is.

Early finish

This is just a reminder that students will be dismissed at 12.10pm on Friday 20th October. They still need to be in full school uniform and will have all of their normal lessons, so should come equipped for their Friday Week 1 timetable.

We return to school at normal time on Monday 30th October.

Charlotte Auger
Headteacher

Uniform Update

After a successful introduction in the summer term, the Governors have approved grey tailored shorts as a year-round optional uniform item.

Lanyards

A number of students have lost or have broken their lanyards. These are compulsory uniform items so replacements need to be purchased via ParentPay. A lanyard is £2, a replacement holder is £1. Please do not send your child to the finance office with cash as they are unable to accept it.

Dates for the diary

19th October Year 12 will be visiting the Olympic Park in London for a Geography Field trip.

Also on the 19th we welcome parents of students in year 7 and 10 to Parent Tutor evenings in school.

Student Lockers

Student lockers are available to purchase on ParentPay, if you have paid for a locker but your child has not yet received the key please ask them to see Miss Tilly in Student Services who has the keys ready for collection.

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.

- **Tabassum Year 7** - she is always on time and always keen to learn and participate in her Art classes.
- **Avneet in Year 7** - she always offers to help members of staff and keen to learn and participate in her Art classes.
- **Jamie and Rebeca in Year 7** - for helping their friend find his lost bag.
- **Eranda in Year 7** - for excellent explanations given to class in Science.
- **Shaniya in Year 8** - for having the confidence to participate in lesson by sharing her views
- **Tom in Year 8** - RE homework utterly incredible.
- **CJ in Year 9** - for trying very hard in Science.
- **Aiden in Year 11** - For an excellent start in Science and for always trying his best.

Student of the Month

Congratulations to Lexi in Year 8 for being awarded 'Design and Technology Student of the Month' for September. Lexi was nominated for excellent effort and progress in practical and theory work and being helpful to other students.

Well done Lexi! You will also get a Hot Chocolate!

Miss Harker, Head of DT

House News

There is only one week left for nominations to the Jack Petchey for students and staff nominations.



We know that young people are supported by dedicated staff and volunteers who help you strive towards achieving your full potential. We want to give you the opportunity to nominate them to receive the Jack Petchey Leader Award. Leader Award winners must be over 18 years of age, have been involved with the organisation for at least 1 year and work with 11-25 year olds.

Assembly News

We have received positive feedback on our recent refugee assembly, we know that it brought some emotions.

We hope that you find it inspiring for our fundraising efforts this year. Thank you for all your productive conversations around the charity house cup.

Thank you to everyone who entered the House Flag Competition. The winners are:

1. Nicola in Year 8
2. Yat in Year 9
3. Heilam in Year 10
4. Meghna in Year 8

Congratulations!



SWi Uniform Supplier

Our school uniform supplier, SWI Schoolwear is offering a huge 20% off everything between 16th October 2023 - 22nd October 2023. If you need to top up on any uniform or P.E kit items or need a refresh on your everyday essentials and stationery, now's the time to shop. Use code DEAL20 at checkout or in store.

www.swischoolwear.co.uk

We will be celebrating Black History Month in school from next week.



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

House Competition

In line with this, the next house competition is to write a poem on this topic.

House Score Board

124	137	128	98
			

School Canteen

The Environmental Health Officer has inspected the school and awarded a 5 star EHO hygiene rating. Congratulation to the catering team.

Open @ Overton is back on!

Please see poster and Satchel for updates.

OPEN @ OVERTON

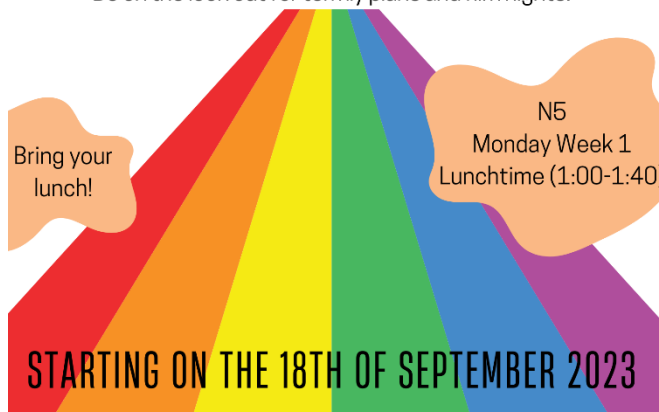
Overton Grange's LGBTQIA+ Club



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.



OVERTON GRANGE SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

AT SUTTON TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB
(LTA Surrey Club Of The Year)

- MONDAYS 3.45PM
- FOR YEARS 8 8 9
- 11 WEEKS £82.50
- STARTS 18TH SEPTEMBER
- LAST SESSION 4TH DECEMBER

Details & sign up at
Suttontenniscoaching.com/overton



After School Tennis Club, Autumn Term 2023 - Book Now!

For Overton Grange pupils at Sutton Tennis & Squash Club (LTA Surrey Club Of The Year)

We are delighted to offer these sessions for **year 8 & 9** pupils on Mondays at 3.45pm, starting on 18th September. The sessions will be organised and coached by Head Tennis Coach, Karl Stowell. Karl is an LTA qualified level 5 tennis coach. Pupils will walk to Sutton Tennis & Squash Club, which is a 10-15 minute (0.5 mile) walk from school.

Please see www.suttontenniscoaching.com/overton for further details and to book. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

