



Friday 15th September

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back following the summer break, and to welcome our new Year 7 and 12 students. The vast majority of students have been in school every day, on time, and ready to learn. The start of a new year is always a nerve-racking time, particularly for Year 7, so it has been great to see them settling in well and finding their way around their new school.

Over the summer our students received their GCSE, A level and BTec results. There were some outstanding achievements, particularly at A level where we not only achieved above the national averages but also improved on our 2019 results. The Year 13s had not sat any external exams before this summer, due to Covid. They showed great tenacity, resilience and determination in achieving these results, and we are pleased to see that all of those that wanted to go to university have done so, and our year 11 students have all managed to pursue their ambitions, whether that is returning to our sixth form, attending college or starting apprenticeships.

As ever, a lot of work was done in the school over the summer holiday. We have extended our reception area and some teachers have moved classrooms. A new area has been set up in the Sixth Form for supervised study and new fencing was put up around the tennis court. In addition, some classrooms gained new smartboards and some of our IT was updated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Premium Credit for their donation of PCs, which will help us to continue our upgrade programme.

In our first assemblies, we reminded students of our school expectations:

- Work hard and allow others to learn.
- Come to school on time, in uniform and with the necessary equipment.
- Be polite and well-mannered and show consideration and respect for others at all times.

- Maintain a clean, safe and pleasant working environment.

These expectations have been in place since the school opened in 1997 and we continue to put them at the heart of what we do. I am appreciative of the fact that our students, by and large, meet these expectations every day.

This week we held our first Information Evening, for parents and carers of Year 11 students. The event was very well attended and parents, carers and students were given lots of advice on how to make their last year of formal education a successful one. We will be holding similar events for Years 7 to 10 during the course of the year, so please check your emails for further details.

This September is my 21st at Overton Grange and I am immensely proud and privileged to be the Headteacher. As I said to the parents of our new Year 7 back in July, no school is perfect - we don't always get it right, just as you may not always get it right as parents and carers, but my aim as Headteacher is to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to achieve their very best, to be inspired, and to be proud and upstanding members of the school and wider community. I hope that we can all work together over the coming year to start your child on their path to success.

Thank you for your support.

Charlotte Auger
Headteacher

Dates for the diary

All students will be finishing at 2.45pm on Thursday 28th September, to allow us to prepare for the Year 6 Open Evening. There will also have a late start on Friday 29th September – doors will open at 10.30am, and students should be in their tutor room by 10.45am.

In addition, we will also be finishing early on Friday 20th October, when students will be dismissed at 12.10pm.

Please note that both of these days will follow the normal timetable, with altered timing, and students should be in full school uniform as usual.

News from the Music Department

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Places are filling up fast for instrumental lessons. Please ask for a form from the music department and return asap.

Lessons in flute/clarinet/ sax/trumpet/ trombone and baritone are £5.50 per shared lesson.

BANDS and GROUPS in X1 and X2 @ 1.15pm

MONDAY: Funk band

TUESDAY: Wind band to start soon - Please enquire

UKES in X2 All welcome

WEDNESDAY: Funk band

THURSDAY: Senior Choir (Yr 9+ All welcome) in X1

IN-HOUSE: Super Choir - will be starting soon for Year 7-8

All musicians are advised to buy lunch at breaktime or bring a packed lunch so they can attend on time.

Geography Field Trip – Year 9 - Guildford Overton Band Thursday 5 October 2023 Grange Band Friday 6 October 2023

As part of the Yr 9 Geography curriculum students will be off timetable to take part in a practical field work day to Guildford in Surrey - this marks the return of KS3 field trips and we are excited that Year 9 will be the first group out on a Geography trip this academic year.

The visit will enable students to collect data for the Settlement and Sustainability unit, which will form part of their assessment grade for the final year in Key Stage 3.

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned permission slips and paid via Parent Pay. For those students who qualify as Pupil Premium, please make sure you return your permission slips.

Deadline for permission slips and payment: Friday 22 September (letters were sent out electronically on 11 September - please check this communication for further details).

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.

The following Students were nominated:

Ella (Year 11) - For exceeding her target grade in her Science test.

Phoebe (Year 10) - Great start to the term in Science.

Liz (Year 10) - Great start to the term in Science.

Grace (Year 10) – Great start to the year.

Honey (Year 12) - For being so helpful showing year 7 students to their lessons.

Model UN starts on Thursday 21st September in the 6th form common room at 3.15pm all welcome!



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



Geo Politics, History, Law, Economics, International Relations

Model United Nations Club

Every Thursday from 21/09/23

15:15 – 16:00

Year 7 – 13

Sixth Form common room

See Mrs Buxton



House News



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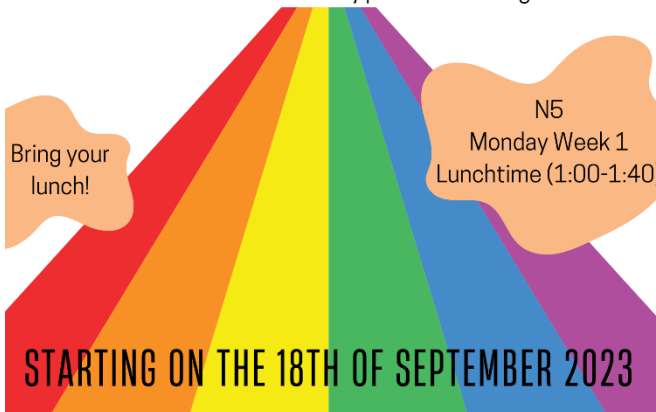
Overton Grange's LGBTQIA+ Club



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.



Open @ Overton is back on!

Please see poster and Satchel for updates.



OVERTON GRANGE SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

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

- MONDAYS 3.45PM
- FOR YEARS 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.

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**

