



Friday 15th December 2023

Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of the long Autumn term, this is a perfect time to reflect on all the positives we have seen in these three months. The introduction of the new facial recognition technology in the canteen and the lanyards for students has gone very smoothly. The Year 11s sat their mock exams and were highly praised for the mature manner in which they did these. We have had a number of trips, including to the National Archives, Sutton Life Centre, the BFI and the National Gallery, as well as the Geography field trips to Guildford and the Olympic Park. There have been lots of House activities such as the talent show, staff bake off and the Christmas card competition. We have also undertaken charitable activities – the staff coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer support, the Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and our collection for Sutton foodbank. This week we have had the Year 7 Carol Concert and the Christmas Show. And of course, there has been lots of learning in lessons, with the vast majority of our students meeting the four expectations every day. All of this is possible due to the dedicated and hard-working staff and students, so thank you to all of them.

The highlight of my week, each week, has been meeting the students invited to Hot Chocolate Friday. It is a privilege to be able to recognise the positive contributions of our students and acknowledge the kindness and support they give to their peers, and I look forward to continuing to do this next term.

Miss C Auger
Headteacher

Lastly, I would like to say a thank you to you. The support of parents and carers is vital for helping our students to progress. No school is perfect – we know we do not always get things right, but by working in partnership we can do our best to support and encourage our students to achieve their best.

Whatever you do over these coming two weeks, I wish you a happy and peaceful time.

Uniform and Equipment Reminder

We have a significant proportion of students coming to school with no bag and/or no equipment for lessons. Please can you ensure that your child has a bag and the necessary stationery in January, to include pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils and a calculator.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you and our students of the uniform rules with regards to nails, piercings and coloured hair, as we know that holidays are a time where these are done. Students are only allowed one pair of stud earrings and no other body piercings, no false nails and no non-natural hair colours, and sanctions will be issued if these are seen in school.

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 from the canteen.

The canteen is an independent business. If items continue to be taken in this way, the outcome will be an increase in prices to cover the losses.

Anyone caught doing this will be given an automatic hour detention and will be issued with a 5 day ban from using the canteen and a letter will be sent home to parents.

Design and Technology Student of the Month

Congratulations to Millie in Year 7 for being awarded Design and Technology Student of the Month for November.

Millie has produced excellent and creative work in her recent Structures module. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Miss Harker, Head of D&T

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 2024.

Library News

Autumn term for the library has been busy!

It is increasingly popular at break and lunchtime with students borrowing books, using the computers to study, reading in groups at the tables or on the comfy chairs. We are well on our way to reaching 1500 book loans between September and December!

This term has also seen the successful introduction of 'Whisper Wednesday' to ensure that there is dedicated silent time for students to work or read without distraction. We have also celebrated National Poetry Day and Black History Month with displays and activities.

Year 7 are enjoying their allocated library lessons in which they have had an induction to explore the library through a 'book treasure hunt', a 'book tasting' session to highlight the range of texts available and an introduction to genre.

A new reading challenge has been launched this month: 'Genre Explorer'! This challenge encourages students to read outside their preferred authors and genres. Students will read 10 books over the course of the year, gaining a stamp for each book they read. When the card is completed, students receive Satchel points and a

stationery prize or bookmark. The launch of this challenge has been very popular.

IMPORANT NOTICE

Please could students return all books to the library by the end of term (Thursday 21st December) in order to carry out a 'stocktake' of the books during the first week back of the holidays (the library will be closed for this.) There have been instances of books being taken from the library without being checked out first, so if any of these are found at home, please do return them to the library desk or the book drop box. Thank you.

Mrs Robb
Librarian/LRC Co-ordinator

Dates for the Diary

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

ParentPay

Over the Christmas holidays could we ask all parents and carers to please check their child's balances on ParentPay to ensure there are sufficient funds for use in the canteen in the New Year. You can also buy replacement lanyards under school equipment and make a comment in the notes section. A full lanyard costs £2 and a plastic wallet is £1.

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.

The following students are nominated for today's Hot Chocolate!

Stan in Year 10 for helping others when the buses were rerouted.

Aryan in Year 9 for helping his classmate with translations and understanding the work in RE.

Maddie in year 10 for a massive improvement in her effort in RE since year 9.

Alesha in Year 10 for excellent effort in English (Poetry)!

Viana in Year 7 who has only recently joined the school and has really started to progress in her English when communicating with staff and students. She has got herself fully involved in the dance performance for the Xmas production and is very enthusiastic.

Vania in Year 8 for persevering with tennis over the term even though she finds it difficult. The coach commended her on her effort and motivation as often she was the only girl in the group and surrounded by much louder boys!

Lorea in Year 7 for excellent RE homework.

Caleb in Year 7 for excellent RE homework.

Ian in Year 10 for excellent behaviour in form.

Andreas in Year 10 for excellent behaviour in form.

Pritika in Year 10 for excellent behaviour in form.

House News



House Score Board



Christian Union – Foodbank

On Wednesday, a group of Overton Grange Christian Union students were involved in a community action project. They put together Christmas hampers, full of treats, toys, gifts and food supplies to be distributed to Foodshop customers, people in our local community who will benefit from a bit of extra help at Christmas time.

The students carried and organised bags of donations, thoughtfully compiled the hampers, fuffed about with the cellophane and ribbons and then carried the (quite heavy!) hampers from the

Salvation Army church to the Foodshop in the St Nicholas Centre.

There, we learned how the Foodshop works. It provides food support to people on low incomes, as well as helping with other areas such as legal advice and emotional support. The Foodshop is one part of Sutton Community Works, a charity whose motto is 'faith in action' and Shweta, the manager, explained that the Foodshop relies on a large team of volunteers from local churches to run. It was very sad to hear about how many people struggle with food poverty in Sutton but interesting and also inspiring to hear about how people like Shweta are working to help people out of poverty. Mrs Buxton immediately recruited her to come to talk to students about careers in the charity sector.

In all, twelve hampers packed by OG CU students will go out to individuals, couples and families. It was a good experience to, in a small way, put our faith in to action by blessing our local community. Well done, all of you.

Mrs Fast





Thank you



Overton Grange School

for donating 780.7 kg of food to Sutton Foodbank.
This is enough to feed 39 families.
Your donations are making a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.



Sutton Community Works registered charity: 1140363



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting

I'M JOINING SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Sapphire	£90.70
Ruby	£77.41
Amber	£98.61
Emerald	£90.12

Plus £85 from the staff too!

JustGiving™



Save the Children



£442

RAISED

£0

TEXT MESSAGE DONATIONS

£442

TOTAL DONATIONS



Christmas Card Competition

The Christmas Card Competition was a huge hit this year with lots of entries. It was a difficult decision to choose a winner! The entries are on display on the house boards in the main mall. Congratulations to Daphne in Year 11 for her winning entry which will also be used as the school e-card this year. Thank you to everyone who entered.

Mrs Buxton, House Co-ordinator

CAREERS SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday 18th January

8.30 – 10.30

Overton Grange School
Stanley Rd Sutton SM2 6TQ



Can you help our students with their options choice? Are you able to talk about your career? Please email for further details s.oakley@overtongrange.Sutton.sch.uk

Medical Needs

Please note the following from our medical needs policy (full copy on school website):

Parents and carers are responsible for alerting the school to any medical needs and conditions for their child. It is also the responsibility of parents and carers to alert the school to any changes to their child's medical needs.

Short term medical needs

Where possible all medicines should be administered at home. In the case of antibiotics doctors should be requested to prescribe medicine that can be issued at home three times a day (i.e. before school, immediately after school and at bedtime). Prescription medicines should only be brought to school where it would be detrimental to a student's health if it were not administered during the school day.

Long term medical needs

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the school of any long-term medical needs and to ensure that the appropriate consent forms are completed and returned to school. It is also the responsibility of parents/carers to alert the school to any changes in

their child's needs and changes in the administration of medication.

It only requires the consent of one parent to agree or to request that medicines are administered.

If your child's medical needs have changed, or we need to make any changes to your child's health care plan, please contact Mrs Pepper at school:

r.pepper@overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk

Personal details

If you have a change of contact details or medical needs, please ensure that the school is informed by email at office@overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk.



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

The Sutton and Merton Immunisation Team have asked us to share the following information with you:

Thursday 14th December – clinic time: 2.30pm – 6pm
Sutton Life centre
4 Alcorn Cl, Sutton
SM3 9PX

This is a walk in clinic for Sutton & Merton schools for Reception to year 11, SEN children (till their 18th birthday) and home educated children living in Sutton/ Merton borough.

No appointments needed, there may be a bit of waiting, depending on how busy the clinic is.
Parents can consent on the day

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Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Sutton & Merton 2023

School aged children from
Reception to Year 11

****FINAL FLU CLINICS****

Saturday 9th December - 10.15pm to 2.30pm

OR

Thursday 14th December – 2.30pm – 6pm

Address- Sutton life centre
24 Alcorn Cl, Sutton SM3 9PX

- Walk in flu clinic for children who missed vaccine at school, last chance to get the flu vaccine.
- No appointment needed, expect waiting times
- Call 02039033371/ 02039033373 for any questions

WINTER! HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

SUTTON
HAF
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
& FOOD PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER
TO FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

FREE
FOR
5-16
YEAR OLDS



Inclusive activities:

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

Plus much more!

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 (benefit-related) free school meals can book a free place with their school teachers. Limited free places are available for children outside this school.



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



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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!



OVERTON GRANGE SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

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

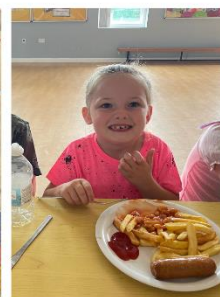
- MONDAYS 3.45PM
- FOR YEARS 8 & 9
- COST £67.50
- STARTS 15TH JANUARY
- LAST SESSION 18TH MARCH

Details & sign up at
Suttontenniscoaching.com/overton



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SUTTON WINTER HAF

2ND - 5TH JANUARY 2024
10AM - 3:00PM

@ GREEN WRYTHE SCHOOL, SM5 1JP

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.

- play games
- make friends
- enjoy lunch
- have fun

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



After School Tennis Club, Spring Term 2023

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 15th January. 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.

I am delighted to hear from the Tennis Club that Vania in Year 8 was awarded a prize on the last day from last term for her attitude, attendance and perseverance - Congratulations!

Ms Amy Eggleton, PE Teacher

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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



The Voices & Vibrations of our Young Carers

YOUNG CARER ACHIEVEMENTS

Barclaycard (BC) and the Young Carers Service team were the winners for the first ever Young Carers Future Conference. The team set out on Sunday morning in Sutton and, faced with rainstorms and delays, barely making it into the town to be supported against odds and odds! Nevertheless, words were heard, everyone was keen to hear and participate in the Conference the following day.

The Young Carers Service, sponsored by Julia (YC Service Manager), Shoshana (YCCO), Vicky (Local Contact Hub) and Bethal (YC Engagement and Support Worker), delivered an enthralling presentation around the topic of 'Mental Health in Young Carers'. Each team member showcased their own Young Carer story, uniquely to express the experiences of how the world and themselves, work very hard to support Young Carers' mental wellbeing.

Refreshed with questions of the likes of Professor David Barber and Dame Rachel de Souza, and powerful insight from Youth Advisors, the experience left the team refreshed and energised to continue to fulfil the needs of our Young Carers.

SCAN ME to visit our website! www.suttoncarerscentre.org

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

JACK PATEL SINGS

As a Young Carer, Jack has been able to share his talent and passion for music with his friends and family. He has been performing at various events, including the Sutton Young Carers Christmas Concert.

SPooky Detainers

Spooky Detainers is a fun and interactive activity for young carers. It involves solving puzzles and riddles to uncover the secrets of the haunted house.

GO LIVE Theatre Projects Workshop

During the October Half Term, the Young Carers Service and the Live Theatre Projects team (LTP) teamed up to create a workshop for young carers. The workshop focused on creating a short play, from writing the script to performing it. The young carers were given the opportunity to work with professional actors and to perform their plays in front of an audience.

GO LIVE Theatre - Wicked Trip

'Wicked' is the ultimate guide to the world of the musical. It's a journey through the story of the Wicked Witch of the West, from her early years to her ultimate downfall. The musical is a celebration of the power of love and the strength of friendship.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

PEER SUPPORT
8.8 - 7th February 2024
10.30 - 12.00pm
8.20 - 1st February 2024

CHILL N' LEARN
8th January 2024
Afternoon (from 1.30pm to 4.00pm)
8.20 - 1st February 2024
1.30pm - 4.00pm

Friendship & DESSERTS
Thursday 8th February 2024
Ages 8-14
From during school holidays
10.00pm - 12.00pm

ANIME ANTICS
Thursday 8th February 2024
Ages 8-14
From during school holidays
1.30pm - 4.00pm

CREATE!
Change-makers - make
Ages 10-18
10th, 11th, 12th February 2024
10.00am - 12.00pm
Book now to be added to the waiting list!

YC AREAS ACROSS
10th January
From during school holidays
10.00pm - 12.00pm

TO BOOK OR LEARN MORE ABOUT ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUNGCARERS@SUTTONCARERSCENTRE.ORG

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUTTON YOUTH SUMMIT

Sutton Young Carers Service is proud to announce the launch of the Sutton Youth Summit. This exciting initiative will bring together young carers from across the borough to discuss their experiences and share their ideas for making a difference.

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London Youth
020 7462 4545

WELLBEING CORNER

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

Can you you solve this crossword?

Answers: 1. Happiness, 2. Friendship, 3. Wellbeing, 4. Support, 5. Resilience, 6. Mindfulness, 7. Gratitude, 8. Self-care, 9. Positivity, 10. Empathy, 11. Compassion, 12. Kindness, 13. Patience, 14. Forgiveness, 15. Understanding, 16. Acceptance, 17. Openness, 18. Curiosity, 19. Creativity, 20. Adventure, 21. Exploration, 22. Discovery, 23. Learning, 24. Growth, 25. Progress, 26. Achievement, 27. Success, 28. Fulfillment, 29. Satisfaction, 30. Contentment, 31. Peace, 32. Harmony, 33. Balance, 34. Stability, 35. Security, 36. Comfort, 37. Warmth, 38. Coziness, 39. Relaxation, 40. Rest.

PLOT TWIST - SYCOMICS

MAGIC OF CHAOS

THE MANGA SYCOMIC IS CALLED "MAGIC OF CHAOS" AND HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY ONE OF OUR YC MEMBERS! IT IS A 5 PAGE MANGA INSPIRED BY "MANGA STYLING ONLY" & USED BY MANGA!

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO READ THE MANGA ONLINE AND FEEL FREE TO EMAIL AND ASK US WHAT YOU THINK!

HOLIDAY EVENTS & SPECIALS

ACTIVITIES	DESCRIPTION	AGES	DATE	TIME
CREATE ARTS	Young Carers will be participating in a change matters financial literacy programme exploring topics such as loans, saving, interests etc. through games, discussions and activities. A creative challenge is included in this programme which will be a great opportunity for aspiring artists.	14-18	12th, 13th and 14th February	10:30AM - 3:30PM
Book now to be added to the waiting list!				
DISNEY & DESSERTS	During holiday breaks, we run a <i>Disney & Desserts</i> evening at Sutton Carers Centre! Come along to watch a movie, sit back, relax and enjoy (choose between three films/series and have your fill of sweets, popcorn and drinks).	8-14	15th February	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
ANIME ANTICS	During holiday breaks, we run a <i>Anime Antics</i> evening at Sutton Carers Centre! Come along to watch Japanese anime, sit back, relax and enjoy (choose between three films/series and have your fill of sweets, popcorn and drinks).	14+	15th February	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
RAP THERAPY	Rap Therapy is a special that involves Young Carers learning about the fundamentals of rap. Together we explore topics such as rhyme, rhyme scheme, flow, bar etc. through a range of games and activities.	8-18	29th January	3:30 - 5:30PM

📅 **Dates for Induction Evenings, YC Chill and Learn, Peer Support & YC Ambassadors** 📅

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
YC CHILL & LEARN	4th	15th 22nd 29th	5th 19th 26th
8-13 PEER SUPPORT	DECEMBER 6th	JANUARY XMAS BREAK	FEBRUARY 7th
14+ PEER SUPPORT	DECEMBER XMAS BREAK	JANUARY 24th	FEBRUARY 21st
18-25 PEER SUPPORT	DECEMBER XMAS BREAK	JANUARY XMAS BREAK	FEBRUARY 1st
YC AMBASSADORS	DECEMBER XMAS BREAK	JANUARY 25th	FEBRUARY 22nd
INDUCTION EVENING	DECEMBER XMAS BREAK	JANUARY 16th	FEBRUARY 20th

📅 **The activity booking process is as follows:** 📅

Please contact us by email at youngcarers@suttoncarerscentre.org OR text 07787 063 340 with the activities you would like to attend. **Please include your name, age, activity choices.**



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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**

