



Overton Grange School Newsletter

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Monday 18th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy two weeks in school, with the Year 8 Geography field trips, GCSE Drama presentations, the KS4 Tea Time concert, Year 10 Science masterclass, a visit for some Year 10 students to NESCOL, a Murder Mystery House competition and the inaugural House spelling bee. It is always a delight to see our students involved in these activities and events and the next newsletter will be a special edition to review everything that has taken place this term. We also welcomed some of our prospective Year 7 students for a tour of the school on Wednesday afternoon. They were shown around by current year 7 students, who did a fantastic job promoting the school.

A few weeks ago we asked parents/carers to complete our termly survey. We do pay a lot of attention to this and your feedback, and we continue to work towards addressing issues and concerns raised. For example, we are aware that some parents are concerned about a perceived lack of information about their child's progress. We provide three opportunities a year for progress to be officially reported, through two grade reports and the parent evening. The dates when these take place are stated on the relevant year group page on the school website. In addition, we have asked staff to ensure that all test results are posted on Satchel:One, which all parents/carers can access via the parent app, and we have started to review the plans for reporting next year. We will also be sending out detailed curriculum information after Easter, so all parents/carers can see what their child should be studying in each subject for the next term.

I would like to take the opportunity to sign post you to the school website, where there is a lot of information available to you including reporting and assessment dates, curriculum maps, clubs and activities, policies and more. You can also follow us on Facebook and X.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Miss Auger
Headteacher

End of Term Notice

The last day of term is Thursday 28th March and school will be finishing at 12.15pm that day. Students will be expected to be in full school uniform with all of their equipment/books for the day. Food will be available to purchase at break time only that day.

New Parent Governor

The Governors of the school are pleased to announce and welcome Kate Perin as the new Parent Governor.

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Clerk to the Governors

Mobile Phone Reminder

A polite reminder that students are not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst in school during the day. They should be switched off and inside their bags or pockets. We have noticed a significant increase in the number of phones that are being confiscated during the day, sometimes because they are answering calls from parents! If you need to get an urgent message to your child please call the school office who will be able to pass it on. Any student answering or checking their phone will have it confiscated until the end of the day.

Absence Reporting

Please do not email the school office in box or leave a message on the answerphone with your student absence. Instead please report all absences through MyEd. Thank you

Mrs Stringer

Attendance Officer



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

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 Auger's office at tutor time on Friday with Miss Auger and Miss Treagus.

- **Dumitru Year 8** for the most effort in his History homework and delightful drawings and attention to detail.
- **Venz Year 9** for his excellent behaviour. He is always willing to help people on the bus after school.
- **Daniel Year 9** for assisting with another student in need.
- **Tendai Year 9** for assisting with another student in need.
- **Jimson Year 10** for hardworking in Science.
- **Hifza Year 10** for hardworking in Science.
- **Maddy Year 10** for a fantastic result in her recent History assessment.

Fourth Plinth Schools Award 2024

Each year London schools are invited to get creative and produce a work of art inspired by the contemporary art commissions for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. This year we have entered over 80 KS3 students for the Fourth Plinth Schools Award. The Art Department set KS3 a homework to design a piece of Artwork for the fourth plinth, based on artists we have been studying. A selection from those submitted have been put forward for this award. A large number of London schools have entered and all the entries can be viewed in the competition gallery, follow the link below, then search for Overton Grange School to view the amazing work our students have produced. This is our sixth year entering this competition and we are hoping to do as well as previous years.

[Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2024 gallery | London City Hall](#)

Ms Winbourne
Head of Art

Drama Performance

Following the success of our Christmas Showcase where the Drama department collaborated with Music and Art to pull off a 'standing room only' show we decided to invite parents and carers into school for an open rehearsal of both the devised and scripted work which is part of the GCSE exam.

The devised work took place at the end of the first half term and has been bookended off nicely with performances from various scripts at the end of this term.

The open rehearsal provided the students with invaluable experience of performing in front of a live audience. It will go a long way in giving the students the very best opportunity to achieve well in the exam.

I would like to thank all the students who took part in the performances and the parents and carers for coming in. Finally I would like to thank all staff who gave up their own time after a busy teaching day to support our students. It wouldn't happen without you and it is very much appreciated.

Ms Maclean
Head of Drama

News from the Music Department

Back To The Future

Last month we took our fantastic Music GCSE cohort to see a West End musical. *Back to the future* was one to remember and very much enjoyed by all. Flying De Lorean cars, thunder bolts, a well told storyline with great songs and orchestration - definitely one to watch if you haven't already.

Music Exams

Recent successes include Anson (Year 11) who achieved a distinction in his Grade 8 piano exam and Tim (Year 8) who got a distinction in his Grade 1 drum exam. Congratulations to both!

Tea-Time Concerts

Tea-Time concerts are approaching. This week we showcase our KS4 GCSE performances in preparation for the recorded submissions to the examiners.

A KS3 concert will happen in the summer term for performers in Yr 7-9.

Ms Callaghan
Head of Music

SEND Survey

The London Borough of Sutton is in the process of developing a new SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) strategy for the borough and is really keen to hear the views of children and young people with SEND/additional needs in the Borough. Barnardos are helping with this work. If you are a young person with SEND or additional needs, or a parent/carer of a child with SEND, please do contribute to this review by completing the survey by following the steps below:

1. [Read about the survey here](#), what is being asked and how your privacy will be protected

2. [Complete a short consent form here](#) (upon completion you will be emailed a copy of the survey using the email address you provide)

3. Complete the survey that is emailed to you prior to the **12 April 2024**

What children and young people tell us will influence the SEND/AP review and will inform decision makers about what children and young people's lived experiences are in Sutton and how we can improve them.

You can find out more about the Local Authority's work on SEND by reading their [Ambitious for SEND newsletter](#). Just click on the link.

Model UN



The Model United Nations is a series of programs run throughout the country and the world with the goals of furthering understanding about the United Nations, educating participants about world issues and promoting peace and the work of the United Nations through cooperation and diplomacy. Model United Nations (MUN) simulations are popular exercises for those interested in learning more about the UN. Hundreds of thousands of students worldwide participate every year in MUN at all educational levels – from primary school to university. It is a valuable addition to your CV and application to University because you demonstrate skills in research, negotiation, public speaking, debating, leadership and academic writing.

Following the success of the London Oratory school conference last term, Overton Grange sent a delegation to Epsom College. Here we represented the delegation of Mozambique. Delegates spoke on a range of topics from limiting hate speech in the media, to the question of military expansion in outer space. Tia in Year 12 found it challenging. She represented the Security Council and debated the question of the South China sea and the regulation of AI. Amelia also in Year 12 commented that she wanted to go to the next conference and carry on the skills that she had learned. The day ended with a crisis simulation on the invasion of Mozambique by the USA and our students had to rise to the challenge!

Many thanks to Ms Redman who attended the conference.

Mrs Buxton
History and Citizenship teacher
Careers Department

From Focus Surrey

Website: [focus-surrey.com](https://www.focus-surrey.com)

Instagram: [@focusabaclubsurrey](https://www.instagram.com/focusabaclubsurrey)

Facebook: [@ABASurreyFocus](https://www.facebook.com/ABASurreyFocus)

Twitter: [@focus_surrey](https://twitter.com/focus_surrey)

The next SEN disco in Coulsdon, Croydon will be on Saturday 13th April.

It is aimed at children, teenagers and young adults with SEN and is a family friendly event with a professional DJ.

We are a local charity, Focus Surrey, You can read more about us here: <https://www.focus-surrey.com/> or on Facebook at [@ABASurreyFocus](https://www.facebook.com/ABASurreyFocus).

🎵 Welcome to Focus Surrey's Easter SEN Disco

When: Saturday 13th April - 5pm to 7pm

Ticket price: £5 per child/young person attending. Carers go free.

📍 Location: Frames Coulsdon, 202 Brighton Rd, Coulsdon CR5 2NF

👤 This is a SEN friendly disco for children and young adults with SEN and their families. It is Alcohol free.

🚗 Parking: There is parking on Lion Green Road Car Park. Lion Green Road car park
100 spaces, 2 disabled spaces - Open 24 hours - Motorcycles: free
Charges apply Monday to Saturday, 7am to 6pm

🎵 Music: Please let us know what music you would like to hear and we will do our best to play at least one of each attendee's favourite tunes.

👤 We would also like to make you aware that strobe and other lights are used and music is played at a volume that provides a club experience. We also have a quieter area for those who need it.

👤 All young people must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Please note the SEN disco will close at 7pm.

You can get your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/focus-surrey-saturday-club/t-xmjload>

Focus Surrey events provide a safe and enjoyable experience for every child or young person and their family. To promote our services and for fund raising purposes, we often use photos on our social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and we require your consent to share them. Please indicate whether you give your consent when requested as part of the registration form when you book your tickets.

All monies raised will go directly to Focus Surrey, a registered charity (1178378) supporting families with Autistic children in Surrey and neighbouring local authorities. Focus Surrey provides affordable one to one support using the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis to develop learning and social skills for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and other communication difficulties. The club provides their families with an inclusive social community where they can network with other parents of, and professionals working with, children with ASD.

Focus Surrey receives no funding and we rely on fundraising to be able to do what we do. Tickets are £5 however if you could see your way to adding a small donation on top of that, even just to cover the booking fee, this would really be appreciated. All the money we raise goes back into supporting children and young people with Autism and communication difficulties.



EASTER

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME



THU 28 MARCH – FRI 12 APRIL

FREE*
FOR
RECEPTION
– YEAR 11



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

Book your child's place today!

*All eligible children entitled to benefits-related free school meals can book a free place.



BOOK CLUB

starting Thurs 14th March

Thursdays Week 2
1pm – 1.25pm
LIBRARY

Do you love reading? Do you enjoy sharing what you read? Are you always looking for a new books to try?

See Mrs Robb in the library to sign up.

Cognus Autism Acceptance Events

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th
<p>Time: 9.30-11am What: Supporting my child to understand their autistic identity Who for: Parents Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 7-9pm What: Telephone Surgery Who for: Patients Where: Online Book: https://suttonschools.org.uk</p>	<p>Time: 9-10.30am What: Encouraging School Attendance Who for: Professionals Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: https://suttonschools.org.uk</p>	<p>Time: 2-3.15pm What: Supporting Challenging Behaviour Who for: Parents Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>
<p>Time: 12.1-3pm What: Autism and Early Years Who for: Parents and Carers Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 6-7.15pm What: Supporting Regulation in the Home Who for: Parents and Carers Where: Online Book: https://suttonschools.org.uk</p>	<p>Time: 1pm What: Autism and Drama Therapy Who for: Parents and Professionals Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 3-3.30pm What: Supporting Challenging Behaviour Who for: Professionals Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: https://suttonschools.org.uk</p>

Parents and Professionals

Eventbrite ticket information is available on: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cognus-limited-61747627793>

Cognus: <https://cognus.org.uk/>
Sutton's Local Offer: <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/localoffer/>
X: <https://twitter.com/cognus>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cognus>

March 2024




Cognus Autism Acceptance Events

April 2024	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th
	<p>Time: 3.30-5pm What: Young person chat in session Who for: Young people and families Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 10pm What: Story time Who for: Early years and primary aged children and families Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 7-9pm What: Crafts for girls 7-9 Who for: Girls aged 7-9 Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 2.30-5pm What: Crafts for boys 7-10 Who for: Boys aged 7-10 Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>
	<p>Time: 1-2pm What: Early Years Parent drop in session Who for: Parents and carers Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 1-2pm What: Story time for secondary aged 11-18 and young people Who for: Secondary aged 11-18 and young people Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 2.30-4pm What: Coffee and chat drop in session Who for: Parents Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>	<p>Time: 2.30-4pm What: Coffee and chat drop in session Who for: Parents Where: Curium House, Wallington Book: Eventbrite</p>

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AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK



Inclusive Music
3rd April
Sutton Central Library
Entry: £7

**Creativity Exhibition:
Autistic & Artistic**
25th March - 13th April
Sutton Central Library
Entry: FREE

SEND Quiet Days: Rainbows
2nd & 9th April
Honeywood Museum
Entry: FREE



Join Sutton Cultural Services & Cognus in
celebration of Autism Acceptance Week 2024.
View the Cognus Autism Acceptance Week Calendar:
cognus.org.uk/services/autism-and-social-communication/autism-week/

For more information: libraries.sutton.gov.uk
See more events: events.sutton.gov.uk



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!

