



Monday 20th November 2023

Message from the Headteacher

I would like to say thank you to the parents who took part in a recent survey about the school. We are always keen to hear what you have to tell us so we can look afresh at what else needs to be done to continue our work on school improvement. From this feedback, there are a few recurring points I would like to take the time to address:

1) Uniform - as you are aware, I am very keen to improve the uniform standards of our students. We have been working very hard on this and it is addressed daily with students, particularly ongoing issues with a small minority around rolling up skirts, knotting jumpers, wearing trousers slung low and not wearing lanyards.

2) Some responses stated that they would like to know what is being taught during the course of the year. We have updated all of our curriculum information on the school website this year, so that there is information on the curriculum for every subject, for every year group taught. This can be found at <https://www.overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk/curriculum>

3) We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities but always welcome ideas for more. Again, these are listed on the school website at <https://www.overtongrange.sutton.sch.uk/after-school-clubs>. We aim to keep this regularly updated. In addition there is also the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Arts Council, School Council and the many different House activities. If your child has an idea for a club, please encourage them to speak to their Form tutor or Head of Year.

4) Behaviour - as with uniform, this is an area that I have been very keen to improve this year. We have introduced new systems in school which are helping us to deal with issues faster and more effectively. However, we have been extremely disappointed and concerned about the behaviour of some of our students at the bus stop and on the bus. As a school we are limited in what we can do. We have staff at the bus stop four afternoons a week, and they will go onto the buses themselves if there is a need. We have held special assemblies with year groups when incidents have occurred and we have put sanctions in place when we have been able to identify individuals causing an issue. I also send out regular reminders about our expectations. We cannot, however, be available in the mornings, nor can we ride on the buses with the students. This is where I ask for your help, to speak to your child(ren) if you know they take the bus to and from school, to remind them of how they should behave and that poor behaviour outside of school will still be sanctioned.

The majority of our students do meet all of our expectations every single day, and I thank them for doing so. As I have said before, no school is perfect and we all make mistakes, but it is how we learn from those mistakes that we improve. We will be reviewing all of the feedback and doing our very best to act on it.

Charlotte Auger
Headteacher

Year 12 Work Experience Week 2023 - 24

This year's Work Experience Week programme will be launched with Year 12 in their Careers Advice sessions this week and next week. Every student will be advised on how to find a suitable work placement from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th September 2024 and the role of the Unifrog platform in the process. Students are deliberately being given plenty of notice so they can make an early start in securing a placement. We will also hold an Information Evening for parents in late January/ early February to answer any questions.

Mr O'Neill, Head of Sixth Form

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)

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

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.

Summer in Year 10 for being very helpful during tutor time.

Mansi in Year 10 for being very helpful during tutor time.

Abeeha in Year 10 for being very helpful during tutor time.

Saya in Year 10 for being very helpful during tutor time.

Jaime in Year 10 for passing all her assessments at R2s and settling in so well.

Ecrin in Year 9 for an amazing model of the trenches, part of the WW1 homework this term.

Tanveer in Year 9 for an amazing model of the trenches, part of the WW1 homework this term.

Nick in Year 9 for an amazing model of the trenches, part of the WW1 homework this term.

Thiago in Year 9 for an amazing model of the trenches, part of the WW1 homework this term.

And finally this week's 'Hot Chocolate Friday' staff member is **Mrs Ball** for always being willing to helping out colleagues.

House News

Foodbank

We're all aware of the impact of the cost of living crisis, and that many people are struggling right now to afford to put food on the table.

According to the Trussell Trust, food banks are seeing record-breaking levels of need, with almost 1.3 million emergency parcels being given out in just over six months. A huge 320,000 people have turned to food banks for the first time, and more donations are needed to cover the demand.

Please encourage your students to donate. Shopping lists are on satchel. This is usually a very strong appeal and the foodbank rely on us for their extra Christmas donations other nearby schools do Harvest etc.





House Score Board

370	335	351	320
			

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 18th November

Clinic Time: 10 am – 2.30pm

Location: Wallington Boys School, Main Hall, SM6 7PH

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



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 free school meals can book a free place with their school. Limited free places are available for children outside this school.

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

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

**“I Wish I Looked Like Them”
Helping Teens Navigate Body Image
Issues**

Body image issues are increasingly a challenge for many teenagers and young people.


This workshop talks about our current understanding of body image issues, ideas for supporting your teen and resources for you and your teen.

DATE / TIME
 Thursday 16th November: 7.30-8.30 pm
 Friday 17th November: 12-1 pm

LOCATION
 Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#) to book



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South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust
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YEAR 7

WINTER PARTY

14 DECEMBER 2023
 SCHOOL HALL
 6:30PM - 8:30PM
 £6.50 ON PARENT PAY
 INCL. SNACK & DRINK

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.

Bring your lunch!

N5
 Monday Week 1
 Lunchtime (1:00-1:40)

STARTING ON THE 18TH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

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**

