



Friday 26th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

It has been an important week for Year 9 this week, with the launch of the Options process. It was great to return to the in-person Option evening and we hope that parents/carers and students found the evening informative. Next week's online parent evening will give you the chance to speak to teachers and to discuss option subjects in more detail.

This week we have been marking the Holocaust Memorial Day in assemblies and tutor time. We have asked students to reflect on all wars that have led to genocide and to consider the theme of this year's memorial day: 'Fragility of Freedom'. We are conscious that some of our students are being directly or indirectly impacted by ongoing conflicts, including Ukraine and Gaza, and would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that there is always someone to talk to in school, whether that be the pastoral team or our Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Lastly, I would like to remind you all that we are a mobile-free school. I would therefore kindly request that parents/carers do not try to contact your child via their mobile phone during the school day. As per our policy, we will confiscate phones if they are seen or heard. If you have an urgent message for your child, please contact school reception and they will deliver it for you.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of the school.

Miss C Auger
Headteacher

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 to include pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils and a calculator.

Uniform Reminder

A reminder about the expectations of school uniform in school. All students should have their blazer, tie and lanyards on each day. Girls can wear socks or tights but not white socks over black tights. Skirts should not be rolled and jumpers should not be knotted and trousers should be worn appropriately and sagging is not acceptable.

Students are **only** allowed one pair of stud earrings, other body piercings, jewellery, false nails, false lashes and non-natural hair colours are not permitted in school.

Absence Reporting

Please do not email the office in box with your student absence. Absences should be reported through MyEd or by leaving a message on the absence line.

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.

The following students have been nominated this week:

- **Connor in Year 7** for his planning of a system to help with lunchtime queuing.
- **Oliver in Year 7**-always following the school expectation and being friendly to teachers and peers.
- **Florence in Year 7** for helping her friend to be on time to am and pm registration so she will not be on green report.
- **Shaun in Year 8** for putting a lot of effort last week in his science lessons.
- **Evan in Year 8** Consistently participating in class discussions and being very polite peers in Science.
- **Mollie in Year 8** for having an excellent start on their Art class!
- **Mia in Year 8** for having an excellent start on their Art class!
- **Sano in Year 8** for having an excellent start on their Art class!
- **Ben in Year 8** for having an excellent start on their Art class!
- **Jonathan in Year 9** he did fantastic in his end of topic test and hit his target grade.

Dates for the Diary

Year 12 Work Experience Parents Information Evening - 1st February at 5pm

Parents are invited to attend this meeting to find out more about the Work experience programme. It is a virtual event and a link will be sent out in advance.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at the school. Accordingly, during the term we will be seeking nominations from parents / carers of children at the school to fill this vacancy on the governing body.

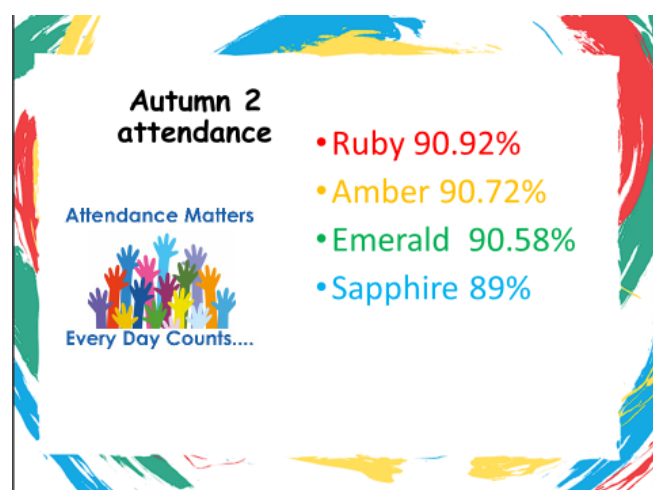
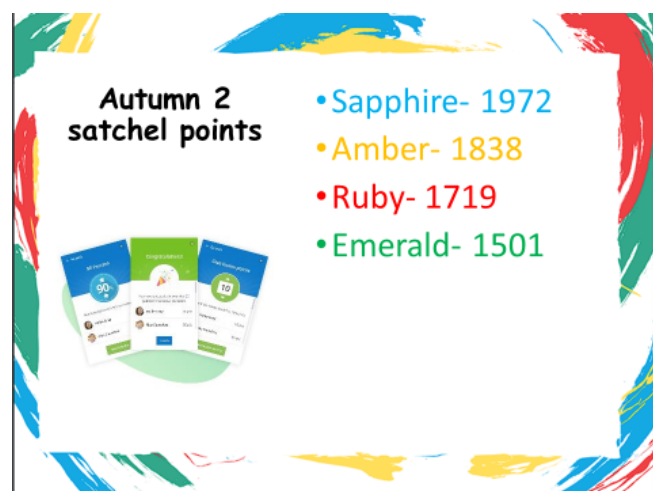
Further details will be sent by email and will be available on the website.

Mrs L Valcin
Clerk to the Governing Body

House News



House Score Board



Rubik's Cube challenge



Can you solve a scrambled Rubik's cube for your house?

6th February 3.20
in the hall

Bring your own cube

Jack Petchey Foundation

Inspire • Motivate • Achieve

Our Jack Petchey Achievement Awards are all about celebrating young people's achievements - however big or small. Each young achiever is awarded a medallion, certificate and invited to one of our fantastic celebration events! Plus they get a £300 grant to spend to benefit other young people in our school.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NrBjuw90Lt>

Deadline Friday 9th February 2024

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – 5-11 FEBRUARY (Y10-Y13)

THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO NAW 2024

Many parents aren't as familiar with apprenticeships as a fantastic career path compared to other options. National Apprenticeship Week is a time to celebrate the value of apprenticeships, and to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalapprenticeshipweek>

USEFUL ARTICLES FOR PARENTS

Share links to articles on apprenticeships with parents:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/introducing-apprenticeships-a-great-pathway-to-career-success>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/what-is-an-apprenticeship>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/is-an-apprenticeship-the-right-choice-for-your-child>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/helping-your-child-apply-for-an-apprenticeship>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/3-key-considerations-in-finding-the-right-apprenticeship-for-your-teen>

The Parents' Guide to

NAW 2024

For National Apprenticeship Week



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Options at 16 and 18
- Vocational routes to work
- Non-degree apprenticeships
- Degree apprenticeships
- Work experience



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



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



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

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Social Media & Gaming - What Parents Need to Know

Young people are spending more and more time on social media and gaming.

This workshop talks through the relationship between mental health and different forms of screentime - some of the myths, science and also tips for how to think about and support your teen around different forms of screentime.

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 6th February, 1-2 pm
Wednesday 7th February, 6:30 - 7:30 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](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.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!

