

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

### OCTOBER 2018

16 <sup>th</sup>	Y9 Options Evening
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y10 Work Experience Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y7 Halloween Disco
26 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term

### NOVEMBER 2018

5 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of New Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y9 Options Deadline 1
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y11 Sixth Form Information Evening
9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Ceremony
15 <sup>th</sup>	Consortium Information Evening
16 <sup>th</sup>	DSPL5 Welwyn and Hatfield Parent Conference 2018: Rethinking Autism (p2) (The Fielder Centre)
19 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y11 Next Steps Interviews
20 <sup>th</sup>	Y11 Parents' Evening
30 <sup>th</sup>	Occasional Day – School Closed

For further dates, please visit our school website:

<http://onslow.herts.sch.uk/calendar/>

Sports events:

<http://onslow.herts.sch.uk/osa-sports-calendar/>

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start October, I wanted to share some of our successes from the first four weeks of term.

Our attendance is currently over 95%, which is fantastic news and this makes a real difference to the outcomes students will achieve in assessments and in their formal exams. I would like to ask all parents to encourage students to be in school as much as possible – we are having an attendance drive this week with assemblies to all students.

The changes we have made to our behaviour systems have also had a really positive effect. Our new behaviour policy is based on a restorative approach and focuses on students taking responsibility for their actions and repairing relationships to put things right. Currently 99 rewards have been issued for every 1 consequence, and the investment students and staff have made are making a real difference to the atmosphere around school.

We had an excellent Open Evening with over 550 people in attendance, and we received some really positive feedback from local primary school Headteachers and prospective parents. Additionally, further families took the opportunity to attend our Open Week tours, and the quality of student engagement and teaching has been fantastic to witness. I have been really impressed by the approach of students who have been motivated and enthused in lessons and have made me feel very welcome.

One point of caution is that a minority of students have been bringing soft drinks and confectionery into school for breakfast. Can I encourage parents to monitor this, as it can cause issues around concentration and focus as well as health. Breakfast can be purchased at the school canteen from 7.45am, if needed, and will be more nutritious than a Dr Pepper!

From next week, Year 11 students have their first set of trial exams and they have made a superb start to the year with over half the year group attending our block of Thursday night voluntary revision sessions after school. I would encourage as many Year 11 students as possible to come to this Thursday's session, and I would like to remind other year groups that Homework Club runs every night after school and all students are welcome.

Thank you for everyone's support so far this term. If issues do arise, please contact your child's Year Learning Manager or Form Tutor to resolve so that we can **Achieve Success Together**.

**David Bullock, Headteacher**

## **DSPL5 Welwyn and Hatfield Parent Conference 2018**

### **Rethinking Autism**

Welcoming Autism into the family;  
Understanding attitudes towards being Autistic;  
How these attitudes affect Autistic children and their families;  
Find out what local support and services are available.

**Date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time: 10.00am- 2.30pm**

(Refreshments and networking from 8.30am, first speaker at 10am)

**Where: The Fielder Centre**

(Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield Avenue, Hatfield, AL10 9TP)

**Who is it for?**

Parents and carers who live in or have children at nursery, school or college in Welwyn and Hatfield.

To book your free place, please email:

[DSPLAdmin@dsplarea5.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:DSPLAdmin@dsplarea5.onmicrosoft.com)

**Keynote Speaker: Caroline Hearst**

*“Caroline offers a chance to discuss Autism as it affects you /  
a family member, friend, employee or client.*

*She provides a positive perspective on Autism and the space to  
explore your situation from an informed insider perspective.*

*Simply understanding Autism better can be helpful and  
prevent differences becoming difficulties.”*

<http://www.asperger-training.com/caroline-hearst/>