

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

### OCTOBER 2018

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| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Y7 Halloween Disco   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Non-Uniform Day:<br>Wear Blue to Raise<br>Awareness for Bullying<br>UK |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Last Day of Half Term  |

### NOVEMBER 2018

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| 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 (The Fielder Centre) |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> -<br>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/>

## FOLLOW US ONLINE



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the half-term, I would like to update you on some of the events going on at OSA and draw your attention to some important information.

### £9M OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SET TO START IN 2019

As you may have seen in this week's Welwyn Hatfield Times, we are extremely excited to have received long-awaited planning approval from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council for a £9m school expansion and improvement project. The project will deliver a state-of-the-art four badminton court sports hall, a 9 v 9 all-weather 3G pitch, a brand new Science block, a Learning Resource Centre, increased dining room capacity, refurbishment of outside multi-use games areas, refurbishment of existing teaching spaces and the construction of four new classrooms. Construction is due to commence in 2019 and is due to be completed in 2020.



### NON-UNIFORM DAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

In order to raise money and awareness for the charity Bullying UK, we are inviting all students to 'wear blue' on our upcoming non-uniform day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Further information on Page 2.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY – 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, students will attend OSA's annual Remembrance Day Ceremony, where we will take time to remember and honour those who have suffered or died in war. CCF students may wear their CCF uniform for the entire day and all students are invited to bring in spare change to purchase poppies for the school wreath. If you would not like your child to take part in this event, please contact the school office before 9<sup>th</sup> November so that we can arrange alternative provision during the event.

### BOOK COVERS

From the start of next half-term onwards, we would like all students to keep their workbooks in plastic covers to keep them in good condition and to reinforce taking pride in the presentation of their work. A set of 6 plastic covers can be purchased from school for £3 or, alternatively, plastic covers can be brought in from home.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, your child may be able to get Free School Meals. Your child could be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit;
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Registering your child for Free School Meals helps the school identify anyone on a low income; the school can then claim additional funding from the Government to help towards extra computers, books, trips and staff, all of which will help support your child progress to the best of their ability at school.

Applications can be made via the following website:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

You will need your National Insurance Number when you make your application. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any assistance with applying.

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 **RAISING AWARENESS FOR BULLYING UK**

**WEAR BLUE  
NON-UNIFORM DAY  
26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**WEAR BLUE AND SAY NO  
TO BULLYING!**

**A suggested donation of £1 will be  
collected on the school gate.  
Money raised will be split between Bullying  
UK & Year 11 Prom.**

**£10 – helps a bullied child, too scared to  
go to school, talk to trained advisors**

**£25 helps train a volunteer to support  
those affected by bullying.**

## HOMework

In light of World Mental Health Day recognised earlier this month by the Mental Health Foundation, I have taken the decision to give students a break from homework this week and during the half-term holiday week.

Students have worked incredibly hard since the start of September and hopefully this will give everyone a well-earned rest.

## HALF-TERM BREAK

Finally, I would just like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy half-term holiday next week and thank you for all your support so far this year.

**David Bullock**  
Headteacher