

UPCOMING KEY DATES

FEBRUARY 2019

15 th	Last Day of Half-Term
18 th – 22 nd	Half-Term

MARCH 2019

18 th – 22 nd	Y10 Work Experience (Week 1)
21 st	Y12 Parents' Evening (4.30-7.30pm)
25 th – 29 th	Y10 Work Experience (Week 2)

APRIL 2019

2 nd	Y10 Parents' Evening
5 th	Last Day of Term (12.20pm Finish for KS3 Students)
8 th – 19 th	Easter Holiday
22 nd	Bank Holiday
23 rd	Start of Summer Term

**For further dates, please visit
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<http://onslow.herts.sch.uk/calendar/>

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Year 11 students who have recently undertaken their second set of practice GCSE exams. They have had an excellent attitude, which will stand them in good stead for the summer. Our current attendance is 95.4%, which is extremely positive and will have a real impact on our whole school achievement. I would like to thank all our parents for their encouragement and support.

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

100% of our Year 13 students who applied to university have received offers and we have received over 100 applications to join our Sixth Form in September.

TRIPS

Can I wish all the students and staff about to embark on the school's ski trip to Sierra Nevada this half-term a brilliant and safe trip. We have further exciting trips this summer, Ardèche Gorge and the Barcelona Football tour, which will provide once in a lifetime experiences for our students.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of former student Tim Crichton MBE as our new Contingent Commander of our CCF. Tim attended the school in the 1970s, was the first Onslow pupil to attend university and he returns to the school to support Miss Burahee in the leadership of our Cadets.

FOSA

A huge thank you to the Friends of OSA (FOSA) who spent £2000 raised on 10 brand new laptops for the SEN department, which will make a real difference.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REMINDER

I would like to remind all parents about the expectations of students' uniform. Girls are expected to wear skirts (knee length) or trousers. They are allowed to wear slim fit trousers, but not skinny fit or leggings. Students should wear smart shoes (not trainers). Can parents also ensure that students do not wear jewellery to school as per the policy. Half-term is an ideal term to top up pencil cases and school equipment, which includes a reading book each day.

SUMMER UNIFORM

OSA-branded summer shirts for boys and girls will be available from Smarty Schoolwear from next month and are available for pre-order now with a retail price from £17.99 per twin pack. Students can wear these branded shirts from the start of the summer term without a tie or blazer. Students can wear a blazer over the top if the weather is cold. If students do not have the branded shirts they will need to wear a tie, although their blazer will be optional.

MOBILE PHONES

Some of you may be aware that Education Minister, Nick Gibb, has recently called for mobile phones to be banned in schools. Our policy is that students can bring phones to school, although they should be turned off and not seen during the school day, unless authorised by teachers.

HALF-TERM

I have asked staff to avoid setting homework for students in KS3 during half-term. Can I encourage all pupils to spend plenty of time relaxing and enjoying their break.

David Bullock, Headteacher

HOMWORK SUPPORT

Spring Term 2019

KS3

Subject	Wk	Day	Time	Room
ENGLISH	A	Mon	12.20-1.05pm	Eng Rm
MATHS	A/B	Wed	3.15-4.00pm	BE01
SCIENCE	A/B	Mon-Thu	8.00-8.30am	E3
	A/B	Mon-Thu	3.15-4.00pm	E3
HIS/GEOG	A	Tue	12.20-1.05pm	C4
BUSINESS	A/B	Mon	3.15-4.00pm	BE01
	A/B	Thu	3.15-4.00pm	BE01
COMP SCIENCE	A/B	Mon	3.15-4.00pm	C10
	A/B	Thu	3.15-4.00pm	C10
CREATIVE ARTS	A/B	Mon-Thu	12.20-1.05pm	C11/MAC
DRAMA	A/B	Mon-Thu	12.20-1.05pm	Music Block
	A/B	Mon	3.15-4.00pm	Music Block
	A/B	Wed	3.15-4.00pm	Music Block
FRENCH	A/B	Fri	12.20-1.05pm	A11
SPANISH	A/B	Fri	12.20-1.05pm	A22
BTEC SPORT	Check Club Listings			
BTEC DANCE	Check Club Listings			
HOMEWORK CLUB	A/B	Mon-Fri	3.15-4.00pm	C2
HOMEWORK CLUB	A/B	Fri	12.20-1.05pm	BE02

KS4

Subject	Wk	Day	Time	Room
ENGLISH	A	Mon	8.00-8.40am	Eng Rm
	B	Mon	3.15-4.30pm	Eng Rm
MATHS	A	Tue	8.00-8.40am	Math Rm
	B	Tue	3.15-4.30pm	Math Rm
SCIENCE (COMB)	A	Mon	3.15-4.30pm	E3
	B	Mon	8.00-8.40am	E3
SCIENCE (SEP)	A	Tues	3.15-4.30pm	E3
	B	Tue	8.00-8.40am	E3
GEOG	A	Tue	12.20-1.05pm	C4
HISTORY	A/B	Wed-Thu	12.20-1.05pm	C5
BUSINESS	A/B	Mon	3.15-4.00pm	BE01
	A/B	Thu	3.15-4.00pm	BE01
COMP SCIENCE	A/B	Mon	3.15-4.00pm	C10
	A/B	Thu	3.15-4.00pm	C10
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FRENCH	A/B	Thu	12.20-1.05pm	A11
SPANISH	A	Wed	8.00-8.40am	A22
	B	Wed	3.15-4.00pm	A22
BTEC SPORT (GROUP D)	A	Thu	3.15-4.00pm	BE03
BTEC SPORT (GROUP B)	B	Thu	3.15-4.00pm	BE03
BTEC DANCE	A	Thu	3.15-4.00pm	D&D
HOMEWORK CLUB	A/B	Mon-Fri	12.20-1.05pm	C2