

UPCOMING KEY DATES

JULY 2019

19 th	End of Term - 12.20pm Finish
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AUGUST 2019

15 th	Y13 Results Day
22 nd	Y11 Results Day

SEPTEMBER 2019

3 rd	Term Starts for Y7/12/13
4 th	All Students in School
12 th	Y12 Year Ahead Evening
24 th	Early Close for Open Evening – 12.20pm Finish
24 th	Open Evening 6.00-9.00pm
25 th	Late Start Following Open Evening – 10.00am Start
26 th	Y10/11 Achievement Evening
30 th	Open Morning

OCTOBER 2019

1 st to 4 th	Open Mornings
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For further school dates and information, please visit our website:

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

Sports events:

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete the summer term, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the last year. I am really delighted with the changes that have taken place and the impact these changes have had on the school.

Attendance is up 3% on last year and we have seen a significant reduction in exclusions. We received over 100 applications for our Sixth Form this year and Induction days took place at the end of June. All of our Year 13 students who applied to university received offers and 2 students gained football scholarships in the USA for September.

We have run over 56 trips and over 130 sports fixtures this year, and we received a really positive Ofsted report which recognised the improvements made since September. Within the report, the effectiveness of leadership and management, personal development, behaviour and welfare, and 16-19 study programmes were all judged as securely good.



Our recent 'Reflection' Art Exhibition was a huge success and we awarded over 110 prizes at our celebration event, including a number of special prizes in recognition of outstanding student achievements in a range of areas.

REDUCING WASTE

A reminder that all students should bring a re-fillable plastic bottle to school every day in order to reduce the use of disposable plastic/paper cups.



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STAFFING UPDATES

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Brown (Drama), Mr Chandler (Science), Miss Lava (English), Mr Spooner (Technician) and Mr Wilkinson (Food Technology). We wish a happy retirement to Mrs Whitaker (Business Studies) and Mr Willis (PE), who is retiring after 29 years of service at OSA – I am sure you will join me in thanking him for all the years he has given to the school. We also send our best wishes to Mrs Gregory (Art) who will be on maternity leave.

We welcome new staff Ms Caplin (Maths), Ms Easton (Drama), Ms Ferguson (Science), Mr Keating (Maths), Ms Macdonald (Business Studies), Mr McKenna (Science), Ms Poynton (Food Technology), Ms Sende (SSCO), Mr Walker (Maths), Ms Ward (PE), Ms Weetman (English), Ms Yarrien (Geography) and Ms Zola (MFL).

We have appointed 5 Heads of Year to develop our pastoral offer: Year 7 - Ms Yarrien (Geography), Year 8 - Mr Davey (PE), Year 9 - Ms Walker (PE), Year 10 - Mr McKenna (Science) and Year 11 - Mr Walker (Maths). These members of staff will work closely with our Year Managers to best support the needs of all of our students.

Mrs Clark (Business Studies) will become Head of Sixth Form and Year 12/13 students will move into the B&E block as our new Sixth Form study area. New appointments also include Director of Learning (DOL): Business Studies for Ms Ring, DOL: Computing for Ms Kuhl, DOL: MFL for Ms Kingsman and Mr Brooman-White, Deputy DOL: Maths for Ms Caplin and Duke of Edinburgh's Co-Ordinator for Ms Knell.

SCHOOL DAY AND FORM UPDATES

Another positive change from September will be an adjustment to the school day, as outlined below:

Time	KS3/KS4	KS5
8.40am-9.00am	Registration / Assembly	
9.00am-10.00am	Period 1	
10.00am-11.00am	Period 2	
11.00am-11.20am	Break	
11.20am-12.20pm	Period 3	
12.20pm-1.20pm	Period 4	Lunch / Transfer
1.20pm-2.05pm	Lunch	Period 4
2.05pm-3.05pm	Period 5	
3.05pm-3.15pm	Registration	

We will be condensing some forms in 2 year groups from 6 forms to 5. Students will be redistributed in September.

NEW TIE

A new school tie will be distributed (free of charge) on 4th September to all students in current year groups 7 to 10.

SUMMER READING

A list of recommended summer reading for students in Years 7 and 8 has been published on our school website:

<http://onslow.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Y7-Y8-Suggested-Summer-Reading.pdf>

Wishing everyone a happy and restful summer break.

David Bullock, Headteacher

