

# PARENT BULLETIN: HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

### SEPTEMBER 2019

12 <sup>th</sup>	Y12 Welcome Evening
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y11 Futures Day
24 <sup>th</sup>	Early Close for Open Evening – <b>12.20pm Finish</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening 6.00-9.00pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Late Start Following Open Evening – <b>10.00am Start</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Achievement Evening
30 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning

### OCTOBER 2019

1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Mornings
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y11 Parents' Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Up Hatfield Campaign
11 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y7 Meet the Tutors Evening
24 <sup>th</sup>	Y7 Halloween Disco
25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term

**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,  
Can I formally welcome all of our students back to school along with our new Year 7 students.

### SUMMER EXAMS

We had a successful exam season which saw all students that applied to university achieve either their first or second choice offer. In addition, three students received scholarships to the USA. It was the third year in a row that GCSE results improved, with a significant number of students accessing a place in our newly designed Sixth Form Centre.

From our analysis, attendance was a key contributor to student progress. Thirteen students had 100% attendance in Year 11 and achieved outstanding results – among some of the highest progress in the country. Fifty students had above 98% attendance and made progress in line with national average. Following on from this, can I remind parents that taking students out of school for holidays will not be authorised, and whilst I do appreciate the financial implications for taking holidays outside of term time, the negative impact this can have on student achievement is significant in the long run.

### NEW UNIFORM



Students are looking incredibly smart in their new ties, which have gone down very well and have given our uniform a fresh new look.

The newly designed PE kit for Year 7 students is available from Smarty Schoolwear and if any of the older students wish to purchase this they are more than welcome. An optional mid-layer has been designed for students to wear in PE to keep warm, as well as optional PE leggings for girls.

Students should not be wearing Summer uniform during the Autumn Term, as detailed in the Uniform Policy on the school website.

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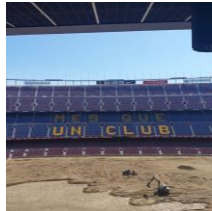
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## OFSTED

At the end of the Summer Term we received a fantastic letter from HMI Chief Inspector of Ofsted, Amanda Spielman, who stated that it was clear from our inspection report that our focus on raising aspirations, working closely with the local Teaching School Alliance, and our investment in the training and development of middle leaders is starting to bring rapid improvements in the quality of provision.

She went on to say it was evident that inspectors found our work was impacting positively on wider standards in the school. Our strengths in leadership, personal development, behaviour and welfare and within our Sixth Form provide us with a good foundation to strengthen other standards in the school. This, coupled with an improving set of exam results and recently joining the Danes Educational Trust, gives us a strong platform to continue to build for the future.

## BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT APPEAL

As you may have seen in the Welwyn Hatfield Times, OSA student Bethany has been diagnosed with a condition that can be treated by having a bone marrow transplant.

They are searching through the donor register and are hopeful that they will find the right match, however the higher the number of people on the donor register, the higher the chances that Bethany will find a match.

If you would like to find out further information on joining the donor register, please visit [www.anthonynolan.org](http://www.anthonynolan.org).

## OPEN EVENING AND OPEN MORNINGS

Our annual Open Evening event takes place this year on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm till 9.00pm. School will close at 12.20pm; student guides and department helpers will be asked to return at 5.30pm to support the school. Letters will be sent to all students involved with Open Evening. School will open at the later time of 10.00am the following day. Open Mornings will start the following week, where prospective parents can visit the school and see lessons in action.

## CLEAN UP HATFIELD

Year 7 student volunteers will be taking part in the Clean Up Hatfield project again on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October, following last year's successful events where we cleared over 60 bags of rubbish from our local community. If your child would like to be involved, please return the reply slip to Main Reception by 27<sup>th</sup> September.

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

**David Bullock, Headteacher**