

UPCOMING KEY DATES

NOVEMBER 2019

4 th	Start of Autumn Half Term 2
7 th	Sixth Form Open Evening
8 th	Remembrance Day Ceremony
15 th	Children In Need
19 th	Y9 Options Evening
27 th	Y9 Parents' Evening
29 th	Occasional Day – School Closed

DECEMBER 2019

5 th	Sixth Form Application Deadline
10 th	Y7 Carol Service at St Etheldreda's Church
10 th	Y8 Parents' Evening

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/>

INVIGILATORS

We are currently recruiting for Invigilators and Readers/ Scribes for exams.

If you would like further information, or are interested in applying, please contact CZwager@Onslow.herts.sch.uk.

Training will be provided.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the first half term I thought I would write to thank everyone for their hard work and effort so far this year.

Our current attendance is 96.55%, with over 97% attendance for Year 10 and 11, which is exceptional. There is obviously a lot of work done at school to promote good attendance, but the support we receive from parents and carers makes a real difference.

Behaviour this term has also been really positive and students have responded well to our approach. Last week, 72% of the school received 0 negative behaviour points and we are currently awarding 97% positive rewards compared to 3% negatives. Our newly recruited staff this year have made a really good start and are enjoying working at OSA, which makes a huge impact on students' experiences.

OPEN MORNINGS

A large number of prospective students and parents attended our recent Open Morning tours, with four times the number of families visiting this year compared to last year. During the tours we visited a large number of lessons and the atmosphere around the whole school was excellent.

FOR THE LOVE OF MATHS CAMPAIGN



OSA was invited by Randstad to attend a unique Maths experience as part of a national initiative to promote a love of Maths.

Mr Keating and Mr Bhar joined twelve Year 8 and 9 students aboard the £10m Randstad Clipper 'Stad Amsterdam' on the Thames, where they enjoyed maritime themed Maths lessons, followed by lunch and a tour of the incredible vessel.

Thank you to all those who took part.



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YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Year 11 students have just completed two weeks of mock exams and have been fantastic. With the linear nature of the exams system, practice like this is vitally important to build good habits, apply revision skills and evaluate where gaps in knowledge may be in certain subjects. Students will receive their results in November and intervention and support can then be planned.

POST-16 OPTIONS EVENING



Year 11 students and parents are invited to attend our Post-16 Options Evening on Thursday 7th November from 6pm till 8pm, to find out about the range of options open to them at the end of Year 11.

Teachers will be giving an overview of the subjects offered in the Sixth Form at OSA, in addition to information about apprenticeships and college opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you in the Main Hall at 6pm on 7th November.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN TEACHING?

Make a difference and become a teacher with 'on the job' training through our Train to Teach Programme.

Bursaries are available for many subjects and a supportive, comprehensive school-led programme is offered through the University of Hertfordshire or the Alban Federation.

Contact JFlint@Onslow.herts.sch.uk for more information or to arrange a meeting to discuss further.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Teachers and other school staff expect and welcome parental communication and will always acknowledge enquiries as quickly as possible.



Please be mindful that an immediate response is not always possible and that staff are not expected to write or respond to emails outside of normal working hours.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We return to school on Monday 4th November and I wish you all a happy half-term break.

David Bullock
Headteacher