



# OSA

Onslow St Audrey's

# PARENT BULLETIN: HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

### JANUARY 2020

16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Parents' Evening
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Parents' Evening
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Work Experience Preparation Day

### FEBRUARY 2020

7 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Parents' Evening
14 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half-Term Break
24 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Spring Half-Term 2

**For further school dates and information, please visit our website:**

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

**Sports events:**

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

### 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](mailto:CZwager@Onslow.herts.sch.uk). Training will be provided.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting year for OSA.

We have a number of fantastic trips taking place this year, including residential trips to Blue Peris Mountain Centre in North Wales, Cuffley Camp and Barcelona.

Sixth Form students are currently taking trial exams and Year 11 students have three weeks before they begin their second set of trial exams ahead of the summer exam season. Good luck to all those involved! A number of BTEC exams have been completed by Year 10 and 11 students already this year.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance currently stands at 96%. Can I encourage everyone to make attendance a real focus for the best chance of students achieving their academic potential.

### PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Year 10 and Year 7 Parent Consultation Evenings are coming up over the next few weeks and will take place from 3.45pm till 6.45pm:



**Year 10: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Year 7: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Attendance at these events is fundamentally important. Teachers provide key information during the evening, including strengths and areas of improvement for your child and important revision information. It also gives you the opportunity to talk to teachers, ask any questions you may have, and learn more about how you can support your child with their homework or the Super Curriculum, which is available on the school website: <https://onslow.herts.sch.uk/super-curriculum/>.

If you have any difficulty with the booking link for appointments, please contact your child's Year Learning Manager who can support you accessing the portal. We will send regular text reminders to ensure you have all the details of these key events.

If you would prefer an alternative way of receiving feedback for your child, please let us know so we can do all we can to address your needs.

Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's education, they learn more, have higher grades and have better school attendance. Attending Consultation Evenings is a great way for parents to become involved and stay involved throughout the school year.

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## SOCIAL ACTION



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January we welcomed the charity 'First Give' to introduce their social action programme to students in Year 8.

During the programme, students will learn about social issues in the community. As a form group, students will then research charities working in the community and choose one to represent. Those charities will be invited in to meet the class, so that students can learn more about their work and how they can help them.

Students will then plan and deliver social action activities (fundraising, awareness raising, volunteering) in support of their charities. In addition, students learn public speaking skills so that their work can be presented to a panel of judges.

A winning class raises £1,000 for their chosen charity. Last year's winning charity was The OLLIE Foundation and we look forward to all the great work our students will undertake in support of our local charities this year.

## THINK GREEN



Following new parking restrictions that have come into force on Old Rectory Drive and the surrounding neighbourhood, we have received notification that some parents are parking up with their car engines running for an extended length of time whilst waiting for their child to come out of school.

As idling car engines produce exhaust fumes and harmful gases that contribute to air pollution, can I ask that you do not leave your engine running longer than possible.

Thank you as always 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