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WELCOME

Dear Year 6 Pupils, Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that you have been allocated a place at Onslow St Audrey's for September 2021 and warmly welcome you to our school community at the start of what I hope will be a seven-year journey with us.

This is a really exciting time to join us at OSA as we are set to begin a multi-million-pound building project that will provide a number of fantastic brand-new facilities for our students, including a 3G Pitch, Sports Hall and Science Block.

We recognise, however, that the transition to Key Stage 3 can be daunting for pupils and their parents, particularly during the current circumstances where you may not have had the usual opportunities to visit your local secondary options. I want to reassure you that we work incredibly hard to support transition at OSA and fully understand that if we get it right now it will pay dividends for the future. We offer an extensive transition programme and will continue to host our scheduled events virtually whilst national restrictions are in place, to ensure you feel a part of our OSA family.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The deadline for accepting your secondary school place is Monday 15th March 2021. Instructions for this process are detailed in your allocation letter from Hertfordshire County Council.



Monday 15th March 2021: Deadline to Accept Allocated Place

Refer to your allocation letter from Hertfordshire County Council.

Our programme of transition events will then run as detailed below. (Events may be held virtually, subject to Government guidance at the time.)



April/May 2021: Friendship Event

An opportunity to experience OSA lessons and meet key personnel.



Summer Term 2021: Primary School Visits

Members of our transition team will visit pupils at primary school.



Summer Term 2021: Transition Days

Pupils will be invited to OSA for 2 transition days during the Summer Term. Pupils that may need additional support will be invited to spend an additional day with the SENCO and pastoral staff.



Summer Term 2021: Transition Parents' Evening

Final information will be given to parents ready for the start of term.



July/August 2021: Summer School

During the holidays, pupils are invited to attend a range of activities during a 1-week Summer School.

DEDICATED TRANSITION TEAM

We have a dedicated team at OSA to support transition to secondary school. Key members of the transition team are shown below.



Ms Younger

Year Learning Manager
(Year 7)



Ms Balls

Head of Year
(Year 7)



Ms Casotti

Deputy Headteacher
(KS3)



Mr Conway

Primary Liaison
Co-ordinator



Ms Powell

SENCo

TRANSITION EVENTS

The first upcoming event in our transition programme is the **Friendship Event**, which will be hosted virtually this year to keep everyone as safe as possible during the current circumstances. This will provide an opportunity for pupils to experience OSA lessons and meet key personnel. Closer to the time, we will provide further details to all families that accept their place with us.

Pupils will have additional opportunities to experience OSA lessons later in the Summer Term during **Transition Days**.

OSA SUMMER SCHOOL

These transition events will be closely followed by the optional **Summer School** during the holidays, exclusively for children joining Year 7 in September (subject to Government guidance at the time). This is a popular opportunity for our new students to become familiar with the school layout and make new friends.



"Thank you so much for the Summer School. [My daughter] started very scared but she's been a completely different girl the last couple of days, all smiles and she's made some great friends!"
(Year 6 Parent Feedback – August 2019)

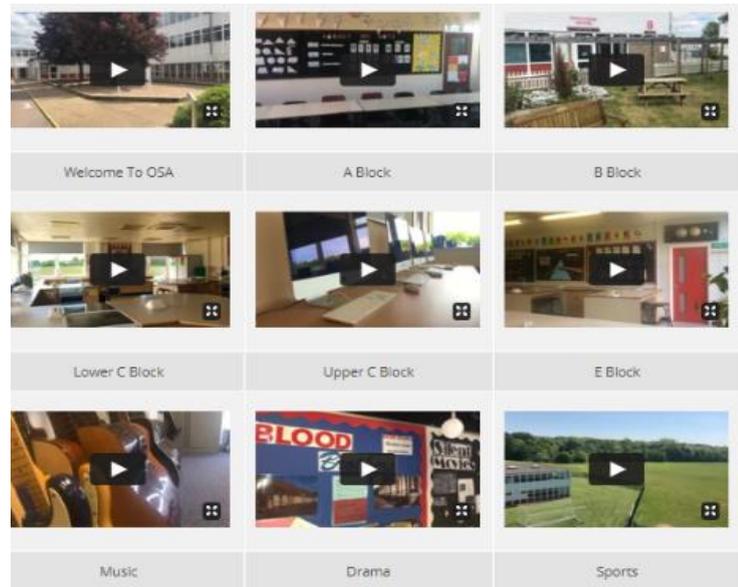
"I just wanted to e-mail you to say a big thank you. [Our son] attended this year's Summer School at OSA, before he starts in year 7 in September. The enthusiasm in talking to us about each day was something we were quite taken back by. Never before has he been so keen to tell us about his day!"
(Year 6 Parent Feedback – August 2019)

VIRTUAL TOUR

Click on the link below to take a virtual OSA tour and watch introductory videos from some of our staff and students:



<https://onslow.herts.sch.uk/350/virtual-open-evening-2020>



Finally, I would like to share our vision for all OSA students:



- Opportunity
- Success
- Ambition



If you have any queries at this stage, please feel free to contact us at the school and we will be happy to assist in any way we can:



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I look forward to **Achieving Success Together** in the future.

David Bullock, Headteacher

