

Overton Grange School Prospectus 2024/25



Community | Inspiration | Success



Chris McNab
Headteacher

“Staff, pupils and parents who responded to the Ofsted surveys (over 600 respondents) are proud of the school and its traditions.”

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Welcome

At Overton Grange School we never forget that parents entrust us with one of the most important and rewarding jobs in the world, the education of their children.

We are dedicated to fostering an environment that nurtures academic excellence, personal growth, and a strong sense of community. I am honoured to introduce myself as the Headteacher of this vibrant and dynamic secondary school, where every student is encouraged to achieve their full potential and develop into articulate, confident and well-rounded individuals.

At Overton Grange, we believe in providing a holistic education that not only focuses on academic success but also on the personal and social development of our students. Our committed and passionate team of educators work tirelessly to create a supportive and engaging learning environment, where each student is valued and encouraged to explore their unique talents and interests.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced, designed to challenge and inspire students while preparing them for the future. We offer a wide range of extracurricular activities, from sports, music and arts to debating and Duke of Edinburgh, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to discover their passions and develop new skills.

We are proud of our strong sense of community at Overton Grange. We believe that education is a partnership between the school, students, and their families. We actively encourage parental involvement and open communication to support our students' learning journeys. As a school we pride ourselves in fostering positive relationships between staff and students, which plays a vital role in allowing every student to achieve their future aspirations.

As Headteacher, I am committed to leading our school with integrity, vision, and a steadfast dedication to provide a safe, challenging and happy environment. I am excited about the future of Overton Grange School and the opportunities that lie ahead for all our students. I look forward to welcoming you to our school and working together to ensure that your child's secondary school experience is both rewarding and memorable.

Thank you for considering Overton Grange School for your child's education. We invite you to explore our prospectus further and I look forward to meeting you in person at one of our transition events, which will allow you to discover what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Warm regards,

Chris McNab
Headteacher

Admissions and Transition

Since opening in 1997, we have developed excellent links with the primary schools in Sutton and further afield. Pupils across Key Stage 2 often visit us to experience lessons in Science, Sport, Maths and the Creative Arts.

Our teachers also visit primary schools to deliver sessions, including Science and Drama. Pupils from primary schools are invited into Overton Grange School regularly throughout the year to take part in a variety of activities, ranging from Sports activities to Science Club and taster sessions, where they experience hands-on lessons and build a familiarity with the school and its teachers.

The transition process is very important, and its aim is to make sure academic and pastoral arrangements

are made in a way which ensures a seamless and successful move to senior school.

In May of Year 6, all perspective students and their parents/carers are sent detailed information about the school. Our Head of Year 7 then visits our main `feeder` primary schools to meet our new students and their teachers.

All new students come to us in July for an induction day where they meet their tutors and spend the day with their new tutor group and experience several lessons.



Towards the end of the summer holiday we hold an Induction Activity Week which is both fun and educational.

“I was nervous starting secondary school; I wasn’t used to being in a big school. I didn’t know if I would fit in. I came to the Induction Activity Week and met lots of new friends from different primary schools.”
Year 7 student.

For more information on our admission policy and admission arrangements for 2024/25 please visit our website or that of Sutton Local Authority.



“The school is proud of the very high number of students who go on to study at university or undertake training after leaving school.”

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Teaching and learning

Our students love the challenge of learning and at Overton Grange School we strive to offer all our students the very best learning experiences available.

Our teaching is relevant, varied and challenging, imparting skills that make learning enjoyable and bring academic success. We want our students to be independent learners, aware of how to learn and yet also be resilient when the learning process proves challenging.

One of our 6th Form students told Ofsted: "Lessons are hard enough, but not so much it scares you."

Our subject teachers engage with all students by setting minimum expected grades, monitoring their learning and intervening when required. We want to ensure that every young person can achieve their true potential.

Our curriculum

Community: Students are at the heart of our school community, and our curriculum ensures that they will leave us with the relevant skills, knowledge and abilities to enable them to succeed

in our changing world. It encompasses far more than just the subjects formally taught in school, but also includes all other aspects of school life, including trips, visits, assemblies, social time and other events.

Inspiration: We provide a wide range of subjects to our students that are age and ability appropriate and build upon previous knowledge and skills. Our curriculum is delivered not only during lessons, but also outside of these times in planned activities.

Our Pastoral Support systems, alongside our academic programme, provide opportunities that inspire students to do their best. Extra-curricular activities act as another 'layer' enabling students to see beyond school life, opening doors to future opportunities.

Success: We work hard to ensure that every student who leaves us at the end of Year 11 or 13 will enter further or higher education training or employment.

We lay the foundations for a successful life, so that our students may make a positive contribution to society in the years to come.

Further information on the curriculum for each year group can be found on our website.

All students at Key Stage 3 follow a broad and balanced curriculum with all students studying English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, a Modern Foreign Language, ICT, Design and Technology, Drama, Music, Religious Education, Physical Education and Citizenship.

GCSE Results 2024

SUBJECT	ENTRIES	% 9-4	% 9-1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	190	66	99.5
ENGLISH LITERATURE	187	72	99
MATHEMATICS	190	74	99
BIOLOGY	63	94	97
CHEMISTRY	60	93	98
PHYSICS	60	90	100
SCIENCE (COMBINED)	127	54	98
ART	30	83	100
BUSINESS STUDIES	117	65	99
CITIZENSHIP	187	68	99
D&T FOOD	13	54	100
DRAMA	20	65	100
FRENCH	15	53	100
GERMAN	9	78	100
GEOGRAPHY	60	75	98
HISTORY	102	61	98
MEDIA STUDIES	22	91	100
MUSIC	4	100	100
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	25	56	100
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	186	61	100
SPANISH	27	59	96

BTEC Level 2 Results 2024

SUBJECT	ENTRIES	% D*-PL2	% D*-PL1
CONSTRUCTION BTEC TECH AWARD	18	67	94
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BTEC TECH AWARD	42	81	93
ICT BTEC TECH AWARD	33	36	76

August 2024

Overall Grade %

	GRADES 9-7	GRADES 9-4	GRADES 9-1
2024	20.7%	68.8%	99%

These results show a three year pattern of increase from 2019 (omitting COVID years) and are in line with national data for similar schools.





Our Vision

We want Overton Grange School to be a safe, challenging and happy community, which prepares learners of today for the demands and opportunities of tomorrow.

“The safety and well-being of pupils is a priority.”

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Supporting your child

Good learning happens when students feel secure and enjoy school life.

We have high aspirations for every student and put in place the necessary support to help each child achieve their potential. We provide high levels of pastoral support and work hard to instil the school's traditional values in our students. We do not tolerate bullying and our students know who to talk to if they have any concerns.

High achieving students are mentored to ensure their requirements are being met in mainstream lessons and through a range of enrichment and extension opportunities.

Support for students with special educational needs, whether these are academic, social, emotional or

physical disabilities, are met in a variety of ways: through class support, negotiated withdrawal to work with literacy or learning support assistants and through small group working.

Please see our website for more details around SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability).

Beyond the classroom

Life beyond the classroom is incredibly important and allows young people to develop crucial skills and attributes such as confidence, independence and resilience.

We have many extra-curricular sports clubs and teams including football, athletics, netball and basketball.

We are extremely proud of all our sporting achievements and our first-rate facilities. Our site offers a dance studio, sports hall, drama studio, a small gym and tennis courts and is open to students and the wider community.

Students keen to be outside and explore can take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. There are also lots of other clubs and organisations for students to get involved in, including the School Council, Choir, Science Club, Youth Travel Ambassadors, Chess Club, Dance and Music clubs to name but a few.



Community

Overton Grange School has been serving our local community since 1997.

It is the cornerstone of a thriving community and we encourage all our students to engage with their community through a range of events and projects. We regularly share our excellent facilities with local people and work in collaboration with businesses and groups to develop long lasting partnerships that benefit everyone.

We also have full use of the adjoining Overton Park with its football pitches and running track.



“Students feel listened to and appreciate the opportunities to become involved in the wider life of the school.”

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