



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

2019-20



“ Inspectors noted that pupils were sociable, confident and articulate. Pupils are polite and respectful. ”

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Welcome to Onslow St Audrey's School.

Our vision at OSA is to create opportunities for our students to be successful through a blend of support and challenge in a safe and stimulating environment. We want our students to feel valued, respected and to understand that with a positive attitude to learning, and through applying themselves consistently, they can realise their ambitions.

We are entering into an exciting phase in the school's development, as part of the Danes Educational Trust to further improve outcomes for our students. We are expanding and through considerable investment, we have plans for fantastic new Sports and Science facilities, which will transform our students' experience and provide an inspirational environment for all.

OSA has experienced considerable change since my appointment and it was pleasing that this was recognised in our most recent Ofsted inspection where leadership and management, personal development, behaviour, welfare and Sixth Form provision were all rated as good. This was also acknowledged in a personal letter from the HMI Chief Inspector, who commented that our 'work is impacting positively on wider standards in the school.'

Since I joined OSA, it is evident that there is a real community spirit amongst the staff, students and parents and it is clear that this school has huge potential to make a real difference to the life chances of our young people. I want this school to be the most improved in Hertfordshire and I know that with your support we can achieve this goal together.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of the opportunities on offer. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

David Bullock
HEADTEACHER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

“ There is a real community spirit amongst the staff, students and parents. ”



Achieving Success Together

TEACHING & LEARNING

THE CORE OF WHAT WE DO

Teaching and learning is at the core of everything we do at Onslow St Audrey's school. Our staff share a moral commitment to improving the life chances of our students, through the delivery of high quality lessons that will prepare them for their role in modern society. A consistent focus on teaching and learning ensures that lessons and programmes of study are challenging for all students.

“ Leaders' efforts to improve aspirations have resulted in all students going on to further education, employment or apprenticeships. ”

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Within Key Stage 3 lessons, students build knowledge and skills to prepare them for GCSEs, A Levels and BTECs. The transition programmes that run within the school ensure that all students are well supported for the next stage of their educational journey.

We have developed an extensive professional development culture and we work with a range of highly successful schools to provide the best training and support for our teachers. This enables us to create an inspiring and engaging learning environment. Our students develop the right attitude to learning, become highly ambitious and acknowledge that only through applying themselves in every lesson will they achieve their potential.



OUR CURRICULUM

INCLUSIVE & CHALLENGING

Onslow St Audrey's School offers a curriculum, which is both inclusive and challenging. It is designed to meet the needs and the aspirations of all students. Our aim is for every child to reach their full potential and achieve success.

Key Stage 3

In Year 7, students experience a broad and balanced range of subjects that help build a strong learning foundation. All subjects are taught in mixed-ability groups, and students follow a curriculum designed to help them take their first steps towards the skills needed for future academic success.

Students will study the following subject: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Computer Science, Sport, either Spanish or French, Art & Design, Product Design, Food Technology, Drama and Music.

Our carefully planned Personal Development programme helps students to make sense of the world around them, exploring topics such as identity, ethics and social awareness alongside key 'learning-to-learn' concepts that help students to make a successful transition to secondary school life.

Key Stage 4

In Year 9, students begin their journey towards GCSE success. They start GCSEs in a number of core subjects to enable them to access the additional content of the new specifications. They will also be offered GCSE options for Year 10, choosing from a range of subjects that match their aptitudes and ambitions. Their choices will be supported by our bespoke 'pathways' which guide students towards the subjects that best meet their educational needs. Choices include traditional academic GCSEs such as languages, History, Geography, as well as modern subjects like Computer Science and vocational choices such as Sports Studies and Business Studies.

Key Stage 5

In the Sixth Form, students choose from a range of Level 3 qualifications that will lead them towards success in employment, apprenticeships or higher education. We offer a unique blend of academic and vocational subjects on-site at Onslow St Audrey's School as well as a comprehensive subject offer within the five-school Welwyn and Hatfield Consortium. The highly successful Football Academy provides students with an exciting sporting pathway, taught alongside other Sixth Form subjects.

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The school curriculum offers a range of subjects and allows time to develop numeracy and literacy skills.

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HIGH QUALITY EXPERIENCES

CAREERS


At Onslow St Audrey's School, we aim to deliver high-quality innovative learning experiences for all of our students. Students are encouraged to develop enterprise, entrepreneurship and employability skills during lessons and through extra-curricular and enrichment activities and opportunities.

By developing key skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving and leadership, students will be better prepared for the constantly changing world of work.

We work closely with local businesses and community organisations to deliver key business and enterprise messages. We regularly invite business professionals into the school and students participate in a range of work related learning events linked to subject areas and STEM activities.

The school has a comprehensive Careers and Education Programme and an ever growing list of links with local, national and international businesses and organisations. The school works closely with many Russell Group universities, and when an alternative route to higher education is sought, the school believes strongly in promoting high level apprenticeships. At Onslow St Audrey's School, we develop students to be more than just learners.





“ The community here is warm, safe and friendly. ”

STUDENT

BUSINESS

The Business Faculty offers Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 enrichment opportunities to enhance the learning in the classroom with trips and visiting speakers.

In Key Stage 3, students undertake 'drop-down' days in which pupils get the opportunity to complete business activities as an insight into the subject and world of Business. This includes a work-shadowing day in Year 9 where pupils complete a day's work experience with a close family member or family friend.

At Key Stage 4, Year 10 and 11 students have the option of studying Business GCSE or BTEC L2 in Enterprise. Topics across both qualifications include Business Finance and Promotion as well as Marketing in which GCSE students undertake a small group project where they plan, research, design t-shirts and present their work to teachers and their peers. Year 11 GCSE students go to Thorpe Park for an in-depth marketing talk and use many resources from this in their GCSE lessons.

Year 12 and 13 students have the opportunity to study Business BTEC L3 and A Level Business Studies. In addition to this, Key Stage 5 offers students the opportunity to listen to inspirational and informative external speakers, assist a local company with social media research and participate in a work experience programme.

SIXTH FORM

A RANGE OF COURSES

The aim at Onslow St Audrey's School is to provide an environment where our students can develop into independent, ambitious, confident young people who can succeed at university and in the workplace. As part of their 3-day induction programme, students experience a range of team building activities and taster lessons to ensure they are fully prepared for the challenges of learning in the Sixth Form.

Onslow St Audrey's School offers a range of A Level courses, plus our very popular and successful applied general qualifications in Sport, Business and Childcare. In addition to these qualifications, students can apply to join our fantastic Sixth Form Football Academy. The school is part of the Welwyn Hatfield Sixth Form Consortium, where students have a choice of over 40 subjects, including Government & Politics, Psychology, Law, and Photography.

We encourage students to take an active role in the school by becoming mentors for our lower school students and taking on student leadership responsibilities. We also offer opportunities to undertake an Extended Project Qualification and participate in programmes such as Sports Leaders and Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, as well as a range of enterprise opportunities.

Throughout their 2-years with us, Sixth Form students are supported with their academic and pastoral development. We provide an Active Tutoring programme, which allows students to make informed decisions about their future. This includes employability workshops, mock interviews for jobs and universities and apprenticeship talks. We also encourage all students to experience at least one-week's work experience.

“ Teachers offer extensive support with university applications and interviews. ”

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PRO:DIRECT ACADEMY HERTS

The Academy is an integral part of life in the Sixth Form at Onslow St Audrey's School. Each year the programme grows from strength to strength, not only on the pitch, but also in the classroom where students are achieving excellent grades to secure first choice university options. Along with this, several of our students have been offered and accepted international football scholarships from universities in the United States of America.

Pro:Direct Academy students learn to benefit from being part of a structured team and develop their personal skills to become leaders, enabling them to take charge of their learning and ensure they are on the right pathway for success.

By joining the Academy, students benefit from the following:

- Up to 8 hours of coaching per week with UEFA licensed coaches.
- Professional game experience and a devised programme to advance players both on and off the pitch.
- Competing in the FA Youth Cup and competitive league matches.
- Studying Level 3 courses alongside football to gain academic qualifications.
- Opportunities for professional club trials.
- Access to Nike, Adidas, Puma experience days and events.
- Player pathways to Pro:Direct Academy Elite Squad.





VARIED & DEVELOPING

SPORT AT OSA

Sport at Onslow St Audrey's School is a varied and developing subject which offers a wide range of sports for students to experience. With the imminent arrival of spectacular facilities that include a new Sports Hall and 3G all weather pitch, it is a very exciting time to be associated with this subject.

Enrichment opportunities for students include visits to the O2 to watch the English Basketball League finals, trips to football stadiums to watch League Cup games, residential trips to Spain, training at the Ciudad Real Madrid ground with matches against local teams, ski trips and kayaking in the Ardeche Gorge.

We are developing strong representation from both boys and girls at Football, Netball, Basketball, Athletics, Dance and 6 Flag American Football. We take part in competitions at both District and County level and create strong links with local sports clubs so that students can continue their sporting progress. We understand that sport promotes a healthy balanced lifestyle and provides our students with an opportunity to develop their skills and abilities in a supportive, positive environment.



ENRICHMENT

Students are provided with the opportunity to study subjects including Art, Photography, Graphics, Drama, Music, Food and Product Design.

Beyond these, our 'Super Curriculum' offers a range of enrichment opportunities, including visits to the Tate Modern, Annabels Farm School, shows and sports events. We believe in expanding our students' boundaries and breadth of experience; in the coming year there will be residential visits to Iceland, Ardeche, Barcelona and the Blue Peris Mountain Centre in Wales.

There is a huge variety of school clubs, including Sports, Food, Technology and Music, with private Music lessons available for a range of instruments during the school day. Our Combined Cadet Force and Duke of Edinburgh's Award programmes offer students opportunities to build their experience, serve and lead, and grow as individuals. Students are encouraged to share their talents in Music concerts and Drama productions such as our forthcoming school production, Hairspray. We also stage an annual Creative Arts Exhibition that showcases the excellent work of our GCSE, A-Level and Key Stage 3 students. We aim to create opportunities for all students to develop their skills and enjoyment, whilst also building positive relationships with staff outside of the classroom.



PASTORAL CARE

Safeguarding our students is of the utmost importance to us, and it is a shared responsibility of staff to monitor all students in our care. We provide a safe, supportive and secure learning environment and our dedicated Pastoral Team works hard to ensure every young person feels valued every day.

The Pastoral Team acts as a first point of contact for our students and parents, no matter how big or small their concerns, and offer advice, guidance and a sympathetic ear. They have a wide variety of skills and many years' experience, however will always know when and where to source a higher level of support if necessary. The team aims to support each young person individually and encourage open and honest communication between school and home as this enables the best outcomes.

“ Leaders responsible for safeguarding have a high level of expertise and a comprehensive understanding of their roles and responsibilities. ”

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The Pastoral aim at Onslow St Audrey's School is to develop successful, happy, independent and resilient young people ready to take their place in society. We have high expectations of what our students can achieve and encourage them to believe the same. We are proud of the relationships we have with the students in our school.

“ The overall attendance figure is above the national average, parents say that the Headteacher is bringing 'back pride in attending the school'. ”





A SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS

An effective partnership between parents and school helps students to achieve their goals and succeed. Communication is vital to achieving a strong partnership which is why we write directly to parents by e-mail and text, issue frequent bulletin updates and regular assessment reports each year.

Parents and students can access student attendance, academic progress, behaviour and homework information through our online system 'Go4Schools'. The school engages with parents and the community through social media and has various accounts on Facebook and Twitter. The school website provides additional information for parents, including school policies: www.onslow.herts.sch.uk.

We try to ensure that details regarding sports fixtures, homework and uniform are clear and simple to understand as we know this helps students and makes life easier for parents. If parents do have concerns or queries, we welcome contact by phone, e-mail or in person. The sooner we are aware of an issue the sooner it can be resolved.

FOSA (Friends of Onslow St Audrey's), the Parent Teacher Association, offers opportunities for parents to become involved in school life through fund-raising and social activities.

Equally important, is the regular involvement parents have in encouraging their children by discussing life at school.

LEARNING SUPPORT

DEDICATED PROVISION

At Onslow St Audrey's School, we understand that each child is a unique individual, developing and learning at a different rate. We ensure that planning, teaching, assessment and evaluation take into account the wide range of abilities, learning styles and interests that each child possesses. Students benefit from these different approaches to learning and make appropriate progress, however some students may require additional support for Special Education Needs.

Onslow St Audrey's School offers a range of interventions for students in a dedicated learning provision. Interventions include extra English and Maths sessions, with support programmes such as Accelerated Reader and Lexonik Leap. We also provide support for social and emotional issues in small groups and have an experienced English as an Additional Language (EAL) Learning Support Assistant to work with targeted students.

The school's Speech and Language Base caters for students with specific Speech, Language and Communication Needs. The students have one-to-one sessions with a Speech and Language Therapist and are further supported by a Learning Support Assistant, both in class and on a one-to-one basis.

We invest heavily in the transition process from Year 6 to 7 to ensure all students have a successful start to life at Onslow St Audrey's School. This includes an extra transition day in June and individual tours and meetings to address any anxieties. We recruit and train a number of older pupils to act as mentors (Buddies) to help Year 7 students settle in their new school.

If you require further information about the Base, or our fantastic SEN provision, please contact the SENCo.

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Pupils spoken to during the inspection unequivocally say that they feel safe.

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