



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

2018-19



Achieving Success Together



“ The school is typically calm and orderly. Pupils feel safe. Most are polite, respectful and behave well. ”

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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 an exciting phase in the school's development and are working with partner schools to further improve outcomes for our students. 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.

Since my appointment, I have been fortunate to spend a great deal of time at the school and it is evident that there is a real community spirit amongst the staff, students and parents. It is clear that this school has huge potential to make a real difference to the life chances of our young people.

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

David Bullock
HEADTEACHER

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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.

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The strengthening focus on review and evaluation is building a more accurate picture of the quality of teaching in the school. ”

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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 subjects; English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Computer Science, Sport, Religious Education, either Spanish or French, Art & Design, Product Design, Graphics, Food Technology, Drama and Music.

Our unique Business and Life Skills programme delivers practical financial and IT skills, alongside key 'learning-to-learn' concepts that help students to make a successful transition to secondary school life. Some ability grouping will be introduced in Year 8, in Maths, Science and language subjects. Towards the end of Year 8, students will be guided through an options process to select their specialist subjects for a three-year Key Stage 4.

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Key Stage 4

In Year 9, students will begin their journey towards GCSE success. They will have opted for subjects that match their aptitudes and ambitions, choosing from the broad range of subjects, as well as new subjects such as Psychology and a range of vocational subjects including BTEC Sport and BTEC Business Studies.

Key Stage 5

In the Sixth Form, students choose either three or four 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 OSA Football Academy provides students with an exciting sporting pathway, taught alongside other Sixth Form subjects.

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The quality of 16 to 19 study programmes is good. Students complete their courses and are supported well to progress to the next stage of their education.

HIGH QUALITY EXPERIENCES

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

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.



BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE

The Business Faculty offers each year group enrichment opportunities to enhance the learning in the classroom with trips and visiting speakers.

In Key Stage 3, Year 7 students visit Cadbury World to listen to a marketing talk and use the information they learn directly in a project of designing, packaging and marketing a new chocolate idea. Year 8 students work with Young Enterprise for a day to start a business.

In Key Stage 4, Year 9 students work shadow an adult for the day in the summer term. Students in Year 10 work on a small group project where they plan, research and design t-shirts and present their work to judges and their peers. Year 11 students go to Thorpe Park for an in depth marketing tour and use many resources from this in GCSE lessons. Year 12 and 13 students have 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, including Maths, Physics and Computer Science, plus our very popular and successful vocational qualifications in BTEC Sport (single, double and triple) and BTEC Business (single and double). In addition to these qualifications, students can apply to join our fantastic Sixth Form Football Academy. The school is also part of the Welwyn Hatfield Sixth Form Consortium, where students have a choice of over 40 subjects, including Government & Politics, Psychology, Law, Childcare and Photography.

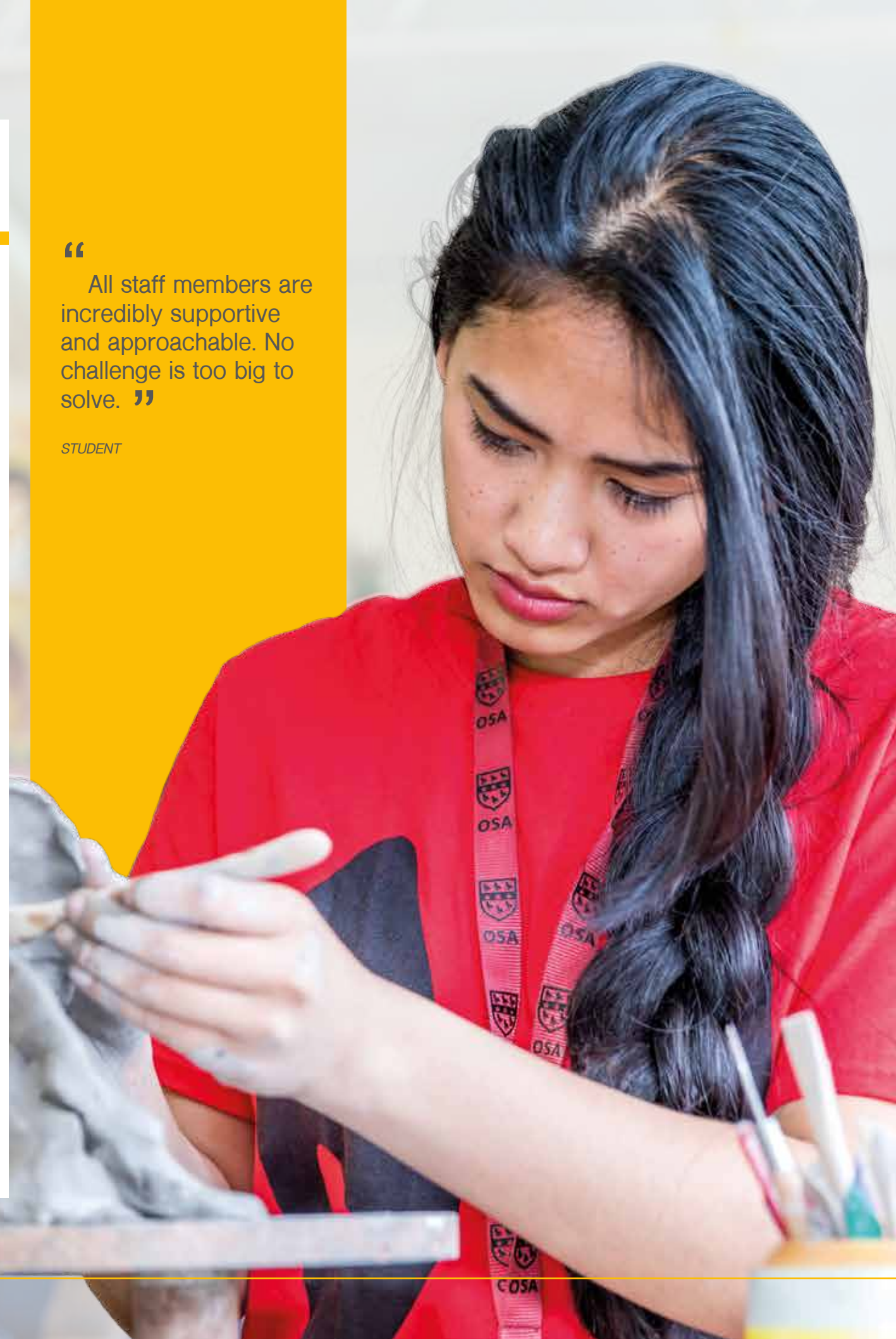
We encourage students to take an active role with the School Council, Student Committee and to become prefects and mentors for our lower school students. We also offer opportunities to undertake an Extended Project Qualification and participate in programmes such as Sports Leaders and Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, as well as a range of enterprise opportunities.

Throughout their 2-year course, 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.

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All staff members are incredibly supportive and approachable. No challenge is too big to solve. ”

STUDENT



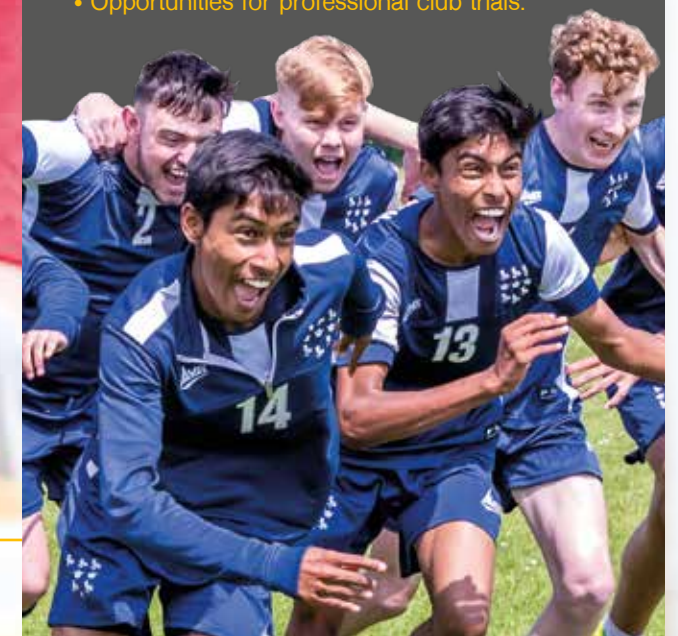
OSA FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Created in 2013, the OSA Football Academy has evolved year after year and this now sees us partner with one of the biggest football brands in the UK, Pro:Direct Academy. The OSA Football 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.

OSA Football 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 OSA Football 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.



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.

OPPORTUNITIES

Students are provided with the opportunity to study subjects including Art, Photography, Graphics, Drama, Music, Food and Product Design. Students are offered a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities, with trips including visits to the Tate Modern, Annabel's Farm School, shows, sports tours and an annual ski trip.

School clubs are offered for Sports, Food, Technology and Music, with private Music lessons available for a range of instruments during the school day. Students are encouraged to share their talents in Music concerts and Drama productions such as our most recent production, School of Rock. We also stage an annual Creative Arts Exhibition that showcases the excellent work of our GCSE and A Level 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.

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Pupils are polite, punctual and respectful... the generally good working relationships established between staff and pupils make a positive contribution to day-to-day life in the school. ”

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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.



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.

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 Educational 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 Nessy. 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 weekly 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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