



Newsletter dated : 9th September 2016

OXFORD HOUSE SCHOOL

Dates for your diary:

**All after school
clubs commence
w/c 12th Sept.**

**11+ Examination:
17th Sept 2016**

A Warm Welcome

We are delighted to welcome pupils, parents and new staff to Oxford House after the long summer break. Form VI have currently been in school from the 1st September in preparation for the 11+ which takes place on the 17th September. We wish them every success and continue to give them our reassurance and support during this anxious time.



Mrs Haddow

Mrs Mallows



Mrs Rahmani

Ms Read



Staff Changes

Sadly Mrs Melville has left Oxford House; she was a valuable member of the team and will be greatly missed. We are currently advertising for a school secretary.

We welcome to our staff Mrs Stephanie Haddow (Form V), Mrs Vanessa Mallows (Form III with Mrs Hall), Mrs Sara Rahmani (Reception Class), and Ms Zoe Read (Teaching Assistant).

Mrs Quinn is now teaching Form II and as you are aware, Mrs Sarah Leyshon has taken up her new position as Head Teacher.

We know that our new staff will enjoy working in our lovely school with our delightful pupils.

“If you, your child or any member of your family have difficulty in accessing the school, please contact the School Office for assistance”.



Curriculum

Shortly you will be receiving a summary from your son/daughters teacher giving an outline of topics, themes and objectives they will be studying during this autumn term. If you have any queries, please speak to your son/daughters Form Teacher directly.

We are now introducing an exciting additional session for Forms III –VI on a Wednesday. We are still having ballet and dance, but in addition to this we have scheduled extra PE, focusing on skills and strengthening and conditioning exercises for both boys and girls. This will require all pupils to bring in their white PE kits and trainers on a Wednesday from now on.

Pupils being collected from Reception class will now be collected from the NI door with the rest of the Lower school on a Wednesday only.

11+ Club will commence after half term but will only take place on a Wednesday, led by Mrs Leyshon and Mrs Hadow. A short meeting will be held for Form V parents during mid-October to clarify the expectations, standards and objectives covered during these sessions

After School Clubs—Autumn Term

The forms for After School Clubs, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday nights have been distributed.

You will note that there has been a small increase to the cost and that we no longer wish payment to be made with the booking form.

In the same way as breakfast club, booked sessions will be added to the invoice at the end of each term.

We know that this will be a popular change amongst Parents and this is also an attempt to reduce the amount of cash handling within the school. Please give your

completed form to Mrs Weir on Reception if you have not already done so.

Going forward, we are also going to be utilising the wooden box on the wall by the pupil entrance door, for payments in respect of school fees, trips etc. Please place your cheque or cash in an envelope, addressed to Mrs Bennett, in the box along with your form or invoice remittance slip.

Thank you for your co operation.

Collection

Arrangements

It is vital we have up to date records especially for home time collections. Please can you notify the school regarding any amendments and variations to normal pickups to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child. Any alterations should be given in writing.

Data Sheets will soon be coming out to you. Please complete these and return them as soon as possible.

