



Ōtāhuhu College Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Important Dates

22 nd OCT	Arts Awards Evening
26 th OCT	Labour Day (School closed)
29 th OCT	Sports Awards Evening



From Our Principal

On Thursday night we celebrated the excellent work and commitment so many of our students provide to their College. One of the special things about Otahuhu College is that each year we acknowledge the generosity of our students in their service to their fellow students, and the wider community.

This final term is a busy time for all our students with final assessments and examinations. Your child should be doing homework and study every day, please contact their Dean if you are concerned about a lack of study or homework.

It is a requirement that we are notified of your child's absence from school in advance or immediately upon the day of absence. This information is crucial for our planning and to ensure your child's academic progress. Please either call the school office or send a written note to inform us of your child's absence. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

Our Commitments

Our focus for next week is being engaged in lessons. On the basic level it is making sure that every student takes individual responsibility to have their books and pens. To make sure that as soon as they get into class that they have their books out, bags on the floor, and they are ready to learn. From time to time students may not have finished all the expected work during class time, when this happens in the last period of the day, your child will likely be required to stay behind 5-10 minutes to complete the work to a standard expected at Otahuhu College. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the Principal

Attendance

Providing Notes for Absences: A Simple but Vital Step

If your child is absent from school, providing a written note explaining the reason is critical. This simple act helps Otahuhu College maintain accurate attendance records and ensures that absences are justified. Whether due to illness or unavoidable family matters, a clear explanation helps us identify patterns and provide the necessary support for students.

Parents and caregivers can email, call, or send a written note with their child. Let's work together to maintain open communication and address any attendance challenges promptly.

Kātaki 'o 'ōmai ha tohi fekau'aki mo e 'uhinga na'e nofo ai ho'o tamá 'i he akó.
Faamolemole, aumai se tusi e faamalamalama ai pe'a le alu le tamaititi i le aoga.

Student Representative for the Board of Trustees



Congratulations to Markle Ossamang, Hobson 3 who has been elected as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees for 2027. Markle says: "Student Rep isn't just a title, rather a duty and a privilege to serve the students of OC. I am confident that I'm capable and determined enough to serve you well

Study News

GET YOUR CALCULATORS NOW!

Calculator Model	Price	Notes
MM82 SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR	\$31	ALMOST \$10 CHEAPER THAN CASIO CALCULATORS!
MM01 GRAPHING CALCULATOR	\$112.50	vs \$180

Order online at manamatauranga.com

Use special offer code: **MM-OTAHUHU10**

Orders will be delivered to the school bookshop weekly.

Or buy them from the school bookshop now!

REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS 9-11 REQUIRE A CALCULATOR AS PART OF THEIR EQUIPMENT.

TERM 4 STUDY SUPPORT TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school					
Break 1	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 11SBC, Ms Ngai, L8	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 11SBC, Ms Ngai, L8
Break 2	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 11SBC, Ms Jones, L6	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 11SBC, Ms Ngai, L8 CHE3U, Ms Timu, L10	11COM, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13	11SBC, Ms Ngai, L8
After school 3-4pm	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 BIO2U, BIO3U, Ms Leslie, L3 BIO3U, Mr Andrews, L4 Preparation + Revision Strategies for Externals: Years 11, 12 & 13, Ms Christensen, T1 11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Allan, M27	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Birch, M1 11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Allan, M27 PHY2U & PHY3U, Ms Acosta, L7 Math, Library	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Theunissen, M28 11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Allan, M27 CAL3U, Mrs Avci, A12	11COM, ECO2U, ECO3U, BUS3U, Ms Ellis-Smith Mr Hart, M11 M13 11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Corin, M27 11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Allan, M27 English, Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13, Library (until Week 5 13 th November) GEO3U, Ms Mharakurwa, M26	11ART, ART2U, ART3U, Ms Allan, M27

- Social Sciences (GEO, HIS, RES) in breaks and after school *by prior arrangement* with GEO: Ms Lees-Green M21, Mr Havemann M24 | HIS: Ms Booth M4, Ms Rushwaya M25 | RES: Ms Bulteel M17.
- Math students are welcome to come for 15 minutes or stay for the hour. This can be used for getting help, revision, homework, or anything else maths related.

MAKE EVERY DAY OF TERM 4 COUNT!!

Term 4 is here, and it's time to build on the momentum of the previous terms and make every day count! There are still important internals and externals (exams) ahead, offering valuable opportunities to gain the credits needed for NCEA qualifications. Now is the time to dig in, stay focused and make that final push to achieve your academic goals and set yourself up for success next year.

At Ōtāhuhu College, we want every student to succeed and leave school with the highest school leavers qualifications possible, opening doors to future study, training and employment.

To enable every student to achieve their highest possible school-leaver qualification by the end of Year 13, OC expectations at each senior year level are:

- **Year 11:** Achieve the OC Foundation Certificate – 10 Level 1 Literacy credits and 10 Numeracy credits.
- **Year 12:** Achieve NCEA Level 2 and make progress towards University Entrance (UE) Literacy.
- **Year 13:** Achieve NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance.



Our dedicated teachers are giving up their time in breaks and after school to provide extra study support, and we encourage all students to make the most of these opportunities. These sessions offer extra time to work through assessments, ask questions, and get one-to-one or small group support in a quieter, more relaxed setting than in the classroom.

Don't leave those credits on the table! Check out the Term 4 Study Support Timetable, identify the subjects where you need a boost, and make a plan to attend. Every session, every assessment and every credit counts. Take responsibility, seek support, and keep pushing towards your goals. Your future self will thank you!

Check the timetable and plan your first study support session now!

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Sports News

Term 4 is underway, with Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball season kicking off this Thursday, followed by the Senior Boys and Girls Rugby 7s Tournament on Friday.

Exciting opportunities continue throughout the term, with the Junior Boys and Girls 3v3 Basketball Tournament and Junior Boys and Girls Tag Tournament also on the calendar.

Enrolments 2027

A reminder that we are still accepting enrolments for 2027.

Please collect a form from our school office or click the link below to apply online.

<https://otahuhucollege.school.kiwi/enrolment>

Required documents:

Birth Certificate / Passport

Visa / Proof of residency

Proof of Address

Most recent School report

Current phone number

Please note the following important dates:

Monday, 23 November 2026 – Entrance Examination and Orientation Day

Tuesday, 2 February 2027 – First day of school for Year 9 students