

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 10th January 2025

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Welcome to 2025!

As we step into the new year, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our students, families, and staff at Sunnydown. The start of 2025 is an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to the wellbeing and growth of everyone in our community. At Sunnydown, staff and student wellbeing continue to be at the heart of every decision we make. Guided by Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, we remain steadfast in our mission to meet the foundational needs of our students, providing stability, warmth, nourishment, empathy, and a strong sense of belonging. By ensuring these needs are met, we empower our young men to thrive, grow in confidence, and ultimately achieve their fullest potential.

Sunnydown's outstanding Ofsted grading stands as a testament to this philosophy in action. It reflects the hard work, dedication, and collective belief that every student has the ability to succeed when supported and encouraged in the right environment. Who our students become during their time with us is a true reflection of their abilities and aspirations; we simply unlock what is already there. However, we are certainly not resting on any laurels - our Inset day on Monday 6th January was focused on the Quality of Education and how to ensure that learning continues to be enhanced through robust and efficient processes, as well as training our staff as invigilators and scribes so that your sons have access to the most suitable forms of support during their exams in KS4. Mr Jensen also worked with the entire staff team on an aspect of the SWOT analysis which gathered views from all who are associated with Sunnydown.

Despite the unexpected early closure due to inclement weather on Wednesday, we're proud of how smoothly the situation was managed, with safety and care for our community as the priority. Congratulations are also in order for our students who sat their Functional Skills exams before Christmas and received fantastic results - what a brilliant way to end 2024! Looking ahead, plans for the upcoming ski trip to La Polsa are in full swing, and the excitement is building as the departure date draws closer.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on another exciting year together. Here's to making 2025 a year of incredible achievements, enjoyment and opportunities for everyone in the Sunnydown family as we continue to empower our students to transform their own lives.

Andrea Jensen

Online Safety

Please see the attached flier ‘What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JustTalk Kids.’

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family voice surrey

Surrey Additional Needs and Disabilities Partnership

Additional Needs Service showcase

**Thursday
27th February
10.30am -3.30pm**

The Jam Place
Hamilton House
Regent's Park 299 Kingston Road
Leatherhead, KT22 7FP
Free parking onsite and public transport nearby.

- ✦ Come and find out about local and national services!
- ✦ Age range 0-25 years for Children and Young People with Additional Needs
- ✦ For Families and Practitioners

If you would further details please scan the QR code or email localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk

No need to book, just drop in!

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 6th January 2025)</p> <p>Welcome Back - Setting goals for the new year</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 13th January 2025)</p> <p>Blue Monday - The importance of taking care of our mental health</p>
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House Points

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Felix Drummond	1050 House Points
Arthur Edmondson	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Spring Term 2025	
Saturday 18 th January - Friday 24 th January 2025	Ski Trip
Wednesday 29 th January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 10 th February 2025	Fulham football
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Year 11 Apprenticeship Show
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 17 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4th April)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of Summer term
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 th June 2025	Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Graduation
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation event
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY