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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Students at Sunnydown have a wonderful opportunity to learn traditional subjects such as English, Maths, Science but further subjects such as Computing, Music, Humanities and Art. However, our curriculum is much greater than that - it is full of life experiences and preparation for life after Sunnydown, for Post 16 Education. One such example of the wider curriculum is our regular participation in sporting events across the county. These experiences give children opportunities to experience winning and losing, participating and cooperating, and just being with other people in a social arena. These opportunities afford our boys experiences that will help them grow and develop into active positive contributors to wider society.

When letters such as the one below are received, it reminds me of the power of my staff and our curriculum to transform lives and to allow students to demonstrate their best qualities. Staff too deserve recognition, and while Mr Wright often prefers to thank other staff for their efforts, on this occasion I say thanks to him for his efforts. This letter reflects how we are seen in the community - be proud. Have a wonderful half term. All students return on Monday 20th February at the normal time.

I just wanted to send over an email to ensure that you were aware of the behaviour of not just your students but all your staff and support staff accompanying them to the Fulham FC Foundation Inclusive Schools League. I hate it when it comes to the end of a fixture and I have to highlight any negative behaviours to schools, but this week your students and staff were an absolute joy to have around. J

As you can imagine on the Wednesday there was lower numbers due to the teacher strikes which meant a lot of change for the young people to the normal format of the fixtures and the Thursday was the opposite being very busy with around 200 young people in the dome. Your students always come in with a great attitude when they arrive, understanding the rules and restrictions of the Training Ground and the use of the facilities. They play games in the right manner, with respect, and regardless of the score at the end always come off the pitch with a positive attitude. This is testament to the levels of respect your staff show both to the Fulham FC Foundation Staff and Facilities and the example this sets to your students.

At the fixture last week, I was approached by a number of my referees at the end of both days saying how great it was to referee all the Sunnydown games. Even when a decision didn't go their way they carried on without arguments and my staff heard the teachers and support staff saying "they are the referees, we have to respect their decision whatever it is and play on" etc. But it was also the tiny noticeable things, for example the Sunnydown students went round and collected the cones up around the pitches at the end of the day, and I think every single young person and teacher said 'Thank you' on their way out both days.

They were a real credit to you and the school, and definitely the sort of school we want to have at the Fulham FC Foundation Inclusive Schools League, so Thank You!

Kind regards,

KATY SHEPHARD - DISABILITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER - Fulham



Introducing Bertie - No words needed



The Sunnydown Knight returns

Tom, who has visited the school before showing his mediaeval armour and weapons, gave a talk to the Year 7s. This time he brought his son Jack along with him. The armour and weapons they displayed are replicas and both have taken part in re-enactments for many years, including putting on demonstrations and talks at Hever Castle and other local schools. The talk took place outside in the forest area at school, which enhanced the mediaeval theme. An enjoyable time was had by all and we look forward to another visit from them both in the future.



Year 9 and 10 Curriculum Evening.

We will be holding our annual Curriculum Evening on 29th March here at Sunnydown from 5-7pm. This will be an opportunity for us to share an outline of what Year 10 and Year 11 look like for our current Year 9 and Year 10 students respectively. We are hoping that the evening will be supported by representatives from our main college contacts at Reigate, Brooklands, East Surrey and Nescot so that parents and students can start to plan ahead for their futures post Sunnydown. More details will follow after the half term break.

Jez Lord

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Please note this is scheduled for Wednesday 8th March.

Bike donations

A special thank you goes to o3e. They are an events company that creates team building opportunities for companies where attendees make everything from sports wheelchairs to bicycles and give them away to worthy recipients. In the last year they have donated 50 bikes to Sunnydown ensuring that we have brand new quality bikes for all students across all the year groups.



Some of the new bikes being dropped off by the very helpful Chris from o3e to Gabe and Mr Lord

Greenhouse T shirts

A Greenhouse T-shirt goes to Alex Hennessy for consistent good work and behaviour in all lessons. Well done Alex for all your hard work!



A second Greenhouse T-shirt goes to Jaden Doorga for great attitude, effort and participation in PE and Games, especially in learning to cycle. Jaden - it's great to see your new love for sport and Games.



A third T-shirt goes to Harry Vaughan for determination in learning to cycle. Harry, it's great to see your newfound confidence on a bike. Keep up the great work!



Sports Report

KS4 Badminton

The Senior Badminton team won Gold in the SSSSA Badminton doubles tournament defeating some schools from across the county! The pairing played some incredible Badminton whilst also displaying fantastic sportsmanship which was noted by the event organisers.

Congratulations to the team: Thando Po-Ba, Elvinas Sermuksnis, Liam Tushingam, Byron Boniface, Tomas Bodkin, Daniel Diaz-Lester & Reece Williams.

Additional congratulations also go to Elvinas Sermuksnis and Thando Po-Ba who both made it through to the final of the singles tournament beating some talented players along the way. After an incredibly close and competitive match, Elvinas eventually won the Gold and Thando the Silver medal.

KS3 Badminton

The team enjoyed some competitive matches and represented the school incredibly well. This year wasn't our year as we narrowly missed out on the medals.

Congratulations to the team for their excellent efforts and sportsmanship - Edward Gair, Nathan Small, Charlie McSorley, Callum Annis, Harry Franklin, Charlie Histed, Leo Sumsion And Ollie Taylor.

KS4 Football

Day 2 of the FA Football league at Fulham's state of the art training facility. Security was tight that day as playing alongside our Sunnydown teams were the Fulham Premier League team and Wolfsburg from the Bundesliga. After a difficult league day 1 the team were building from the bottom half of the table. The focus today was about 'being together'. Today the team warmed up together, enjoyed lunch together, battled together and played some fantastic football together. We were proud to see the team recognising each other's contributions, dealing with challenges together and ultimately celebrating together.

Match 1 - A tight 1-0 victory

Match 2 - A superb 3-0 victory

Match 3 - A bruising 0-0 draw

Match 4 - Coming from behind to win 4-1

After their superb efforts the team are now top of the league! The team displayed great sportsmanship and respect for the referees and opposition and also sit top of the respective league! Well done lads!

Goal scorers - Jamie Rogers - 4, Josh Benton - 3, James Millar - 1.

Players Player of the Day is Oscar Stewart for his Van Dyke-like performances in defence! Congratulations Oscar, fully deserved!

Congratulations to the entire team for a truly wonderful team performance!

GK - Kieran Kirk

Defence - Oscar Stewart, Alex Hennessey & Josh Barnes

Midfield - James Millar, Elvin Sermuksnis

Strikers - Jamie Rogers & Josh Benton

KS3 Football

Day two of the SSSSA football league, a third of the school travelled to Fulham FC's training facility to compete in 3 leagues.

The Premier League team, playing against some very strong (and large!) opposition, managed to secure a 0-0 draw in their first match despite hitting the post and creating the better chances. They narrowly lost 1-0 in the second match against the team who are currently top of the league and finished the day with a 1-1 draw, again creating numerous chances and hitting the post 3 times! Antony Harper scored a screamer from just inside the halfway line to beat their talented keeper. It was a superb defensive display from the entire team, conceding only twice in 3 matches. Alongside the traditional league table the FA and referees also run a respect league. I'm delighted and proud to announce that Sunnydown are currently top of the table! A huge thank you to Mr Peters who coached the team that day.

Premier League Team - Antony Harper, Finley Marley, Teddy Foster, Lithar Po-Ba, Callum Annis (GK), Hary Franklin and Jayden (Romero) Peters.

Congratulations to the Players Player of the day - Harry Franklin.

The KS3 Championship team had 3 matches and improved across the day. A 5-0 loss was followed by a 1-0 defeat and then finally a 2-2 draw. It was great to see how well the team followed instructions and coaching, improving across the day.

Championship Team - Jayden Smurthwaite, Ollie Taylor, Max Gibbins, Bailey Goodliffe, Luke Dean, Thomas Emms, Freddie Collins & Rober Hall (GK).

Congratulations to the Players Player of the Day - Freddie Collins

The League One team didn't manage any wins but showed great team spirit and determination throughout and Logan popped up with two great goals for them. A huge thank you to Mr Dunne for supporting the team that day.

League 1 team - Logan East, Michael Hanley, Jacob Kelly (GK), Harrison Williams, Ethan Lyons, Freddie Dunne & Zac Hoad.

Congratulations to the Players Player of the Day - Harrison Williams.

The organisers (FA) praised all three teams for their team work, helpfulness and good behaviour and the organiser even wrote an email to the school praising our boys for their conduct (as above). Well done to all three teams, we couldn't be more proud!



Upcoming events Spring 2

Monday 20th February - SSSSA KS3 Swimming Gala at Moorhouse School

Tuesday 28th February - SSSSA KS3 Basketball tournament at Horsham

Wednesday 29th March - KS4 Tag-Rugby Tournament - Cobham Rugby club

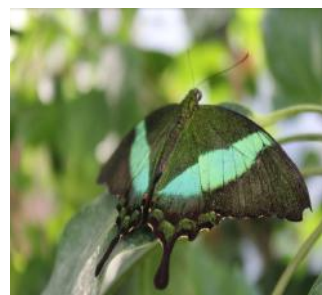
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Trip to the Horniman Museum

On Tuesday, Year 10 and 11 art students had a lovely day at the Horniman Museum to help towards their GCSE assessment. The boys took some great photos for their GCSE work, loved the Butterfly House and took time to write their wishes on the 'Cloutie tree'.



Formula 1

Everyone who knows Edward Bridges-Pugh understands his passion for Formula 1 racing.

Edward recently wrote to Mike Krack at Aston Martin Aramco Cognizant Formula One™ Team. He has just written back saying how impressed he is with Edward's knowledge of team placings over the last few seasons and why they were placed. He has sent over some information in preparation for the launch of their new car, along with some lovely merchandise.

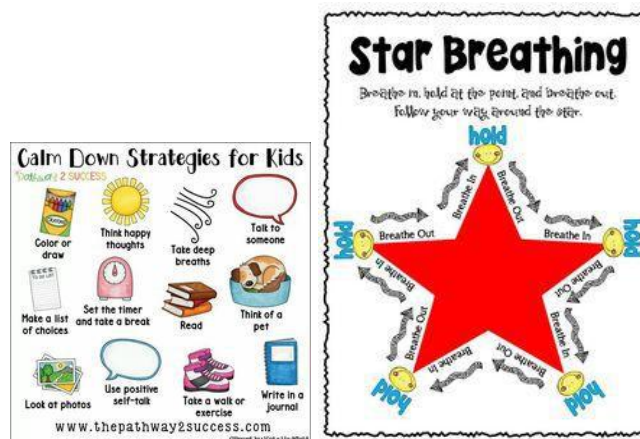
I would encourage all of our students to communicate with people they look up to. You just never know what the result will be and there is certainly not any issue with trying.

Online Safety

Please see the flyer sent with this newsletter re '10 ways gaming can support positive outcomes in children and young people.'

Thrive

Here are some strategies for when young people are struggling with their emotions. Have a lovely half term.



Miss Brooks

Attendance

Congratulations to 11P for achieving 100% attendance for the week ending 3rd February 2023.

Thought for the Week

(W/C: 6th February)

Safer Internet Day - Why is it important to keep safe online

Sportsmanship Award

**Bailey Goodliffe
(8N)**

Employability Skills Award

**Teddy Foster
(9D)**

Using his initiative, being self motivated & teamwork

Baton Award

**Kamauri Craig
(7C)**

For seeing a friend having a difficult moment & stopping what he was doing (one of his favourite activities) to support him. Amazing!

**Mathematician
of the Week**

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for engagement in KS4 mathematics is

**Nathan Waters
(11P)**

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch for perseverance is

**Nathan Small
(9D)**

**Scientist
of the Week**

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for co-operation is

**Max Gibbins
(9T)**

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for high quality work & resilience is

**Ollie Taylor
(80)**

Musician of the Week

The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch for being amazing master drummers for their group performances are

**Thomas Emms
(7C)**

**Alex Periera
(7W)**

**Callum Truttero
(7W)**

**Dominic Hanley
(8N)**

**Ollie Taylor
(80)**

Chef of the Week

The recipients of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for always trying his best and making good progress is

**Freddie Dunne
(7C)**

Song of the Week

Song of the Week was nominated by Zac (7W): The Kid Laroi, Love Again (2023) 'It's a really good beat and heart-warming song.'

House Points

Max Mahboobani 750 House Points

George Whatling 650 House Points

Nathan Small	550 House Points
Dominic Hanley	350 House Points
Jacob Kelly	350 House Points
Charlie Carter	300 House Points
Noah Atkins	150 House Points
Freddie Dunne	150 House Points
Alex Pereira	150 House Points
Cody Osborne	100 House Points

Spring Term 1 2023 Top Scorers	
KS3	
Freddie Dunne	53
Cody Osborne	53
Harrison Williams	47
Kamauri Craig	65
Robert Hall	62
Ollie Taylor	54
Freddie Collins	63
Freddie Ponsford	58
Noah Atkins	55
Callum Truttero	54
Callum Dowie	53
Zac Hoad	53
KS4	
Ty Small	40
George Smith	40
Varen Estwick	32
James Dean	65
Oscar Stewart	44
Ollie McEvaddy	38
Max Mahboobani	61

George Whatling	46
Daniel Diaz-Lester	36
Jamie Rogers	51
Reece Wood	24
Edward Bridges-Pugh	22

Forthcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Monday 20th February 2023	Pentathlon Swimming Gala
Tuesday 28th February 2023	KS3 Basketball Tournament
Wednesday 8th March 2023	Year 8 Parents' Evening KS3/KS4 Dodgeball
Friday 24th March 2023	Inset Day
Wednesday 29th March 2023	Year 9 & 10 Curriculum evening
Friday 31st March 2023	Last day of term
Monday 17th April 2023	Start of Summer Term
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday - King's Coronation
Friday 26th May 2023	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of Summer Term 2 Year 10 Work Experience Week
Friday 23rd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 5th July 2023	SSSSA Athletics
Friday 21st July 2023	Last day of term

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