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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Planning for the interruption caused by the NEU industrial action is complex. Heads need to consider the impact of staff absence due to them supporting the industrial action. Among other factors, heads also consider the impact on staff availability due to the closure of other schools, especially ones where their children attend. The full impact is not known until the day of the industrial action since members do not have to inform their employers.

With this complex backdrop acknowledged. Sunnydown will be open to all students on Wednesday and Thursday. However, there will be a modified curriculum offered, potentially impacting on all year levels at some point over the course of the two days. Which specific lessons will be impacted will be determined each morning of the industrial action. Students will be informed on a day by day basis of changes. Some planned trips and onsite activities may require changes. If a lesson is covered by any of our incredible TA's, appropriate student behaviour and levels of engagement in set tasks is expected. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this complex time.

Thank you also for respecting the rights of employees to join industrial action.

Discrimination

On the next page is a reference to work being undertaken by Will Laven, an ex Sunnydown student, to educate people and reduce discrimination against those who stammer.

I am incredibly proud of Will and what he has achieved, even though I cannot take any credit as he graduated the year I arrived at Sunnydown. Not everyone has the strength of conviction, confidence and support network to speak up, in an assertive manner, to challenge discrimination.

All people have a right to exist without fear of discrimination in any way. In the UK, we promote Fundamental British Values to reflect life in modern Britain. These 4 fundamental British values are:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Respect & Tolerance
- Individual Liberty

When individuals are not respectful and tolerant of other people, their views, their religion, their size, their hair colour, their heritage and ethnicity, this is a form of discrimination. Such a lack of tolerance has no place at Sunnydown nor in any school. Students and staff who feel that they have been victims of discrimination will be, and are, listened to.

Just Say It Will Laven - A poem about stammering

Steve Dimmock (left) and Will Laven recently returned to Sunnydown to complete some filming around a campaign called Just Say It. This short film will be a visual tribute to the Just Say it poem (below) as recognition for those people who stammer. Will has offered to return to Sunnydown and meet with students and staff to discuss how he manages his stammer with advice for all people regarding how to interact.



A stammer will get you down,
and push you to hide away,
so you do nothing, you say nothing,
this is difficult to deal with.
Stammering is something to discuss,
it can make you happy or sad,
but getting the words out is key,
we can always deal with the emotions later.

Happiness is so important,
and not being able to talk freely takes this away,
you don't feel comfortable when you cannot speak,

but this will not last.
Emotions come with everything,
especially stammering,

it makes you sad when you see other people struggling to speak,

and you hope they find their voice.
Getting our words out is a daily challenge,
but we always give it our all,
the stammer will not stop us from trying,
in the end, we will just say it.

Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March

Next Friday is Red Nose Day and students are able to wear an item of red clothing (along with school uniform) on the day for a donation of £1. Red noses are available for purchase.

We are also looking at doing an Easter Competition but details are not yet finalised.

There is also a link here to Comic Relief's website video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UIk2w95JT8>



Mrs Maher

Science Master Classes

In the run up to the Easter break I will be offering Science Master Classes for Year 11s on the following dates:

Tues 14/3 - Osmosis

Tues 21/3 - Making Salts

Wed 22/3 - Radiation and Absorption

Fri 24/3 - Waves - Ripple tank

Tues 28/3 - Photosynthesis

Wed 29/3 - Reaction Time

Fri 31/3 - Adrenaline - Higher Only

These lessons will be at lunch time (12:30 - 13:00) where we will cover each topic as highlighted above.

If these sessions are successful we may continue the master classes after the easter break.

Mr Cybuch

Science Assessment

Year 11 Pathway 2 Science will be having their assessment on the chemistry unit - 'Using Resources' on **Tuesday 14th March**.

BBC Bitesize link; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zptnng8>

Mr Cybuch

Unique Art Awards

Every year we give the students an opportunity to enter the Unique Arts Awards. Last year we were lucky enough to have three winners that were awarded silver and bronze prizes!

The themes this year are as follows:

Portrait, Outer Space or Sun, Sea, Sky

The media choices and categories are:

2D Art/Painter

Photographer

3D Sculpture

Digital Art

For more information please have a look at their website: <https://uniqueartawards.uk/#>

The deadline is the 20th of March. Please email entries to: r.ogle@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk or bring them to the art room before the deadline or let me know if you have any questions at all. Good luck!



Mrs Ogle

Caterham Cycle Challenge

On 22nd and 23rd April we will be raising money outside Morrisons in Church Walk, Caterham for our charity event - the Caterham Cycle Challenge. We will gather at 9:30 and leave around 4pm each day. We would be delighted if you could join us for a couple of hours to help 'shake' the collection pots. If you are free, please could you let the office know so we can create a schedule.

Curriculum evening

Year 9 and 10 parents and students are invited to our annual Curriculum evening on Wednesday 29th March. This is an onsite meeting between 5 and 7 pm. A detailed letter will be sent by Mr Lord this week with additional details.

School Council - Tuesday 7th March 2023

Please see minutes from the meeting at the end of this newsletter.

Friends of Sunnydown

If not already in your diaries, make sure you add in these important upcoming events -

- **Caterham Cycle Challenge - May 2023** - This involves students cycling 660km around Kenley aerodrome in a relay event (with the aim of raising money for emotional wellbeing and mental health support). Over the past two years we have raised over £40,000 - we'd love to top this figure for 2023!
- **SunnyFest - Saturday 3rd June 2023** at Sunnydown. We are proud to announce that a band made up of graduates from Sunnydown will feature among other artists.
- **Golf Day - Tuesday 6th June 2023** at Farleigh Golf Course. Treat yourself to a relaxing golf day and raise funds at the same time!

All monies raised will make a difference in improving support for emotional wellbeing and mental health - a much needed cause.

Attendance

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

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| <u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 6 th March) Do you understand your true value? | <u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 13 th March) Red Nose Day - Supporting those less fortunate |
| <u>Sportsmanship Award</u> Harvey Caruana (8N) | <u>Employability Skills Award</u> Alfie Monk For valuing diversity & difference |

Song of the Week

Song of the week was nominated by Mrs Cybuch: Metallica & San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Nothing Else Matters (1999).



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| <p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Charlie Histed (80)</p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for getting 100% in a ratio & proportion test is</p> <p>Callum Lagan (10C)</p> | <p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for cooperation & work completion is</p> <p>Joshua Tucker (11J)</p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for consistent effort & resilience is</p> <p>Daniel Diaz-Lester (11P)</p> | <p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is</p> <p>Alfie Monk (8N)</p> | <p><u>Chef of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipients of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for great recall of information & knowledge shared with his peers is</p> <p>Finley Marley (9T)</p> |
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| <u>House Points</u> | |
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| Kasra Alavi | 300 House Points |
| Bailey Goodliffe | 300 House Points |
| Zac Hoad | 200 House Points |
| Ethan Lyons | 150 House Points |

Friday Curriculum - 17/3/23

A timetable of events will be sent out next week.

Forthcoming Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 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 |



Sunnydown School Council – Minutes of Meetings

Date: Tuesday 7th March 2023

The last couple of meetings have involved distributing our new recycling boxes around the school so there have not been any minutes.

It was agreed that we would continue next week with putting up posters in each learning space to remind staff and students about the importance of recycling. Gabe mentioned that some classes are forgetting to use the recycling boxes and some are using them so much that they are overflowing! Each form group should have a designated member of the class to empty the recycling box.

Suggestions this week:

- Could we have a big trampoline in the gym? Gabe answered this - as much as we would like to have one, our gym ceiling is not high enough for this. We then discussed bringing back the small trampolines that used to be in the playground. Gabe will look into maybe getting these reinstated (risk assessment would be required).
- There was a request for the fitness suite to be open to students before school. As the majority of students arrive at school via a taxi, they would not have enough time in the morning to go to the gym so unfortunately this is not something we could arrange.