

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown

I have thoroughly enjoyed preparing for and conducting the Year 10 Annual Reviews this half term. With the administrative support of Andrea Lawson, these meetings have resulted in comprehensive revision of EHCPs with recommendations submitted for updates to the Local Authority. This process will allow up-to-date information to be shared with colleges as Year 10 swiftly moves into Year 11.

Having acknowledged how much I have enjoyed this responsibility, I must also acknowledge that the process is time consuming and not sustainable. I have announced previously that an Assistant Head Teacher has been appointed, starting after Easter, to pick up this area of work. Therefore until then I will remain as the nominated SENCo and continue with the Year 9 Annual Reviews in March. Preparation has already started for these meetings.

Some families will notice that I have recently delegated some communications and tasks to Mr Lord, who has picked these up and delivered incredibly well. To any families who have been directly impacted by this arrangement, I thank you for your support and understanding.

Though National restrictions appear to be easing regarding Covid, it remains a disease prevalent in our society and the impacts will continue to be felt for a long time. Current best practice and half term advice for staff and families is that Covid rates remain high, and the best ways to protect yourself, and others, is by washing your hands, letting the fresh air in, cleaning, wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, testing regularly and getting vaccinated; it is particularly important during the half term holiday to be aware of protecting yourself and others when mixing with people that you do not usually meet with.

To support families we are sending home a testing kit and would encourage regular testing, in accordance with government guidelines: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

When we return from half term, masks will no longer be recommended in communal areas for staff nor students. However, those that wish to wear them will be supported. Students and staff will be asked to continue to sanitize their hands on arrival and departure. The one way system through Forest View currently in place, will remain.

Wearing masks in confined spaces such as taxis are advised, however this is not mandatory.

## Current Covid Isolation periods

Whilst it is important that the full guidance is read, as summarised extracts are easily taken out of context and there are often important caveats, we hope that the summary of recommendations below will be helpful:

The early 'test to release' option (negative LFD tests on days 5 and 6, 24 hours apart) for positive Covid 19 cases applies regardless of vaccine status.

Unvaccinated Covid 19 contacts of cases are required to self-isolate for the full 10-day period.

Fully vaccinated individuals who are Covid 19 contacts don't need to isolate but should take daily LFD tests for 7 days.

## Information for schools on the 12-15 year old vaccination programme

A letter was recently sent to all families regarding consent for the Covid-19 vaccination. The letter detailed the link where you could register your consent and the deadline for this is 1st March 2022. If you have not received this letter or you would like another copy, please contact the school office.

Surrey Health are planning to deliver vaccinations on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at the school.

**Mrs Gower**

## Friends of Sunnydown

**Quiz Night:** As you may have seen in our separate Parentmail this morning, the Sunnydown Family Quiz Night has been rescheduled for **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm arrival for 7.30pm start**. If you have already booked a ticket for the November date (and did not request a refund), then these will automatically be rolled over - please email us to confirm how many team members will be attending ([friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)).

If you were unable to make the first date but can now make this one - then the great news is that ticket booking has re-opened. Follow the link below or complete the attached form and hand into the office.

Thank you for your continued support and patience, we are really looking forward to what is sure to be a great fun evening which will raise much needed funds for our boys. Click here to book tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

## On-line Safety

Please see the flyer '10 Tips to Respect On-line' at the end of this newsletter.

**Mr Cassim**

<u>Thought for this week</u> (W/C: 7 <sup>th</sup> February)	<u>Thought for the week</u> (W/C: 21 <sup>st</sup> February)
<b>Safer Internet Day - Why is it important to keep safe online?</b>	<b>What does heritage mean to you?</b>

## Greenhouse T. Shirts

This week we celebrate three new Greenhouse T shirt winners: James Hall (8D) is a young man who is always helpful, attentive, a role model to others and a pleasure to teach. Alfie Monk (7N) showed great resilience and determination in learning to cycle and Kasra Alavi (7N) had been asking if he could sit in the front seat for the journey back from the swimming baths. He asked us on the way there, he asked us while he was getting changed but then, when he saw when one of his classmates was upset, he offered to give it up immediately. It was a lovely moment of kindness, empathy and teamwork. Well done to Kasra and to all the boys. Also a special thank you to coach Clarke in helping get Alfie cycling. Keep up the great work.

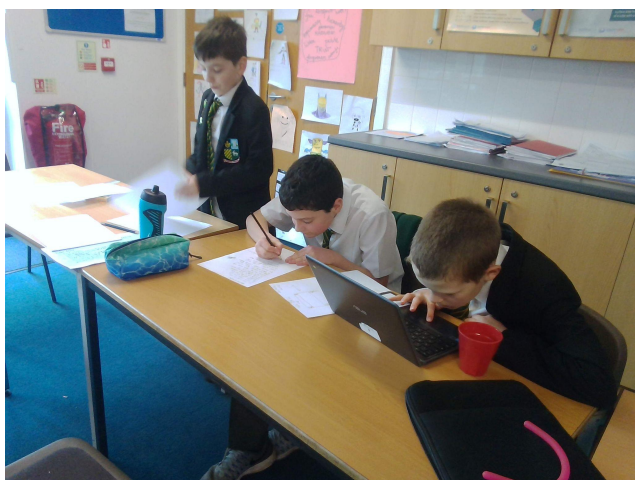


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## Year 7 Dragons Den

For the past half term, the Year 7 students have been learning about persuasive speeches and the 'Art of Rhetoric' in English lessons. On Thursday, as a culmination of the hard work and dedication the boys have put in for the past six weeks, the two classes joined together to work in small groups to sell the unsellable in a Dragons Den style task. They had to create a design, work out pricing and then use their newly acquired skills of persuasive language to write a pitch. The boys worked incredibly well in teams and all staff involved were so impressed! By the end of the task we had: Rocky Road Ice Cream (containing real rocks), a strawberry chocolate teapot, a table with no legs, a candle lighter bigger than a human and 'Flall' - a flat football. I am so proud of all the boys!



**Miss Newcombe**

<p><b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for resilience and co-operation is:</p> <p><b>Jacob Kelly (7N)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is:</p> <p><b>Finley Marley (8T)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams for effort, concentration and improvement in art this term is:</p> <p><b>Ty Small (9C)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week is:</p> <p><b>Thando Po-Ba (10J)</b></p>
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### **Certificates for this week**

<b><u>House Points this week</u></b>	
Henry Hilton	550 House Points
Alexander Neale	500 House Points
Ty Small	500 House Points
Harry Vaughan	250 House Points
Finley Marley	200 House Points

### **Termly House Points**

<b><u>Spring 1 Term 2022 Top Scorers</u></b>	
<b><u>KS3</u></b>	
Harvey Caruana 7N	37
Jacob Kelly 7N	35
Charlie Histed 7O	32
Ollie Taylor 7O	43
Lithar Po-Ba 7O	36
Felix Drummond 8T	36
Alfie Monk 7N	38
Harry Franklin 7N	29
Alfie Tharle 7O	25
Callum Annis 7O	47
Jonathan Edwards 7O	35
Andrew Hendry Smith 8T	33

<b>KS4</b>	
Connor Mason 11W	28
David Daruval 11W	16
Jacob Connery 11W	15
Daniel Linney 11W	21
Thando Po-Ba 10J	16
Ben Tushingham 11Z	14
Henry Hilton 11Z	32
Oliver Benneyworth 11Z	25
Miles Eliatamby 11W	24
Joshua Barnes 10P	21
Mason-Ray Hayden 11W	15
Reece Wood 10P	11

## Inter-House Results (as at 11th February 2022)

### Spring Term 1 2022

	Total no. of House points	Number of pupils	Average per pupil	Position
<b>Burntwood</b>	456	21	21.7	<b>1st</b>
<b>Buxton</b>	470	22	21.4	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Portley</b>	385	22	17.5	<b>4th</b>
<b>Whyteleafe</b>	404	21	19.2	<b>3rd</b>

