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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Congratulations to each and every young man in Year 11. All assessments for GCSEs are now complete. With a week of alternative activities planned for next week, culminating with an on-site day graduation ceremony on Friday 18th June, this group of young men are about to join the coveted 'graduates of Sunnydown School' cohort. An extended mention will be made next week regarding their achievements, awards, and a reflection of their time at Sunnydown.

A further congratulations to the entire school community including students, parents, families, staff, governors and the Friends of Sunnydown. With your combined efforts, we have smashed the £17000 target for the Caterham Cycle Challenge.

This afternoon, as promised, every £20 raised earned a student an entry into the new bike. This £300 Halfords bike voucher was won by Edward Gair. However, as an additional bonus, those boys listed below raised £100 or more and as such were entered into a second draw for a £200 Halfords bike voucher.

Edward Gair	Andrew Hendry Smith	Bryon Boniface
Declan Giddings	Max Gibbins	Ryan Gellett
Toby Chapman	Josh Barnes	Hamish Scott
James Millar	Felix Drummond	Daniel Edwards
Freddie Phillips		

The winner of the £200 voucher was (incredibly) Edward Gair. These draws were done live via an online random number selector just before taxis. Vouchers will be prepared next week. Having raised £670, Edward certainly had the most tickets in the draw and hence the more chance to win. Congratulations.

Weather is expected to be warm next week. Please be mindful that we are a uniformed school and as far as possible and practical, attending school in uniform is strongly encouraged. However, in reviewing the uniform policy, I realise that there is no mention of shorts. I can confirm that dark grey or black shorts, similar to the trousers worn by most students, are also permitted. When the weather is warm, we often encourage the boys to loosen their ties through the day and drink plenty of water.



By way of reminder, the SCC formal consultation regarding the potential removal of boarding from Sunnydown remains open until 2nd July. You are welcome and encouraged to provide your views on this proposal by visiting the link below, where an online response form is available and additional reading information regarding the proposal.

https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/sunnydown_proposed_boarding-removal-statutory-note/

A big weekend of sport is ahead with the start of the Euros, the end of the French Tennis Open and some international cricket being played here in the UK, as well as a plethora of other fixtures. Sport is a great opportunity for people to interact with others, but also an opportunity to remain healthy. When I watch sporting fixtures, I really listen to the speeches following any such event, from the winners, the losers, the coaches and the commentators. It is often in the speech that a measure of the person can be found, and I anticipate that regardless of who wins the tennis on the weekend, that all of the speeches for the ladies and gentlemens finals will be powerful and have a message of gratitude to others.

My last message this week is a request for support. Covid remains part of our life and without being alarmist, the government is rightly looking carefully at recent increases in rates of infection as they consider carefully what to do regarding lifting the remaining lockdown restrictions. Here at Sunnydown, we are not immune to the impact of Covid. We will continue with our own in-house measures to keep everyone as safe as possible. Visitors to the school are very limited. Movement around the school and play areas for each year group are restricted. Students and staff cleanse their hands on arrival and departure. Masks are worn in all communal spaces. We continue to test all students onsite at least once a week. Staff are encouraged to self test twice a week. Please continue to support these endeavours.

Despite similar efforts across all schools, some bubbles within Surrey schools are affected. It is possible that we will detect a positive result to one of the Lateral Flow Tests here at Sunnydown and this will have impacts on individual students, their families, staff and bubbles. We will manage every situation professionally and thank you in advance for your support and understanding regarding any disruption to our current way of working.

Mr Wright has given consent for it to be acknowledged that at present he is affected by Long Covid and will not return to school this Summer. Hearing news like this reminds us of the importance to remain vigilant and do all we can to be part of the prevention of the spread of Covid. Mr Wright meets weekly online with Mrs Rogers as a welfare check in, and he passes on his regards to all students and staff. Mr Wright is not contactable at present but wants to reassure everyone that he is accessing all of the support available so that he can make a full recovery before returning.

For reassurance, Mr Wright has not been on school premises since before the Easter break and so we can say with 100% confidence that he has not been in contact with any staff nor students for an extended period.

Through Mrs Rogers, we continue to send Mr Wright every ounce of support and well wishes we can muster.

Whatever you are up to over the weekend, I wish you many happy memories.

Yours sincerely

Paul Jensen



100% Attendance

Congratulations to 11C 11D for achieving 100% attendance for the w/e 28th May 2021.

What parents and carers needs to know about FIFA 21

Please see the leaflet at the end of this newsletter with some useful information on how to keep your child safe online during FIFA 21.

Mr Cassim and Mr Cybuch

Friends of Sunnydown

Cycle Challenge

The Friends of Sunnydown are thrilled that the boys have passed the £17,000 target - well done everyone! Thank you for your donations to this tremendous cause! The Just Giving site will remain open for this week:

<https://thegibbchallenge.com.au>
cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk
www.justgiving.com/campaign/caterhamcyclechallenge

Second hand uniform shop

Donations are always welcome! A special plea to the Year 11s who are leaving Sunnydown this summer - any items you have to donate would be very much appreciated - thank you.

www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Big PTA Raffle

Tickets are selling fast for this raffle, so don't miss out! They are drawn daily for 12 days - which means 12 chances per ticket to win £6,000! Each ticket is £3 and this year, there is no limit per person. Sunnydown school will receive 50% of each ticket sold, so the more tickets we buy, the more our boys will benefit.

www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/sunnydown-school-cr3

Summer camp/Weekend Working Bee

Please note that this event has been rescheduled to Saturday 26th June, and is limited to 30 people (due to current restrictions). Tickets are £5 per person - please email the office if you wish to attend.

[Donate to The Friends of Sunnydown](#)

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Boarding News

It has been lovely to see all the boys back after half term. We have been making the most of the hot weather with lots of ice cream, cooking, playing outside, going to the park, and cycling.

We have lots of exciting activities lined up for the remaining weeks of boarding, so could I please remind those of you that haven't already, to send in some pocket money for your son.

Just a reminder that Surrey has launched the formal consultation to remove boarding from Sunnydown and we have until 2nd July to make any comments. If you would like to do this, please go to the Surrey Says website:

https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/sunnydown_proposed_boarding-removal-statutory-note/

Have a lovely weekend.

The Care Team

Science guess the picture competition

Picture of the week is shown below. Congratulations to Sonny Chater (7D) for the correct answer (prize to be given on Monday).

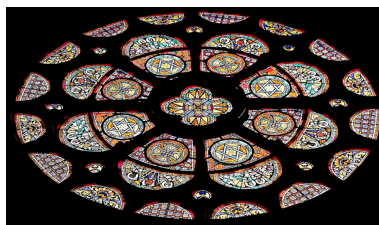


Science fact for last week

Congratulations to Varen Estwick (8C) for the correct explanation (prize to be given on Monday).

Science fact for this week

What is used to colour stained-glass windows?



Mr Djehiche

Thought for this week was: Taking time to reflect - mindfulness

Feedback from 10M:



Thought for the week commencing 14th June: Money - Do we want or need it?

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Sonny Burgess (7T).

Word of the Week

Emancipation (noun) – please see end of newsletter (w/c 14th June 2021).

Mrs Herring

Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams is Max Mahboobani (8C) for fantastic drawing in art.

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch and Mr Djehiche is Mason-Ray Hayden (10W) for independence.



House Points

Congratulations to the following young men who have achieved their House Point certificates this week:

Toby Chapman	150 House Points
Felix Drummond	250 House Points
Joshua Tucker	500 House Points

KS3 Friday Curriculum - 18th June 2021

Class	Activity	On/Off site	Information
7D	Mrs Hull	Onsite	Making Father's Day gifts for a special person in their life.
7T	School Project	Onsite	Arrive in school uniform with a change of clothes. The boys may be given the opportunity to work on the local allotment.
8C	Humanities	On site	School Uniform
8M	Humanities	On site	School Uniform
9J	RICE Challenge	On site	School Uniform
9P	RICE Challenge	On site	School Uniform

Word of the week w/c 14th June 2021

Emancipation noun

The fact or process of being set free from legal, social or political restrictions.

what are other words for emancipation?

liberation, release, deliverance, manumission, freedom, liberty, enfranchisement, discharge





SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL **Term Dates 2021-2022**

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September	Inset Day
Thursday 2nd September	Start of Autumn Term 1 (Years 10 & 11)
Monday 6th September	Start of Autumn Term 1 (Years 8 & 9)
Monday 13th September	New Year 7's join
Friday 8th October	Inset Day
Friday 22nd October	Finish for half term

Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October	Half Term
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Monday 1st November	Inset Day
Tuesday 2nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
Friday 17th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January	Inset Day
Wednesday 5th January	Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 11th February	Finish for half term

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February	Half Term
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Monday 21st February	Start of Spring Term 2
Friday 25th March	Inset Day
Friday 1st April	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 27th May	Finish for half term

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	Half Term
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Monday 6th June	Start of Summer Term 2
Friday 24th June	Inset Day
Friday 22nd July	End of term for pupils



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 21

AGE RESTRICTION
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Suitable for
all ages

Recurring Costs

FIFA's trump card is that it includes real current players; a feature no other football arcade game can offer. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players, kits and stadia, plus gameplay tweaks and extra features. Young FIFA fans usually want to be playing the latest version, so the pressure to buy each annual update is likely to be considerable.



Online Chat

While the game of FIFA itself is suitable for children of all ages (as it does not include any inappropriate content), there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play against other people online and audio chat with them using headsets. As this communication is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that are inappropriate.



Possibility of Scams

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appears to be a genuine FIFA promotion, but could be a scam. Following these links would take them to what may seem like a FIFA login page but is actually a phishing attempt to capture their login name and password. Scammers often use a legitimate-sounding name, such as 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer'.



In-Game Purchases

FIFA offers an array of in-game purchases. The FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode lets gamers build their own team, playing matches to win coins. These coins can be used to recruit better players or packs containing random players. Some purchases can be made with in-game currency; others require real money – which can become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills after their children's in-game spending.



Addictive Gameplay

Your child could end up playing FIFA for long periods of time. Matches last around 20 minutes, so playing through an entire tournament can quickly eat up a large chunk of the day. Children sometimes struggle to control their gaming behaviour, at the expense of their daily routine. This is called 'gaming disorder' and is classified as a genuine mental health problem by the World Health Organisation.



Over-Competitiveness

FIFA has occasionally been criticised for its competitive gameplay leading to disproportionate aggression and negative emotion in some players. This can be amplified by the in-game audio chat with opponents in real time. The potential for an emotional outburst can sometimes reach unhealthy levels – especially if your child's team is losing heavily or is defeated by a very late goal.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Advice for Parents & Carers

Set out Your Strategy

As a parent, it's worth considering that – if they like gaming and football – your child's fascination with FIFA probably won't be short term. It's more likely to be the start of a relationship that could last for years, involving repeated outlay on each updated edition of the game. If you think this may pose a problem, it might be best to make your child aware of it beforehand to avoid disappointment later.



Give Abuse the Red Card

The facility to chat to other players certainly adds to the overall enjoyment of FIFA, and it's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play the game without using it. It would be wise, however, to make sure beforehand that your child is aware of how to mute the audio of any abusive players and knows how to report anyone who is being offensive or intimidating.



Defend against Scammers

Teach your child to stay clear of scams. Explain why they should be suspicious of any link which asks them to verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information: game developers never send messages asking for players' login details. Console messages, emails and social media posts promising in-game content if a player inputs their login information are fake.



Control In-Game Spending

To spend real money in FIFA, a player's account must have a payment method enabled. Check whose debit or credit card – or PayPal account – is linked to the device that your child plays FIFA on. Most devices' parental controls can be adjusted to limit spending. There is also the prepaid option of Paysafecard – you can top up the balance, making it easier to control your child's purchasing in the game.



Avoid 'Extra Time'

Devices' parental controls can also be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing, if you feel it's necessary. Keep an eye on how long your child spends playing FIFA, just like you might monitor how long they watch TV for. Warning signs of over-playing include disinterest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene or becoming angry when they have to stop playing.



Encourage a 'Half-Time' Break

Monitoring in-game chat is difficult, as you can usually only hear one side of the conversation. But your child's reactions will be a good general indication. Dealing with the frustrations of a game and troublesome people can be useful life lessons – but if your parental instinct is that your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and encourage them to take a break from the game.



Meet Our Expert

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FIFA 21

SOURCES

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