

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Welcome to the start of a new academic year

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the start of what promises to be a rewarding and successful year. As the new interim Executive Headteacher, I feel both honoured and excited to be joining the school community here at Sunnydown school.

Having just completed my first full week at the school, I want to take a moment to thank all the staff and students who have made me feel so incredibly welcome. The sense of community, pride and care at Sunnydown is already very clear to see and I am looking forward to finding out more about the wonderful work going on, throughout the rest of the Autumn Term.

A special welcome goes to our new Year 7 students as they begin their journey with us. I am confident that the rest of the students, along with the staff, will make every effort to help them settle in and feel part of our community.

From the time that I have spent at the school so far, I can see that the ethos and shared values centre upon responsibility, ambition, and contribution - empowering students to transform their own lives. Staff are committed and have high expectations for the quality of education, fostering an environment where students engage in their learning, strive to fulfill their potential and support one another in every aspect of school life. It has been lovely to see this positive, purposeful school culture as I, too, begin to settle into my new role here at Sunnydown.

I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible over the coming weeks. Wishing all students, families, and staff a smooth and successful start to the year ahead.

Warm regards

**Terri Wyse**

## Welcome to our new Year 7s!

I am really impressed with how quickly they have settled in and become part of our community. At Sunnydown, we are excited to get to know each and every one of them, and we look forward to helping them integrate fully into our school environment. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

**Jo Wermig**

## Harvey Caruana

Harvey always has and continues to be a polite, responsible and mature young man who is always presentable. He has represented the school in a variety of ways including sporting events and work experience and he always receives comments on his hard working yet friendly manner.

Harvey upholds the RICE3 values of resilience, independence and co-operation on a daily basis, all whilst doing so with a sense of humour that means he puts a smile on people's faces daily. We are all extremely proud of Harvey and know that he and his family will be too!

**Miss Newcombe (Form Tutor)**

## Published Book

We are very proud and happy to announce that Isaac Benn (8C) has become a published author. Isaac has been working on his story 'Aspen and the Dead Forest' for a while now and his dedication is finally being rewarded. His book will be available on Amazon as paper copy or Kindle version. We will be ordering a few copies for the school library so we can show off how proud we are of him. Look out for the sequel which Isaac has already started working on! Here is the front cover and the blurb -



Aspen never asked to be a hero. At twelve years old, he just wanted his parents to come home and for his uncle to stop treating him like baggage. But when a secret meeting reveals that his family might be in danger, Aspen's life is turned upside down.

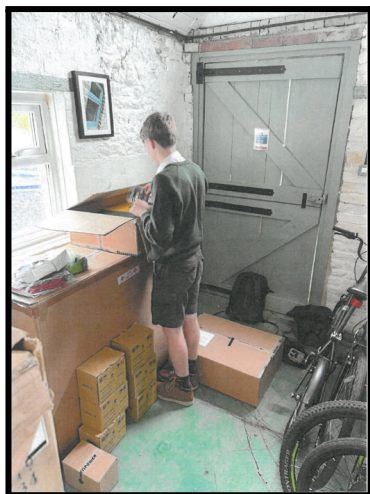
Dragged into the ranks of the hunters, a group sworn to face the monsters of the Dead Forest, Aspen is forced to confront a world of shadows, wraiths, and creatures straight out of nightmare. With only his wits, courage, and a few unlikely friends, he must survive battles that older, stronger hunters have already lost.

An unforgettable adventure of mystery, courage, and the power hidden inside the most unlikely heroes.

Coming soon to Amazon Kindle  
and in Paperback!

**Miss Newcombe**

## GASP Motor Project



On Wednesday GASP returned again with Harry Franklin, Callum Truttero, Callum Duff and Alex Pereira all taking part. Making a good start checking all the components and starting the building of the chassis. Good effort made by all. The panic was over when we found the missing parts!



**Mr Bright**

## Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter 'What Parents and Educators Need to Know About What Parents and Educators Need to Know About Group Chats.'

**Mr Cassim**

## School Photos

The school photos have been booked in for Wednesday 15th October 2025. There will be individual photos as well as class photos. We will advise of any further details nearer the time.

**Miss Lawson**

### Employability Award

**Kai Bagwell**

### Sportsmanship Award

**Thomas Emms**

**Respect Award**

**Zack Harrison**

**The Baton**

**Leo Sumsion**

**RICE<sup>3</sup> Awards**

**Resilience**

**Harvey Caruana & Loui Salliss**

**Independence**

**Kasra Alavi**

**Cooperation**

**Jacob Kelly**

**Mathematician of the Week**

The recipient of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mr Wright is

**Eddie Smith  
Oscar Gregory**

**Scientist of the Week**

The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is

**Leo Sumsion  
Kamauri Craig**  
*For independence & resilience*

**Writer of the Week**

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Palmer is

**KS3**

**Frankie McSorley**  
*For an incredibly positive start to Year 9 English*

**KS4**

& awarded by Miss Thomson is

**Sam Lopes**  
*For excellent engagement and enthusiasm*

& awarded by Miss Newcombe is

**Jack Bristow**  
*For an amazing first attempt at a GCSE English question*

<b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p><b>James Titchner</b> <i>For trying something new</i></p>
<b><u>Reader of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is</p> <p><b>Leo Sumsion</b> <i>For his independence when reading and completing a quiz on AR</i></p>
<b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p><b>Ollie Hall</b> <i>For independence &amp; creativity in art</i></p>

### House Points

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Harvey Caruana	1,000 House Points
Charlie Histed	1,050 House Points
Freddie Ponsford	850 House Points
Thomas Illman	200 House Points

### Forthcoming Events 2025

<b><u>Autumn Term 2025</u></b>	
Friday 5 September 2025	Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 Return (8.30am)
Wednesday 10 September 2025	Year 7 Return (10am)
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 24 September 2025	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 15 October 2025	School Photos
Monday 27- Friday 31 October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 November 2025	INSET DAY
Friday 19 December 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 5 January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 28 January 2026	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026	Half Term
Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 29 April 2026	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Thursday 18 June 2026	Graduation (TBC)
Friday 19 June 2026	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 July 2026	END OF TERM (12.30 finish)

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