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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I communicated with the wider school community today news of my resignation. While this was a difficult decision, and a difficult message to share with my colleagues, friends and young men in person, the time is right; the opportunity is right.

I will write an extended message in due course, but wanted to offer the reassurance that I can regarding how the news was delivered today, and about the interim arrangements.

When I met with my SLT, it was agreed to deliver the news in the same way I have led the school for 11 years, with transparent honesty and respect for all concerned and with integrity. Waiting until after Year 11 had finished their exam, telling the young men in person and responding to their questions openly before lunch allowed an afternoon of support to be offered by my incredible staff team.

Telling my staff in person meant the world to me and though difficult, the sea of faces will remain with me as a memory I will cherish, not for sharing the news but in the realisation that I have created something very special; unique; here at Sunnydown, but this was only possible with the support of my colleagues. To them, again, thank you.

The interim arrangements will be well managed by Governors and my SLT in whom I have every confidence to manage in my absence. A Headteacher will be appointed in due course, but following a thorough recruitment process. I am confident that Governors will be in a position to provide further information over the course of the coming weeks.

To my Sunnydown families, thank you for the privilege of educating your sons, those that have already graduated, those about to, and those who will graduate in the future. I am confident in the impact I have made on each and every one of the young men, but again could not have achieved the outcomes we do, year in year out, without the support of families. Thank you.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend. To those who are able to celebrate the influence of our father figures on Sunday, I wish you a sensational day.

Yours sincerely

Paul Jensen

Andrew Hendry-Smith - 1000 House Points

A huge congratulations to Andrew for achieving the milestone of 1,000 housepoints. Andrew has earned these over the last 5 years through hard work and tackling everything with a positive mindset. As we know, he has been particularly involved in school productions and events which is where his passion is and where he has demonstrated some real talent. Once again congratulations Andrew.

Greenhouse Cup

Last week the Greenhouse Cup went to Jonah Mee for his great work over the holiday scheme. Not only overcoming his own fears but supporting another student and showing great patience, kindness and leadership. Well done Jonah, you should be very proud.



Gabe

GASP Eco Challenge





Harry Franklin, Callum Truttero and Alex Pereira represented Sunnydown School in the GASP Eco Challenge Electric Car Event last Thursday. The boys have been working on the Sunnydown electric vehicle for a number of weeks and they were given the opportunity to pit their car against cars from other schools. The event was at Mercedes Benz World and the team were tasked with seeing how far they could get their vehicle to run on a specific amount of charge, with endurance (rather than speed) being the goal. The boys, supported by Mr Bright and Miss Derrig Adams did an amazing job, despite the awful weather and came 2nd out of 7 schools. They were given a tour of Mercedes Benz World, competed again in a simulator activity and got to meet Damon Hill, former Williams F1 driver and World Drivers' Champion 1996. A huge congratulations to everyone involved.



Mr Lord

KS3 Fulham Football

For the final time this year, the Sunnydown KS3 team headed down to Fulham training ground for the final round of fixtures. The Premiership team had no fixtures due to exams but enjoyed a coaching session from the Fulham coaches and then won both their league title and the Respect trophy for their achievements across the year.

The Championship team started with two 1-0 losses and a draw and then they were unable to get on the score sheet but defended admirably and finished with three 0-0 draws. They rounded off the day by winning the Respect trophy also for their sportsmanship across the season.

The League team just missed out on the Respect trophy but again played well throughout the day, finishing with 2 losses, three score draws and then a 3-0 win to round off the day. All three teams showed sportsmanship throughout the day and it was great to see the teams showing independence and resilience, reflecting on what was working well and what they needed to change.



Players of the tournament

Premiership: N/A

Championship: *Ethan Lyons* and *Milo Baker*

League: *Harry Salter*



Championship	League	Premiership
Callum Truttero	Alexander Thompson	Freddie Collins
Eddie Smith	Callum Duff	Jack Bristow
Ethan Lyons	Daniel Leonard	Jack McDowell
George McGookin	Freddie Dunne	Jacob Ryan
Harry Origgi-Fernando	Harry Salter	Jonah Mee
Jacob Napier	Kye Lawrence	Matthew Marenga
Kai Bagwell	Loui Salliss	Robert Hall
Milo Baker	Ross Smallman	Thomas Emms
	Tekai Lewis	

Gabe

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 9/6/25)</p> <p>Metacognition</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 16/6/25)</p> <p>Learning Disability Week</p>
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<p><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></p> <p>Callum Dowie</p>

RICE ³ Awards	
Resilience	Freddie Collins Nathan Small

Independence	Andrew Hendry Smith Lithar Po-Ba
Cooperation	Felix Drummond Jaden Doorga Andrew Hendry Smith

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is Kye Lawrence <i>For always working hard in maths</i>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is Isaac Benn <i>For active learning and consistent effort</i> Sam Walsh <i>For improved effort and initiative</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe are KS3 Ollie Hall <i>For creating a diverse new school.</i> KS4 Harvey Caruana Ollie Taylor <i>For excellent effort</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Thomas Emms <i>Resilience and consistent effort</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Zack Harrison & awarded by Mrs Cybuch is Zack Harrison <i>For his enthusiasm playing samba rhythms</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is Jaden Doorga <i>For his excellent reading session this week</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Jaden Doorga <i>Effort and independence in art</i>
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart are Kye Lawrence

	<p>Jacob Napier</p> <p><i>For their excellent performance in answering all questions during the lesson</i></p>
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House Points

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Andrew Hendry Smith	1,000 House Points
Freddie Phillips	950 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Summer Term 2025	
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening Last GCSE exam
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 20 th June 2025	Business Breakfast
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Year 11 Brighton trip
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Innovate Year 10 session
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Year 11 Ninja Warriors trip
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	KS3 Gatwick FootGolf
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Friday 27 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 8 (& outstanding Years 8-11) HPV vaccination
Monday 7 th July 2025	Poetry by Heart Trip
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	Prospero/Sunnydown Drama Performance (Herakles)
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	New Barnes KS4 tournament
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation Event
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Monday 14 th July 2025	7M Form Trip
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	7C Form Trip
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	New Barnes KS3 tournament
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Give back to the community day
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM (1.20pm finish)
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY