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Friday 15th November 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Our Remembrance ceremony is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all people who have made and continue to make sacrifices so that we can live in the community we do.

The following staff and students read a variety of passages in a moving tribute:

Mr Malachy Jensen
Mr Sebastian Davies
Zac Hoad
Charlie Histed
Teddy Foster
Andrew Hendry Smith

Mrs Barnes (FoS), Ms Tamsyn Hendry on behalf of governors, Mr Geraint Jenkins (Kimilili Foundation) and Mr Russ Houghton (Round Table) laid wreaths.

Special guests included Sonia Hunt (Caterham Mayor), Glen O'Dwyer (Sea Cadets), Caterham Round Table, Beth Wood from Prospero Theatre Company, and David Ramzan from the Children's Football Alliance.

This year a special mention was made for Matty Horkan, an ex-student who is facing his own battles currently as he recovers from his life changing spinal injury. Finally, a special tribute was made to Mr Renislaw Ciruk. Reni worked at Sunnydown for many years, well beyond retirement age because he was dedicated and enjoyed the company. Reni recently passed away, but had written a short book on his experience as a Prisoner of War. A short excerpt of this was read out as students, staff and guests listened in respectful silence.

Our guests and readers were treated to a sumptuous morning tea in the Food Technology room, prepared by Mrs Hull and some additional students. It is a credit to Mrs Hull, but also an indication of the level of commitment of my staff team, that Mrs Hull came in to offer her support. I am incredibly grateful and proud. Thank you Mrs Hull.

Our second Peace Games football tournament followed where our new team shirts were also unveiled. I know that Mr Wright worked hard behind the scenes in advance to ensure we had representation from local teams, but to also ensure all games were played in good spirits. Mr David Ramzan and other guests enjoyed the skill and sportsmanship on show. Huge thanks to Mr Wright and his team who I am confident will add some communications in the near future.

Though we are an exceptional school, under my leadership we continue to seek ways to improve and provide even better opportunities, support and experiences for our students and their families. A huge thank you to staff, families and students for your views regarding the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to the quality of our provision here at Sunnydown through the SWOT analysis. This closes at 5pm today and feedback will be analysed next week with a view to incorporating aspects of the feedback into our school improvement. Your views are appreciated.

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November



As we gave our respects on Monday 11th November for Armistice Day, many of the pupils reflected on stories and past events from our heroes.

Following Monday's service and feeling very emotional, Alfie Monk wanted to share with us this poem he has written. He has also sent this to the Royal British Legion.

Remember, remember, the 11th of November
Sacrifice, pain, and loss.
The darkness defeated, at long, long last.
But now, the nation should always care
A simple flower of red and black,
A symbol to thank and not let;
The effort be lost, and the sacrifice be in vain,
Wear a poppy; Lest we forget ...

We will remember them. We will thank them.

**We will never forget them.
We will honour them.
Forevermore.**

A statement from Bailey Goodliffe with his reflection of Henry Webber (1849-1916).

Henry Webber was a Lieutenant in the 7th Battalion, South Lancashire and was known to be the oldest death in World War 1. Dying of wounds to the head by German shell at Mametz Woods, the Somme, France. Henry had 10 children, of which three were sent to war; all three of his sons lived. Henry Webber went to war because his sons were enlisted and all were drafted to France.

Henry Webber was born in Horley and lived in Horley, he attended Oxford University in 1867 and was a member of the stock exchange for over 40 years. Born in 1867 and died at roughly 6pm on the battlefield of the Somme on 21st July 1916.

Curriculum Review

The government has commissioned an independent review of the curriculum. Professor Becky Francis has launched a call for evidence which aims to bring everyone into the conversation about what is working well and what could work better in the curriculum. The consultation closes on 22 November 2024.

If you would like to offer any views or opinions please click [here](#).

AQA Unit Award Scheme

Congratulations to the Year 11 Life Skills group who each achieved a certificate in Fundraising for a Charity or Cause. To achieve this award, students completed all the administrative tasks required to register and participate in the fundraising activity and supported the school in hosting the very successful cake sale for Macmillan before Half Term.

Well done Year 11!

Mrs Jensen

Learning Space

Some of you may be aware that we work with a company called Learning Space and one of their practitioners Lisa Roberts. Lisa joins us on a weekly basis to support different students for a variety of reasons which has proved to be very successful for a number of the boys here at Sunnydown. Learning Space will be holding webinars throughout the early part of next year and we have attached the details for those parents who may be interested in joining them.

<https://www.learningspace.org.uk/>

ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not.

Dates

Day 1: Weds 15th Jan 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah
Day 2: Mon 27th Jan 5:45pm-7:45pm with Emma & Sarah D
Day 3: Weds 26th Feb 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D
Day 4: Weds 12th Mar 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D
Day 5: Weds 26th March 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D

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[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/SVC5GEUCVW](https://forms.office.com/E/SVC5GEUCVW)





ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PROFESSIONALS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for any **professional** working in an educational setting

Date:
Weds 5th Feb 3.45pm-5.45pm with Emma & Sarah D

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<https://forms.office.com/e/jt3NBjaLDX>

Mr Lord

Greenhouse T Shirt

Last week we gave away our first Greenhouse T-shirt for some time. Jayden has been working hard on being positive in all lessons and richly deserves his prize. Jayden, keep up the excellent effort and I look forward to you maintaining your positive behaviour throughout your time here. Good work.



Gabe

Greenhouse Youth Board

Greenhouse Sports is a charity that uses physical activity to help young people realise their potential. Central to that is listening to the voice of young people in shaping their decisions. As part of that process they are looking for new representatives (aged 14-18) to be a part of their Youth Board. Being a Youth Board member would help develop successful applicants' leadership, decision making and team building skills and enable them to be part of a group driving change within Greenhouse.

In the past we had an ex-student, Thando Po-Ba, become a Board member and he represented the school with distinction.

Attached are further details and information on how to apply and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Gabe



Greenhouse Sports Youth Board Information Sheet

What is the Youth Board?
The Youth Board is a group of young people (ages 14-18) who bring their perspectives to Greenhouse Sports, helping shape the charity's work through feedback and decision-making.

Ultimately, young people should be at the heart of what we do. The main purpose of the Youth Board is to ensure **YOU** have a voice to help further shape our work.



Who will you work with?
Work alongside Greenhouse Sports staff and key decision-makers, gaining insights into areas like Fundraising and Marketing and many more.

What do we expect from Youth Board members?
Members have regular monthly ONLINE meetings and aim to meet in person at least once a term to take part in the following:
- Sharing their opinions and experiences of their Greenhouse programmes
- Help make key decisions on new initiatives
- Leadership and employability opportunities that will giving them the chance to develop themselves
- Represent the voices of Greenhouse Sports participants on a range of issues
Being a Youth Board member is an important role! At the minimum, we would expect the following from our members:

- Attend monthly online meetings and at least one in-person meeting each term
- Share your opinions on Greenhouse programmes
- Participate in decision-making on new initiatives
- Engage in leadership and employability opportunities
- Respond to communications regularly
- Provide a parent/guardian contact for the Youth Board's WhatsApp group


Why join the Youth Board?

- The chance to meet new people and create change within Greenhouse Sports
- Personal development, build confidence in public speaking, team working and decision making skills.
- Great experiences to put on your CV and college applications.



Who can join the Youth Board?
If you're in Years 10-12 (2024-25) and part of a Greenhouse school programme, apply to serve on the Youth Board for 1-2 years!

Next Steps
Ready to Join the Youth Board? Here's What to Do Next!



Apply: Complete the online application form [here](https://forms.office.com/e/RXNGSHFMxI) OR by going to this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/RXNGSHFMxI> OR by scanning the QR code above:

Explore: Learn more about our work [here](https://www.greenhousesports.org/news/): <https://www.greenhousesports.org/news/>

Stay Connected: Use an email you check often—we'll contact you here.

Deadline: Submit your application by 11:59 pm on Monday, 2nd December 2024.

Interviews: Interviews will be scheduled between 9th-13th December. Details to follow!

Questions and feedback
If you have any questions, concerns, feedback or even an idea, email us at:
youthboard@greenhousesports.org

SEND Dance Classes



SEND Dance are holding their Christmas Fair (as advertised in this poster) to raise funds for 5 of their SEND families to go on holiday. There will be several performances from local schools and their dance company.

If anyone is interested in their SEND dance classes they are for all mobilities and abilities. ADA's aim is to improve self-confidence, social interaction and mobility whilst allowing individuals to express themselves freely through music and movement.

They provide lessons in South Croydon, Redhill and Horley. All of the locations are fully accessible and have disabled toilets on site.

The South Croydon lessons and Redhill lessons are every other Saturday in term time. They also provide half term workshops and events for their dancers to go bowling, to the theatre, on days out etc.



SEND Dance Classes

About Us
Our SEND dance classes are inclusive to all mobilities and abilities. Our aim is to remove barriers in the community and allow individuals to express themselves freely through music and movement.

Classes

Hookwood, Horley Every Friday Infants: 3-8years 10:45-12:30 Juniors: 9-16years 12:30-14:15	St Giles, South Croydon Every other Saturday Infants: 3-8years 09:00-09:45 Juniors: 9-16years 10:00-10:45	Donyng's, Redhill Every other Saturday Infants: 3-8years 12:00-12:45 Juniors: 9-16years 14:00-14:45 Adults: 15:00-15:45
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Adult Classes

Adults SEND Dance Classes:
Donyng's Leisure Centre, Redhill
15:00-15:45
We have no age limit!

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Friends of Sunnydown

Dates for your diary

Donation/Mufti Days - Do you have any unwanted gifts and or wrapped sweets/chocolate that you could re-gift/donate? We are holding donation days on **Friday 6th December** and **Friday 13th December** at school ahead of the boys' Christmas shopping day and would gratefully receive any good condition and unwanted gifts which can be suitable for women, men or children and sweet treats for the Tombola. The boys can wear Mufti on these days, in return for their donations can we ask for the following:

Friday 6th December - Wrapped chocolates/sweets (for the boys' Tombola)

Friday 13th December - Gifts ready for Christmas shopping


Christmas Raffle - Tickets should have made their way home this week. If you own a small business or know of someone who does and would be happy to donate a raffle prize, please could you email:

friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Christmas Staff Fund - If you would like to donate to the staff fund so that every member of staff receives some Christmas love as a token of our appreciation, then you can do so online or via online banking. Follow this link: [Friends of Sunnydown Christmas Staff Fund 2024](#) or email: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for banking details. (Don't forget to send your note of thanks for the staff Christmas poster).




We would like to remind you that we have started a **Friends of Sunnydown Community WhatsApp group** so that we can keep you in the loop with what's going on. This group will purely be for us to post announcements and keep you up to date, this is not a group where you can comment or converse. If you haven't joined yet but would like to receive reminders about what's happening and when, scan the QR code on the attached flyer and jump in.



MOVEMBER DAY

29th November 2024

Buy a moustache for 50p
Available from Tutors



<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 11th November 2024)</p> <p>Remembrance: Remembering Those Lost</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C 18th November 2024)</p> <p>Anti Bullying Week</p>
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<p><u>Mr Peters’ Award For Progress At Lunch Time Football</u></p> <p>Jayden Peters</p>

<p><u>The Baton</u></p> <p>Callum Dowie</p>

<p><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></p> <p>Harry Franklin</p>

<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p>Loui Salliss <i>For completing work independently</i></p> <p>Jonah Mee <i>For excellent work on fractions</i> & awarded by Mr Wright are</p> <p>Ethan Lyons Jack Bristow Callum Truttero</p> <p><i>For increased independence</i></p>
<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p>Leo Ewen <i>For engagement & initiative</i></p>
<p><u>Writer of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe are</p> <p>KS3</p>

	<p>Tekai Lewis <i>For continued effort & engagement</i></p> <p>KS4</p> <p>& awarded by Mrs Jensen is</p> <p>Alfie Monk <i>For effort & engagement in class & homework</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull</p> <p>Callum Truttero <i>Progress & independence</i></p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe</p> <p>Callum Dowie <i>For his focus & commitment in reading</i></p>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p>Ethan Lyons</p>

House Points

<u>House Points</u>	
Jacob Kelly	750 House Points
Alfie Tharle	700 House Points
Luke Dean	600 House Points
Daniel Leonard	350 House Points
Callum Duff	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

<u>Autumn Term 2024</u>	
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	ASDAN Year 11 visit to All Saints' Church - Warlingham
Monday 25 th November 2024	KS3 Badminton
Monday 25 th November 2024	KS4 Fulham football
Wednesday 27 th November 2024	KS4 Come Dine With Me (3.30-7pm)
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	KS4 Come Dine With Me (3.30-7pm)
Monday 9 th December 2024	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	KS4 Badminton
Friday 6th December 2024	Christmas Donation Day - MUFF
Friday 13th December 2024	Christmas Donation Day - MUFF
Thursday 19th December 2024	🎄 Christmas Dinner 🎄
Thursday 19th December 2024	Christmas Shopping Event
Monday 23 rd December - Monday 6 th January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 20 th Dec)
<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY
Saturday 18 th January - Friday 24 th January 2025	Ski Trip
Wednesday 28 th January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 10 th February	Fulham football
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 10 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
<u>Summer Term 2025</u>	
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 20 th April)

Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 9 th June 2025	Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2024)	INSET DAY

