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Friday 15th September 2023

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 academic year to all students, their families and new staff. A special welcome to those in Year 7.

Sunnydown continues to provide an exceptional educational experience to students fortunate enough to gain a place, but even further to those able to engage with the curriculum we offer. This includes the pastoral and academic components.

Sunnydown prides itself on being welcoming - we have five open mornings scheduled throughout the year where we anticipate touring with in excess of 100 families, all keen to secure a place for their son. In addition, we welcome families to a special Year 7 parents evening towards the end of the first half of Autumn term (18.10.2023) to discuss how the transition from Primary to Secondary has been. Towards the end of the summer, Year 11 and their families are invited back to a formal graduation event (currently scheduled for Thursday 20th June 2024) where we celebrate the five year journey of each young man. In between these important occasions we of course communicate twice a year regrading progress in our whole school reports (Chritsmas and Summer), we hold Annual Reviews where families are welcome to attend school, each year level is invited to their respective parents evenings (which have been online since Covid) and there is regular weekly communication via our newsletter.

Should you wish to discuss an aspect of your sons' education outside of these opportunities, please do not hesitate in reaching out to the Form Tutor for your son or the school office in the first instance.

Having been recognised as Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted in May 2023, we refuse to coast. A School Development Plan, with priorities for ongoing developments and improvements will be discussed by the FGB on Monday evening. Staff have already accessed two days of Inset and seven (7) staff continue to work towards their National Professional Qualifications (NPQs). This demonstrates how dedicated members of my team are to providing excellent education opportunities, informed by latest research, to your sons.

Please view the newsletter on a weekly basis as a great deal happens at Sunnydown, and we rely on it as our main source of information sharing.

If you or family and friends are attending the Caterham Beer Festival this weekend, the Sunnydown Burger Van is catering the event. We often attend events in the local community, raising vital funds to continue to provide your son with additional opportunities.

Long may this wonderful weather continue. Wishing you all a sensational weekend.

Paul Jensen

Local Area SEND Inspection - Surrey

You may be aware that on Monday 11th September, SCC was notified by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) of the start of the Local Area SEND Inspection in Surrey. The inspection will look at education, health and social care services for children and young people aged 0-25 with additional needs and disabilities (otherwise known as SEND) in Surrey, by assessing their experiences and outcomes.

The inspection will last for three weeks. If you want to know more about the inspection process, visit the Local Offer SEND Inspection webpage. The Government website also has information about the Inspection framework - Area SEND inspections: framework and handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) - and videos specifically for parents and carers.

This inspection will involve a wide range of activities including; visiting settings across the partnership, tracking children and young people's cases, case sampling, submitting documentation and data, focus group activity and surveys for children and young people, their families and practitioners. The inspection will evaluate a local area's effectiveness in commissioning and delivering services to children and young people with SEND. This will include children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and also those on SEN Support.

<u>Inspection surveys – please complete</u>

As part of the inspection, Ofsted and CQC are seeking views and experiences of parents/carers of a child or young person with additional needs or disabilities, or young people with additional needs or disabilities.

Please take the opportunity to share your views. The survey links will close at 9am on Tuesday 19th September. We will give all young men the opportunity to complete the survey during form time on Monday 18th September.

Area SEND inspection for Surrey Local Area Partnership (smartsurvey.co.uk)

https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10284395

Letter from Claire Coutinho MP

We were delighted to receive a letter this week from the House of Commons (Claire Coutinho MP) congratulating our students 'on their fantastic performance in their GCSE studies! Claire wrote 'It is a tribute to the dedication and care of all your staff, and your commitment to creating a safe and inspiring environment for young people. You must be immensely proud.'

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

On Friday 1st September, I wrote to families stating 'I wanted to inform you that Sunnydown is not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal.' This position has not changed and a ParentMail was sent on Friday 8th September regarding this.

As an additional precaution, Surrey County Council have commissioned support from a company called MACE to undertake a visual survey of all schools. We will of course welcome any inspections in this regard to maintain a safe and secure school.

Friday Curriculum

Communications with regard to the Friday Curriculum will continue to come out on a weekly basis. This

will outline what specific year groups will be doing, whether it is on site or off site and whether there are any specific clothing requirements. In most cases where there are clothing requirements, such as an outdoor adventurous activities trip, the boys will be expected to arrive in uniform and change so that they have clean clothes for the afternoon session and their journey home.

East Surrey College

Those boys in Year 10 and 11 who have selected East Surrey College for their Friday Option should arrive in their PE kit and remain in that for the whole day up until Christmas. After Christmas we will advise what clothing is most appropriate depending upon the activity, however it will not be school uniform. If any of the boys in the college group do not attend college for any reason, then they should arrive at school in full uniform.

Those boys who are doing life skills in Year 10 and 11 should arrive in school uniform every week unless they are told otherwise.

If you have any questions regarding the Friday Curriculum then please do not hesitate to make contact.

Best wishes

Jez Lord

Bike shed

Well done to all the boys who helped with work in the bike shed last year that made sure we had enough working bikes for Games, cycling and our Kenley bike event. A special mention goes to Harvey Caruana (9N) who worked to put together a bike from scratch and to Teddy Foster (10D) who helped him throughout the process. Well done one and all.



Gabe

Greenhouse Sports Youth Board Information Sheet

Greenhouse are once again advertising for students to help shape their growth, be a part of their development whilst learning new skills, gaining work related experience, going on trips and making new friends. One alumni student (Thando) was a very successful member of the board last year and he spoke at the Greenhouse Headteachers dinner and went on a residential in Norfolk as part of his role. Further details are attached separately to this newsletter or don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions - g.odia@sunndyown.surrey.sch.uk

Gabe

Greenhouse Summer Residential

This summer, as well as the usual two weeks of camp, the Year 10s went on a Greenhouse residential trip to Norfolk where they did abseiling, beach walks, archery, team games, problem solving, den building ... to name but a few. A special mention goes to Alex Hennessy (11M) for his team work and helpfulness throughout the stay.

During the two weeks of holiday scheme, boys had an Adidas Sports Day where they went to Battersea Park to take part in training sessions and an athletics tournament, went cycling round Kenley aerodrome, had a football tournament at Arsenal Community Hub and went white water rafting in Lea Valley, as well as having the usual games like hide and seek and treasure hunts at school. Charlie Histed (9O) said it best:

"That was the best time I've ever had in school" and about white water rafting "that was the most fun I've ever had in the water."





Music lessons

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter showing details for Surrey Arts individual music lessons.

Summer 2023 reading achievers

Congratulations to all our summer reading achievers (list at the end of this newsletter).

100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 21 students who achieved 100% attendance for the half term 5th June - 21st July.

Congratulations also to 11C and 8C for achieving 100% attendance during the week commencing: 4th September.

Online Safety

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter - 'What parents & carers need to know about live streaming' and 'Setting boundaries around gaming'.

Mr Cassim

Song of the Week

This week's Song of the Week was 'See You Again' by Charlie Puth and Wiz Khalifa (2015).

Pet of the Week

Please do email in any photos you have of your pets. We would love to see and share them in this newsletter and on our notice board.

Thought for the Week

(W/C: 4th September 2023)

Welcome back, settling in

Thought for the Week

(W/C: 11th September 2023)

How can I make a difference & put my mark on Sunnydown?

Thought for the Week

(W/C: 18th September 2023)

Youth Mental Health: Be Brave

Youth Mental Health Day - 19th
September 2023 encourages
understanding & discussion of
mental health in young people. The
aim is to enable young people to live
happy & healthy lives all year round.



Sportsmanship Award

Charlie McSorley (10D)

Employability Skills Award

Baton Award

Freddie Ponsford (8W)

For being super helpful

Scientist of the Week W/C: 4/9/23

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova for resilience & creativity is

Charlie McSorley (10D)

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for independence is

James Millar (11C)

& for co-operation is

Jayden Smurthwaite (10T)

Artist of the Week W/C: 4/9/23

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fantastic homework completed over the holiday is

Ty Small (11C)

Mathematician of the Week

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is

Daniel Leonard (7C)

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Miss Thompson is

Sonny Burgess (10T)

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

> Kasra Alavi (9N)

Scientist of the Week

The recipients of
Scientist of the Week,
awarded by Ms
Hristova for teamwork
& precision are

Oscar Stewart (11C) Ollie McEvaddy (11C)

The recipient of
Scientist of the Week,
awarded by Mr Cybuch
for cooperation & work
completion is

Teddy Foster (10D)

Musician of the Week

The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is

Eddie Smith (7P)

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for being calm and organised, making a positive start to the BTEC course is

Andrew Hendry-Smith (10T)

Writer of the Week

The recipient of
Writer of the
Week, awarded
by Miss
Newcombe for
his detailed
description of The
Kracken is

KS3

Thomas Emms (8C)

& for an excellent piece of descriptive writing is

KS4

Charlie McSorley (10D)

	Points 4/9/23
Charlie Histed	550 House Points

House Points W/C: 11/9/23 Certificates will be handed out on Monday morning	
Lucas Abrams	800 House Points
George Whatling	800 House Points
Varen Estwick	700 House Points
Andrew Hendry-Smith	700 House Points
Nathan Small	650 House Points
Edward Gair	500 House Points
Harry Vaughan	500 House Points
Toby Chapman	450 House Points
Jayden Peters	450 House Points
Kamauri Craig	350 House Points
Freddie Dunne	300 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wednesday 20 th September	Open morning
Wednesday 27 th September	Open morning
Tuesday 17 th October	School photos
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 7 Parents Evening
Thursday 20 th June 2024	Scheduled formal graduation event

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SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September	INSET Day
Monday 4th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Years 10 & 11 (Arrival 8.30am - 9.00am)
Wednesday 6th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Years 8 & 9 (Arrival 8.30am - 9.00am)
Monday 11th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Year 7 (Arrival 10.00am)
Friday 20th October	Finish for half term

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Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October	I Half lerm

Monday 30th October	INSET Day
Tuesday 31st October	Start of Autumn Term HT2
Friday 15th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January	Start of Spring Term HT3
Friday 9th February	Finish for half term

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- 1	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Half Term

Monday 19th February	Start of Spring Term HT4
Friday 15th March	INSET Day
Thursday 28th March	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April	Start of Summer Term HT5
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	Finish for half term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half Term
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Monday 3rd June	Start of Summer Term HT6
Friday 21st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of term for pupils

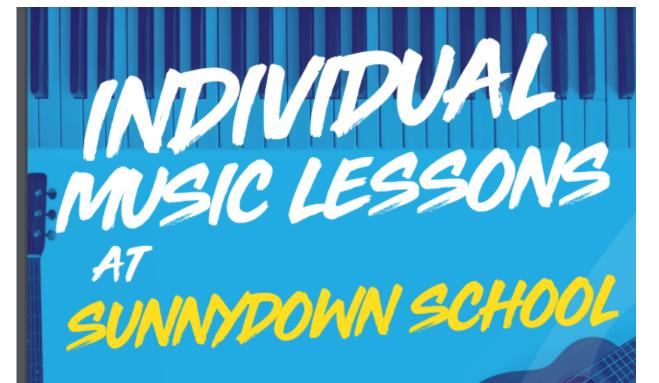












lessons include:

KEYBOARD GUITAR DRUM KIT

Online registration:

bit.ly/SA-SpeedAdmin

Contact Surrey Arts for more information

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Discover more at: surreycc.gov.uk/music







Summer 2023 Reading Achievers



100% (5 House Points)

Callum D

Robert H

Zac H

Freddie P

Harvey C

Harry F

Alfie M

Callum A

Charlie H

Ollie T

Freddie Ph

James H

Edward G

Sonny C

Andrew H-S Hamish S

Varen E

Ty S

Lucas A

Josh B

James D

Alexander N

Jamie R

George W

90% + (3 House Points)

Jaden D

Kamauri C

Thomas E

Harrison W

Freddie C

Alex P

Callum T

Kasra A

Dominic H

Jonathan E Lithar P-B

Leo S

Toby C

Nathan S

80% + (1 House Point)

Freddie D

Noah A

Ethan L

Charlie C

Luke D

Jacob K

Jayden P

Logan E

Harry V

Taylor C

Alfie W

Ollie Mc

Oscar S













What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast; such instant engagement makes this an exciting

way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and

safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN



UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

13+

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

DANGER OF GROOMING

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING



CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

Meet Our Expert









