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Friday 16th June 2023

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

The final assembly with Year 11 is always an emotional one. Year 11 walk towards the front of our assembly hall while the rest of the school gives them a standing ovation. Year 11 students are invited to say a few words to the school and then students and staff say a few words to the Year 11 graduates. The comments this year were genuinely uplifting and unanimously positive.

Some Year 11 students have a GCSE exam on Monday, their final one, while many have already finished. With trips on Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by graduation on Thursday evening, this week will go by quickly for them, but will also be etched in their memories forever.

Many congratulations to our Year 11 graduates of 2023 - a longer message following graduation next week.

The weather returns to a more mild mid twenty degrees this week. However, as it is predicted to warm up again next week, the relaxing of the school tie rule is executed this week and next. For clarity, students may wear a tie, but can choose not to this week and next. However, the remainder of the school uniform policy remains in effect. There is an option for shorts but please note these are not sports shorts - they are dress shorts similar to the trousers most students wear. Wearing the school uniform helps develop a sense of belonging and uniform checks are conducted daily on arrival and departure from school.

Another typically busy week ahead at Sunnydown including our Year 10 parents evening on Wednesday 21st June.

Friday 23rd June is an Inset day so students will leave at 3.30pm on Thursday afternoon. We return to regular times for Monday 26th June.

We start our first wave of transition events for our new Year 7 students on Saturday 24th June with a family picnic. Seeing our grounds and the school for the first time is an event that many students will remember forever and we will work hard to make it special. Many thanks to Mrs Wermig (AHT/SENCo) for managing this process here at Sunnydown.

Looking further ahead, our presentation event is scheduled for Wednesday 12th July and the sports day for Thursday 20th July. Please keep an eye open for more communication regarding both of these important events.

As this newsletter is coming out today, a reference to Father's Day is necessary. I hope all of the dads associated with Sunnydown in any way have a wonderful day.

Scout trip

It was lovely to receive a message describing Leo's recent scout camping trip. He stayed away for two nights in a tent and managed a 7 mile hike as well. We appreciate receiving updates of what our young men are up to outside of school and will try to share as many of these as possible.

Many congratulations Leo and to all of our students for any extra-curricular activities they might be engaging with.



Art GCSE

Massive congratulations to Daniel and Nathan for working so hard throughout their Art GCSE. We had a cake to celebrate!

Wishing you the best of luck in your new adventures.



Mrs Ogle

Flower Farm Visit

Both this week and last week the Year 7s enjoyed a trip to Flower Farm and enjoyed picking strawberries and wandering around the farm shop. Last week the farm owner very kindly talked to the students about what was on the farm and how the farm is run.







Bike Maintenance

This week we had a special event in the bike shed as Edward had his final session. Edward has been full of enthusiasm when it comes to working there and would have been in every day if he could. He has matched his enthusiasm and energy with a thirst to learn. It will be a much quieter and emptier place in his absence. Well done Edward for all your hard work.

Gabe

1000 House Points

Today Joshua Barnes was awarded his certificate to celebrate achieving 1,000 Sunnydown house points! This is a reflection of the hard-working, dedicated, responsible and caring young man he is. Working with Josh over the last five years has been an absolute honour and he should be exceptionally proud of his Sunnydown journey. Well done, Josh!

Mrs Palmer

Caterham Cycle Challenge

Again this year, staff and students headed down to Kenley to walk, jog, run and cycle around the aerodrome to try to reach the 660km target to link in with the distance covered in the Gibb cycle challenge.

It was great to see all students across all the year groups involved and to see them pushing themselves either in trying to get the school record or their own personal best.

Furthest laps covered were:

Year 7 - Freddie Ponsford

Year 8 - Harry Franklin

Year 9 - Teddy Foster

Year 10 - Lucas Abrams and Max Mahboobani

But the event is so much more than just the distances covered, it's all about the individual efforts of all of the boys and special mentions for effort go to Jaden Doorga, Taylor Conway, Harry Vaughan, Toby Chapman and to all the Year 11s for their efforts in the middle of their exams. Plus excluding Mr Cassim and me, the staff award for the second year running goes to Miss Thompson.

In total we cycled 1334km, over twice our target distance.

Thank you to all the staff for their efforts, the boys again for theirs and the parents and businesses who have given their financial support and continue to do so along with those that gave up their time to marshall. The events truly couldn't have happened without your support. Roll on next year!









Gibb Cycle Challenge

After years of planning, a small group took off from the UK to make the epic journey to be part of the Gibb cycle challenge. Travelling by plane from England to Darwin then on to Broome and finally to Derby before embarking on a 660km bike ride travelling along 'roads' that were more pothole than road, battling thirty degree heat and passing wallabies and crocodiles along the way. There were lots of laughs, some (professional) falls and memories that will last a lifetime.

It was great to see the boys (Ollie and Oscar) develop in confidence and independence while cycling, pitching tents and making new friends. The kindness of the bike community that took us in was overwhelming and a special mention has to go to all the volunteers who made us feel so welcome and the fellow cyclists who donated \$100 for the boys'

travel fund.

Ollie and Oscar's favourite moment: Making friends with the Aboriginal students.

Gabe's favourite moments: Cycling downhill(!) and seeing the boys grow in confidence. Least favourite moment: cycling uphill, getting about two inches then getting overtaken by Mr Jensen who must have secretly been training for the last few years. A thank you to everyone who helped and continues to help with donations to make the trip possible. Next year who knows, Vegas?













Greenhouse Alumni

Attached are details on how our soon to be ex-students of Sunnydown can remain a part of the Greenhouse network, learn about sporting opportunities, apprenticeships, work experience and fund raising events as they crop up. The attachment has a QR code to scan to register, but registration can also be completed using the link below:

https://ggbk6q2j.paperform.co/



Gabe

Thales

Please find the latest Thales electronic newsletter at the end of this document which you may find useful and informative. They are planning some exciting events for Autumn/Winter and will let us know all the details when they have them.

Friends of Sunnydown

Quiz night at Sunnydown - Friday 30th June 2023 - 6:30pm arrival for 7:00pm start. Hurry - Last few tickets available - £12 for adults and £6 for children (includes a fish and chip supper or sausage/ vegetarian).

Family camp night - Saturday 1st **July 2023.** Bring along your tent and enjoy camping under the Sunnydown stars! There will be food, drinks and even marshmallows to toast in our own fire pit, £5 per head. This is likely to be a popular event and numbers are limited, so claim your space now.

End of year staff 'thank you' fund. If you would like to donate to a staff fund to be shared amongst our fantastic Sunnydown staff, please do so using the link below. Vouchers will be gifted to show our appreciation.

To purchase tickets and/or donate to the above, please follow this link www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Don't forget, if you'd like to join Friends of Sunnydown, just one hour of your time per week or less is required (maximum two hours per week for large events). Reach out to find out more:

friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Sports day reminder - 20th July. This is always an exciting event (which includes a bouncy obstacle course for the boys!). More details to follow.

Attendance

Congratulations to 7W for achieving 100% attendance during the week ending 9th June.

Online Safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter - 'What parents need to know about money muling'.

Mr Cassim

Song of the Week

This week's Song of the week was nominated by Cody in 7C - Rick Astley, Never Gonna Give You Up (1987).

Thought for the Week (W/C: 12th June 2023)

How can we maintain a healthy lifestyle?

Thought for the Week (W/C: 19th June 2023)

June Pride Month

Mathematician of the Week	Scientist of the Week	Musician of the Week	Chef of the Week	Artist of the Week	Writer of the Week
The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is Charlie McSorley (9D)	Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for cooperation &	awarded by Mrs Cybuch for engagement & excellent effort during the lesson is Cody Osborne (7C)	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull for excellent attention to detail & being a capable cook is Elvinas Sermuksnis (11J)	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for independent work & effort in art this week Toby Chapman (9D)	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Wermig for his great analysis of Mr Briggs is KS3 Bailey Goodliffe (8N) For his fantastic analysis of language in an extract is KS4 Oscar Stewart (10C)

House Points				
Liam Tushingham	900 House Points			
Ryan Gellett	750 House Points			
Varen Estwick	650 House Points			
Kieran Kirk	650 House Points			
Freddie Phillips	600 House Points			
Alfie Tharle	400 House Points			
Freddie Dunne	250 House Points			
Sam Lopes	200 House Points			
Cody Osborne	150 House Points			

Forthcoming Events 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Friday 16 th June	7W Flower Farm visit
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 11 National Maritime Museum Trip
Tuesday 20 th June - Thursday 22 nd June	Year 9 Residential Brenscombe Trip
Wednesday 21st June	Year 11 Trip to Brighton
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 11 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 23 rd June	INSET DAY
Saturday 24 th June	Caterham Barn Dance
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 9/10 KS4 Grafham Grange Football Tournament
Friday 30 th June	Orpheus School to perform The Rats of Anarchy City
Friday 30 th June	Friends of Sunnydown Quiz Night
Saturday 1 st July	Family camp night
Wednesday 5 th July	SSSSA Athletics, K2 Crawley
Friday 7 th July	Drama club performance at The Arc
Friday 7 th July	Year 8 Kayaking - Blacklands Farm
Wednesday 12 th July	Prospero Theatre performing Blood Ties
Friday 14th July	Year 7 Kayaking - Blacklands Farm
Thursday 20th July	SPORTS DAY
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term - Finish time TBC



Assessment Centres have now finished!

The Early Careers team have had a very busy few months and we have successfully completed our recruitment campaign for 2023! Assessment centres have been running from February to May.



We do our best to make the assessment centres as fun and as interesting as possible, whilst making everyone feel at ease.

We have received some fantastic candidate feedback!

I was very happy with the questions being sent out in advance as it allowed me to think about good examples. It also meant that it I got lost whilst answering a question I could quickly refer to my notes and not get flustered.

I feit very comfortable, eryone was very nice and welcoming.

We cannot wait to welcome our new cohort in September! We have some exciting plans for our induction week and hope that it will be a fun and informative week, as well as very welcoming, particularly for those at the very beginning of their career.



So what's next?

Well now we have finished recruiting our 2023 intake.....it's time to start recruiting for our 2024 campaign!

Our roles will go live in October 2023.

Watch out for more information coming soon on our Insight Events, which we will be holding later in the year.

In the meantime, we would love to keep in touch!

If you are interested in our opportunities or to arrange a careers talk, please do not hesitate to contact us by email: suppearlycar@uk.thalesgroup,com



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