

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,



*Philip came to me today,  
And said it was time to go.  
I looked at him and smiled,  
As I whispered that "I know"  
I then turned and looked behind me,  
And saw I was asleep.  
All my family were around me,  
And I could hear them weep.  
I gently touched each shoulder,  
With Phillip by my side.*

*Then I turned away and walked,  
With my angel guide.  
Phillip held my hand,  
As he lead the way,  
To a world where Kings and Queens,  
Are Monarchs every day.  
I was given a crown to wear  
Or a halo known by some.  
The difference is up here,*

*They are worn by everyone.  
I felt a sense of peace,  
My reign had seen its end.  
70 years I had served my country,  
As the people's friend.  
Thank you for the years,  
For all your time and love.  
Now I am one of two again,  
In our palace up above.*

### **Bank Holiday - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September is a Bank Holiday which allows the opportunity for all of us to pay our respects to the Queen during her funeral.

For clarity, there is no school on Monday at Sunnydown. On Tuesday, students and taxis should arrive between 9am and 9.30am. Students will then have tutor time until 10am, a brief assembly, and start lessons at 10.15am following the Tuesday timetable.

### **Visit by HRH The Countess of Wessex - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September will be remembered forever as the day The Queen passed away.

However, during the morning we were privileged to be visited by HRH The Countess of Wessex. We walked to the school site and stopped at the cycle mechanic workshop, the burger van, the wallaby enclosure and the sensory garden/BBQ hut area. The visit was to recognise the partnership between the charity Children With Special Needs Foundation and Sunnydown, and to develop an understanding of what we have achieved together.

To date, though Sunnydown has been mentioned in several national media stories, we are not contributing out of respect to the Royal family at this time.

### **Florida**

The CWSNF of course sponsored our trip to Florida. I am in regular contact with the staff and all appear to be having a great time. You can follow the adventure on Facebook (search for Children With Special Needs Foundation) or by visiting the website - <https://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.co.uk/news/>

### **Caterham Cycle Challenge - Down Under**

The intention is to take four (4) students to Australia in May 2023 to attempt The Gibb Challenge (<https://thegibbchallenge.com.au/>). This event was the inspiration for our very own Caterham Cycle Challenge which will grow even larger this year with more schools participating.

It is most likely that the four students will be from Years 10 and 11, have an excellent behaviour, attendance and House Point record, and be in a position to raise enough money themselves to cover the cost of the trip (approximately £3,000 each!). More information will be published very soon, but if you think you would be interested, perhaps start training and thinking about fund raising activities.



# National Teaching Assistants' Day 2022

Today recognises the contribution that Teaching Assistants make to the education of all children.

Statistically, 96% of headteachers believe TAs add value to their school and 44% of parents of autistic children want more teaching assistants in UK schools. I for one would not like to work in a school where 4% of Heads do not value their TAs!!

Schools and the UK education system cannot function without the substantial contributions made by Teaching Assistants. Sunnydown would not be the transformational experience it is with our team of dedicated Teaching Assistants.

On behalf of the school community, I extend my genuine personal and professional gratitude to each and every one of our incredibly talented, dedicated and special team:

**Ms Barbot-Freeman**  
**Mrs Cat Maher**  
**ClairMiss e Brooks**  
**Mr Conor Nelson**  
**Miss Debbie Drake**  
**Erika Petruska**  
**Mrs Gemma Leonard**  
**Miss Jade Derrig-Adams**

**Miss Joanne Clarke**  
**Miss Jo Wood**  
**Miss Krystle Thompson**  
**Mrs Kulsoom Zulfiqar**  
**Mrs Leanne Brown**  
**Mr Lee Thompson**  
**Mrs Lynne McCarthy**  
**Mrs Michaela Downs**

**Mr Michael Derrig-Adams**  
**Miss Monica Collings**  
**Miss Nicola Adams**  
**Mrs Penny Webb**  
**Mrs Raquel Campbell**  
**Mrs Sarah Burden**  
**Miss Sarah Kiddier**

## Surrey College Open days 2022-23

Please see the dates below for local college open days. We recommend that all Year 10 and 11 students endeavor to visit a couple of colleges to support their transition to Post 16 education. The Colleges usually host a second series of open days in the new year. This is not an extensive list so please check any additional local colleges websites for details of their open day events.

College	Location	Date of open days
<a href="#">East Surrey College</a>	Redhill	Wednesday 21st September
<a href="#">NESCOT</a>	Ewell & Epsom	Wed 28th September Sat 15th October Wed 23rd November
<a href="#">Reigate College</a>	Reigate	Tuesday 4th October
<a href="#">Brooklands College</a>	Ashford  Weybridge	Thursday 6th October Thursday 23rd February  Tuesday 11th October Saturday 19th November
<a href="#">Merrist Wood</a>	Worplesdon, Guildford	Wednesday 5th October
<a href="#">Guildford College</a>	Guildford	Wednesday 12th October

## Year 11 - College applications

Y11 will be afforded a Post 16 transition meeting this term to support them and their transition to the right Post 16 placement. Colleges recommend that applications are made before Christmas as courses can fill up. Please don't worry if you haven't submitted an application by then as colleges are open to applications as late as the summer holidays. The students will also have the opportunity to engage in a practice interview here at Sunnydown with our Finance Officer.

## Year 10 - Work Experience

Schools no longer have an obligation to incorporate Work Experience placements at KS4 however we at Sunnydown value the impact it can have and encourage all pupils to take up the opportunity. It can have an extremely positive impact on classroom performance in year 11 as many of the pupils will have a clearer idea of what they want to do and crucially what they need to attain to achieve their goals. Tutors have been discussing potential placements with pupils since the beginning of the year and most have an idea of what they would like to do.

Arranging the placement is a parental responsibility but we are happy to support you with ideas and contacts if required. Usually students will look to find a placement in their local area. Due to the challenges we have all faced with Covid we appreciate that 5 day placements may be a challenge to negotiate with employers, therefore we suggest students aim to complete one or a series of the following options:

1. A traditional 5 day placement with a single employer.
2. A couple of one day placements in different settings.
3. A day job shadowing a family member or parent.
4. **Work experience dates:** Monday 5th June (After the summer half term).

## Friends of Sunnydown

Welcome back Hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. A special welcome to our new Year 7's as they reach the end of their first week!

To recap (and for the benefit of our new parents) we are Friends of Sunnydown and our aim is to support our school by organising events and raising much needed funds for the boys.

50/50 Club - This is our 'school raffle' which gives you the chance of winning every month. You complete a membership form and a Standing Order mandate for £5 per month for five membership numbers, which enters you into the monthly draw (all participants must be over 16). The draw will take place on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month (in arrears). Your winnings will be sent over to you by bank transfer. The prize money will be 50% of the membership fee taken that month. With a first prize being 35% (about £80) and a second prize of 15% (about £40). The remaining 50% goes to the school to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils. Email: [friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk) for a membership form.

Pre-loved Uniform - We have a large range of pre-loved uniform waiting to go to a new home. From coats, trousers, shirts, jumpers with logos and more - we have these in several sizes. Why not pick up some spares to avoid using the tumble dryer this winter? All available online and your son can bring the items home. Check out our selection here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

Friends of Sunnydown volunteers - We are a very small team of parents who would love some new joiners to our team! If you can spare one hour per month and are interested in joining, please email us for more information: [friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)

### Thought for the week

(W/C: 5th September - **Welcome Back/Settling in**)

On Monday 9th September at 10:00, Mr. Lord held an assembly to the Years 10 and 11 and the staff present at school.

In summary, Mr. Lord delivered the School's messages on three key areas:

- Expectations - The expectations compelled upon senior students: to work hard for GCSEs, to achieve personal development, to forge relationships with those around them, to prepare for life beyond Sunnydown etc.
- Attitudes - The attitudes that senior students would best thrive under: attitudes of responsibility, leadership, hard work, dedication, and perseverance etc.
- Restorative Justice - Restorative justice as a new principle embodied in the values of the school: put simply, Restorative Justice is an approach to justice that seeks to repair harm by providing an opportunity for those harmed and those who take responsibility for the harm to communicate about and address their needs in the aftermath of conflicts.

(W/C: 12<sup>th</sup> September - **How can I make a difference and put my mark on Sunnydown?**)

(W/C: 19<sup>th</sup> September - **Resilience - what does it look like? How can we develop it?**)

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<u>Chef of the Week</u>
The recipient of Mathematicians of the Week for work completion is:	The recipient of Scientist of the Week for hard work & contributions to class discussions & practical experiments is:	The recipient of Artist of the Week for his fantastic shape drawing is:	The recipient of Chef of the Week for always trying his best & looking for ways of improving the food he cooks is:
<b>Thando Po-Ba (11J)</b>	<b>Jamie Rogers (10M)</b>	<b>Jacob Kelly (8N)</b>	<b>George Whatling (10M)</b>

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u> <u>(W/C: 5<sup>th</sup> September)</u>	<u>Scientist of the Week</u> <u>(W/C: 5<sup>th</sup> September)</u>
The recipients of Mathematician of the Week for engagement and work completion are:	The recipients of Scientist of the Week for independence, resilience & co-operation are:
<b>Thando Po-Ba (11J)</b> <b>Elvinas Sermuksnis (11J)</b> <b>Liam Tushingham (11P)</b>	<b>Alfie Tharle (8O)</b> <b>Madeline Williams (10M)</b>

<u>House Points (W/C: 12<sup>th</sup> September)</u>			
Kasra Alavi	200 House Points	Jayden Peters	200 House Points
Bailey Goodliffe	200 House Points	Leo Sumsion	200 House Points



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK

Google Chromebooks were first introduced in 2011 as a budget-friendly alternative to Windows laptops. They have a cloud-based desktop operating system created by Google that performs internet-based tasks simply and quickly. Although primarily optimised for Google apps – such as Gmail and Google Drive – newer devices also support Android apps and offer a range of parental controls via the Google Family Link tool. Nonetheless, whilst these tools are comprehensive, there are some limitations which means there are a number of risks trusted adults should be aware of.

## SETTING UP

### SET UP FAMILY LINK

To do this, first install the "Google Family Link" app onto your smartphone to set up an account for your child. If you're setting up a new account, it's important you follow the setup process and sign in with your parent account, as this has access to special privileges. Once this is done, you can add your child's account to the Chromebook.

### DISABLE GUEST MODE

If "Guest mode" or the ability to add new users is available, your child may be able to bypass the Chromebook's parental controls. To disable this, sign into the Chromebook with your parent account, head to "Settings" > "Manage other people" and turn on "Restrict sign-in to the following users" – from there, you'll be able to turn off the "guest browsing" feature.

### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

In your child's account, head to "Settings" > "People" > "Parental controls set up" to begin the process. This will confirm the child's account you want to enable parental controls for and will list the devices that can be protected. You'll then be asked to enter the email and password, before being prompted to ask your child to confirm the supervision via their password.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ONLINE, ALL THE TIME

As "Internet-first" devices, Google Chromebooks are reliant on a Wi-Fi connection, with only limited support for offline tasks. This means your child has access to the internet at all times, with an enduring risk of being exposed to online harm, particularly as Family Link is only able to block most inappropriate content. Even if your child isn't searching for inappropriate websites and information, there's always the chance that they might see something that could upset them.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like most technology, laptops are addictive in nature, and you might find your child spending too long staring at their Chromebook – particularly given its support for Android apps, such as games and social media platforms. This could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks.

### BEWARE OF MALWARE

Although Google's Chrome OS features a number of built-in security measures, that doesn't fully eliminate the risk of malware, which can be downloaded onto the machine via phishing emails or from downloading malware-laced content. This should be a particular concern if your child is taking their laptop into school, as the malware could find itself entering the school's network and infecting other pupils' laptops.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

There are a number of safety features that you can enable to keep your child safe while using Google Chromebook:

1. Disable guest mode and control who can sign into your child's Chromebook
2. Restrict or block access to apps from the Chrome Web Store and the Google Play Store
3. Disable Incognito Mode so you can always track what sites your child has been on.
4. Manage the websites your children can visit on Chrome
5. Limit your child's ability to grant permissions to websites
6. Check Family Link to ensure the Chrome browser default is set to block sexually explicit and violent sites from being shown to children
7. Set bedtimes, screen-time limits, and lock devices when not in use

### Meet Our Expert

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