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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Today has been about reflecting on the achievements, the progress, the growth of each of year 11 graduates, who today shone as the true gentlemen they have become.

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to extend a massive CONGRATULATIONS to each and every young man. Not only for the awards listed below, but for successfully navigating an incredible 18 months, impacted upon time and again by Covid.

Today saw all of the graduation traditions honoured, with a tree planting ceremony, wonderful meal, the awarding of prizes (these are all listed below), and the gift of a Sunnydown graduate hoodie. With the support of technology, we even welcomed mums and dads, grandparents and carers. A Successful event such as this has a vast team of supporters working behind the scenes. Today, Mrs Lawson, Mrs Jensen, Mr Cybuch, Mr D, Miss Burden, Mr Thompson and Miss Wicking were instrumental in the success. However, the school functioned this week with alternative activities for Year 11, and last week with GCSE exams smoothly with immense efforts by those staff who were asked to undertake additional duties, teach additional lessons, or simply supervise areas of the school. To the staff team as a whole, and on behalf of the Year 11 graduates, thank you for allowing their day to be about them.

The graduation event was different this year, without a doubt. It would have been wonderful to have all staff, parents and extended families present as we have done previously, but Covid prevented this. However, the event that was the Graduation week of 2021, was still a huge success. It was intimate and allowed the boys to cement some memories forever.

Finally, a comment to the graduates themselves. Be proud of what you have achieved, but even more so, of the journey you have been on. You are ready for the next step. If you do look back on your time at Sunnydown, remember the good times, the mates you have made, the laughs you have had. Without a shadow of a doubt, these positive memories will be more prominent than any others. In listening to the words of staff in the video, and during some short speeches today, one message kept resounding - keep in touch with one another.



On that note men, you are always welcome to return to Sunnydown and we look forward to hearing about your successes in years to come.

Paul Jensen.

11C		
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Cameron Castle	PE	Impressive creative writing in English
		Encouragement in Maths
		Progress in Science
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Adi Dasbiswas	DIY	100% effort in English (in class and homework)
		Independence in Maths
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Daniel Edwards	ASDAN	Effort in DT
	100% Attendance (2020-2021)	Consistently applying effort in English
		Effort in Food Technology
		Excellent effort in PE
		All star in Science
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Declan Giddings	English	Cooperation in Maths
	Food Technology	Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Charlie Gocher		Progress in PE
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Harvey Moore		Determination in Maths
		Showing maturity in difficult situations
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Jack Reid		Accepting support and showing resilience during the exam period

		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Joseph Rutter	Science	Independence in Maths
		Progress in Food Technology
		Excellent mechanical engineering knowledge
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Matthew Young	English	Progress in Art
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)

11D		
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Calum Baker		Determination in completing Creative Writing
		Certificate for good behaviour
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Ethan Crouch	DT	Resilience in English and excellent contributions to discussions
	Food Technology	Effort in sports activities at East Surrey College
	Maths	
	PE	
	100% Attendance (2020-2021)	
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Simeon Gordon		Hard work in ASDAN
		Consistently applying effort in English
		Consistent and excellent approach to learning in Food Technology
		Effort in Maths
		Progress in Science
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Ollie Keehn		Progress in DT
		Effort in Science
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Muhammad Khan		Working hard on creative writing in English

		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Harry Monkhouse	English	Effort in Food Technology
	Maths	Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PE	
	Science	
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Jack Pinsent	Excellence in Boarding	Good progress in PE
		Effort in sports activities at East Surrey College
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Oscar Robson	Art	Consistently applying effort in English
	Science	Willingness to learn in ASDAN
		Effort in DIY
		Resilience in Maths
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)
	PRIZE	CERTIFICATE
Max Thwaites		Effort in Art
		Consistent effort in English lessons
		Progress in Maths
		Outstanding progress in PE
		Excellent Attendance (2020-2021)

The Awards:

1. 1,000 House Points - ETHAN CROUCH

To achieve 1000 House Points, a student has had to demonstrate commitment to the values of Sunnydown over the full 5 years at Sunnydown, to an incredibly high standard but consistently as well. While all of the young men have demonstrated that they feel part of the Sunnydown community, that they belong and are proud of being a Sunnydown student, Ethan has done so religiously and relentlessly. Acknowledging his contribution to the development of the school ethos through achieving 1000 House points is worthy recognition indeed.



2. Martin Bushell Science Prize - ADI DASBISWAS

The Martin Bushell Science award is named after one of our esteemed alumni. Martin works for Leicester University and is at the forefront of cancer research across the UK. The award is presented to those that follow the fundamental scientific ideas of independent research and asking why things happen.

This year it is our great pleasure to present the Martin Bushell Science award to Adi Dasbiswas for always working hard and asking intelligent questions of scientific concepts, the what and the why, demonstrating his scientific enquiring mind.

3. The Governors' Prize - CAMERON CASTLE

This is a prestigious award, decided upon by all staff. It represents what Sunnydown is about, the ethos of the school.

All graduating young men at Sunnydown deserve to be recognised for the development of resilience, of independence but importantly of their ability to be able to cooperate with others.

The following three young men were nominated for the Governors' Prize as examples of students who had captured the spirit of Sunnydown to a very high degree. Staff had the opportunity to write a comment about their observations of each young man and I share these sentiments below.

Ethan Crouch

This young man was awarded an award for 1000 House Points.

I nominated Ethan as I felt the academic progress he had made from Year 7 to Year 11 was significant, especially considering the difficulties he faced and the extra effort he put into 1:1 academic sessions. He has represented the school throughout the years in different sports and he has shown support and kindness to others. Ethan was massively involved in supporting other peers when they have had some difficulties.

Ethan is never happier than when representing the school in football, rugby, crosscountry, and badminton and has been a real inspiration to both his peers and students in the lower years. He has represented his House (Burntwood) as House Captain, and his school in several events and activities. He really does love football and in particular Crystal Palace. He'll be the first to admit that literacy has been a struggle, which is why it is even more impressive that he sat the higher science paper showing how determined he is.

Ethan has been a great ambassador for Sunnydown. From year 7 he demonstrated great skills in sports, football in particular. He has represented his House (Burntwood) as House Captain, and his school in several events and activities. Ethan has overcome challenges with resilience and determination and worked very hard during his time here, in particular with his GCSEs. Ethan has always been a friendly, thoughtful and popular pupil who has now become a mature and responsible young man. Ethan has a great sense of humour and I am sure this will make others smile as much as he has made us smile here at Sunnydown. We all wish Ethan the very best of luck for his future.

Everyone agrees that he has a great (and very dry) sense of humour and has matured into a young man who is great to have around.



Cameron Castle:

All of the boys have been amazing here at Sunnydown but Cameron has gone above and beyond with getting involved in the school activities. He has represented the school fantastically and should be really proud of himself.

Cameron has without doubt made the most out of his time at Sunnydown School and made a huge contribution to the school in his time and effort as school council and house captain representative. I am so proud at how far he has come along since year 7
Has always represented Sunnydown really well.

I think all of the young men who were nominated for this award have made such a big impact on Sunnydown and have all done fantastically. I do however think that Cameron Castle has gone above and beyond at representing Sunnydown and has been fantastic at being house captain, part of the school council and helping out the younger year groups when they are having a tough time.

Cameron Castle has made contributions towards the school council and is a role model to other students. Cameran has participated in other public events, representing the school particularly throughout COVID.

Adi Dasbiswas:

As I am sitting looking around the Y11 cohort, thinking about who has made the biggest contribution to the school there are many. But the contribution Adi has made is to us as a school and it stands out. Adi has experienced such challenges within himself and has come through, accepting support and guidance from staff and his family. Adi is an example to us all, children and adults alike, of what it is to be a humble, wonderful and caring human being. He has stayed true to himself at all times, accepted support, showed huge resilience and worked as hard as he can at all times. He has never joined in when others weren't being their best selves and his focus is admirable. Adi has also recently made some thoughtful and insightful contributions to class discussions showing that is able to influence his peers in a positive way.

Adi's work ethic is everything we want for our Sunnydown boys. The way he has overcome his own challenges and been open about his mental health issues is inspiring. He has great integrity, doesn't get involved in altercations, gets along with everyone but retains his own sense of identity showing how resilient and strong he is. He has allowed us as staff to support him and guide him. He has gone above and beyond what is expected in a quiet and authentic way.

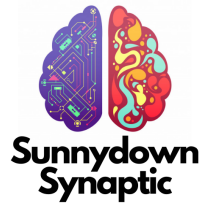
During his time at Sunnydown, Adi has been a real champion. He is hardworking in his lessons, always doing his best. Adi has regularly taken part in various activities and competitions at school including achieving sports prizes and winning recent English poetry and short story competitions. He has been Vice-Chair of the School Council representing his form. Adi is always thoughtful towards others, showing empathy and kindness, as well as being polite to fellow pupils, staff and visitors. When faced with challenges Adi has shown great resilience, and has now become a confident young man who deserves all the very best for the future.

Adi should be nominated for his respect, positivity, resilience and kind nature.

Adi has always been a hard-working, polite and friendly pupil. He has taken part in so much that we offer at Sunnydown and I wish him all the very best for the future.

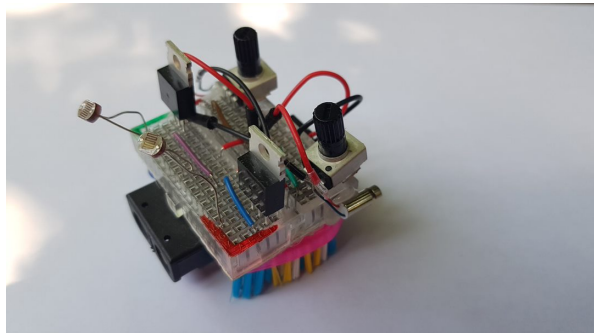


Workshop 2



On Tuesday the second workshop 'Bristlebots and Beyond' took place. We explored the principals of how the brain works, extending our knowledge on neurons, synapses and connections. To support their understanding, the boys built bristlebots to show how simple circuits link sensation and movement and can generate complex and intriguing behaviour. The task required great concentration and attention to detail and as before, all the boys rose to the challenge.

Looking forward to Workshop 3 on Thursday 1st July!



Miss Wood

Open Events taking place on Monday 21 June and Wednesday 23 June at East Surrey College

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100% Attendance

Congratulations to 11C for achieving 100% attendance for the w/e 11th June 2021.

The Unique Art Awards: Saturday 4th September (Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington)

The Unique Art Awards is an Art Competition for disabled children between the ages of 7-21 years old and we are very proud of the nine boys who entered this year.

The standard of work was high, with over 200 entries for the award. We are very proud to say the two of our students - Alex Henessey and Connor Mason have been shortlisted to be one of the finalists.

Congratulations to all the boys that entered and best of luck to Alex and Connor!

Mrs Ogle

Practical Cooking

This is just a reminder that your son needs to have a clean cooking hat and apron for every Food Tech lesson. If they are lost, replacements can be purchased from the office. Also, please can the clear plastic containers that the boys often take cooking home in, be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Mrs Hull

Friends of Sunnydown

Second hand uniform shop

Donations are always welcome! A special plea to the year 11's who are leaving Sunnydown this Summer - any items you have to donate would be very much appreciated - thank you.

www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Big PTA Raffle

Some tickets are still available! They are drawn daily for 12 days - which means 12 chances per ticket to win £6,000! Each ticket is £3 and this year, there is no limit per person. Sunnydown school will receive 50% of each ticket sold, so the more tickets we buy, the more our boys will benefit.

www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/sunnydown-school-cr3

Summer camp / Weekend Working Bee

This event will now take place on Saturday 26th June at 3pm, and is limited to 30 people (due to current restrictions). Tickets are £5 per person - please email the office if you wish to attend or book your place using the following link.

[Donate to The Friends of Sunnydown](#)

Friends of Sunnydown meeting



This will take place next Wednesday 23rd June - everyone is welcome. Please email the office for the link if you wish to attend.

Friends of Sunnydown
friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Boarding News

This week has seen an action packed week in boarding as we try to make the most of the sun. A trip to Ashurst woods with a picnic to visit the Winnie the Pooh bridge kicked us off, followed by a Gatwick shuttle trip, followed by a McFlurry. On Tuesday we had some water based hide and seek games which the boys thoroughly enjoyed, especially trying to soak Gabe. A trip to Tilgate park with a picnic was arranged on Wednesday, with us just about fitting in a walk around the lake before the heavens opened. Homework and watching a little Euros football, cooking and some gym games have also been squeezed in.

Hope you have a nice week and enjoy the cooler weather.

The Care Team

Science guess the picture competition

Picture of the week is shown below. Congratulations to Ryan Gellett (8C) for the correct answer - Purple Amethyst from Uruguay. Prize to be given on Monday.



Science fact for last week

Congratulations to Leon Punjabi (10W) for the correct explanation - metal salts are used to stain the glass. Prize to be given on Monday.

Science fact for this week

Why shouldn't you store bananas with other fruit?



Thought for this week was: Money - Do we want or need it?

Feedback from 10W:

- If we were a trade society would we need money?
- We need money to buy the essentials in life.
- You can't place a value on things that money can't buy, like friendships and relationships.
- Money can't buy you happiness and even if you buy something with money that makes you happy it can be short-term happiness.
- Having money can give you a sense of achievement and it means that you don't have to worry when you need to buy something you need.
- Money can make people greedy

Thought for the week commencing 21st June: Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day, held on the last Saturday of June each year, is a chance to show support for members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and forces families. This week's thought for the week reflects on the concept of service in different settings, the various roles of the British Army in the UK and around the world, and how our own values, community values, school values and 'British Values' interact to affect our lives.

Mr Moody

Chef of the Week

The recipients of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull are Thomas Monfort (10M) and Taylor Conway (7T).

Word of the Week

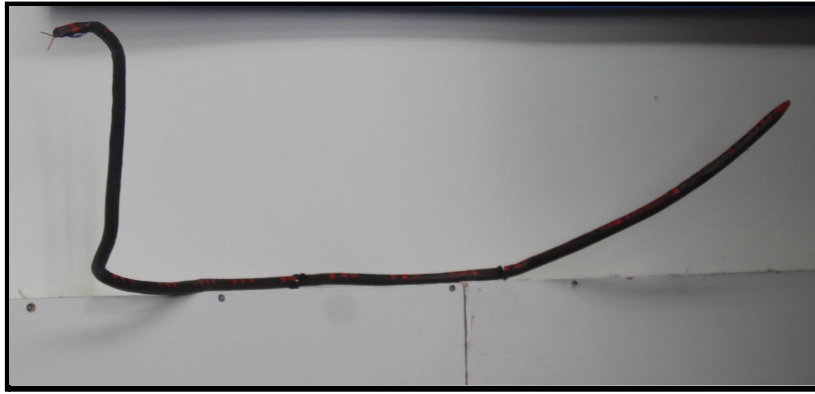
Implicate (verb) – please see end of newsletter (w/c 21st June 2021).

Mrs Herring

Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams is Henry Hilton (10M) for fantastic shadow photography.

Special thanks to Max Mahboobani who upcycled a found stick and transformed it into a snake. Well done Max! It is now displayed in the foyer, along with the school's aboriginal work.



KS3 Friday Curriculum - 25th June 2021

A separate Parentmail will go out on Monday detailing events.


Word of the week w/c 21st June 2021

Implicate

verb

To show that someone is involved in a crime or partly responsible for something bad that has happened.

Have they any evidence to implicate him in the robbery?



what are other words for implicate?



involve, embroil, inculpate, entangle, incriminate, ensnare, accuse, mix up, charge, enta

