



Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

These are indeed unprecedented times with the situation unfolding at a rapid rate. I started to type the newsletter on Wednesday prior to the 5pm announcement and had to rethink my words.

For the moment, the current contingency plans remain in place. For clarity and by way of reminder:

- 1. The residential facility remains closed to all students for the foreseeable future.**
- 2. KS3 (Years 7, 8 and 9 students) have been asked to not attend school for the foreseeable future.**
- 3. KS4 (Years 10 and 11 students) should continue to attend school for the foreseeable future.**

As further clarity from government sources including our Education Secretary is shared with Headteachers, **the contingency plan currently in place will be adjusted.** The main means of communication for any change will be ParentMail. Under the current dynamic state of affairs, this may simply be that there is no change to current plans.

At the outset, a massive thank you and congratulations goes to the young men who have been able to handle the current situation with little obvious impact, taking it all in their stride. *Venimus vincere – we come to conquer.* The open, sensible, measured and regular advice and communications from school no doubt supported by families, has helped.

Many thanks to the families associated with Sunnydown as well. Uncertain times brings anxiety, but again through regular transparent communications from school, I believe we have been able to support you in understanding our predicament.

To my staff, whether in self-isolation, unwell, working remotely or able to be at school, thank you. We work closely together all the time, but it is experiences like this when I am reminded how fortunate I am to lead a group of such dedicated professionals. On behalf of the boys and their families, thank you.

Attached to the short newsletter today is a letter summarising the curriculum contingency offer we have in place for the next two weeks which takes us up to Easter. In the absence of many specialist staff, a dedicated team have collated as much work as possible, specifically related to the curriculum we would have been delivering, and have generated individual packs for each child. KS4 plans are being hand delivered to them at taxi time today. KS3 plans will be posted on Thursday.

I wish everyone a safe period while we all continue to follow the advice of our leaders, working together to ensure as a nation, we come out the other side.

Paul Jensen



Burger Van Tuck Shop

9M's Friday curriculum cooking experience last week was their Burger Van Tuck Shop event, which proved to be very successful. All the boys engaged in different tasks during the morning, such as the hygiene preparation of the van, ensuring all the required equipment was in the van, taking orders and calculating costs for their customers, cooking the bacon butties and fulfilling the orders.

The morning was very well planned out by the class and we ended the session with a total profit of £73. Well done to 9M for conducting themselves so well and for having a fun and engaging experience in the Burger Van.

Mrs Hull

School Council

The minutes of the School Council meeting which was held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 are attached.

Boarding News

This is just a reminder that boarding is shut for the foreseeable future.

The Care Team

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 11C and 9M for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 13th March 2020.

Friends of Sunnydown

It is with a heavy heart that our plans to distribute an Easter break Smartie tube collection has had to be postponed. We had an extra challenging twist to the event this year with an inter-house competition in place.

Our Race Night planned for the 24th April is also looking very unlikely based on the current Government advice regarding social gatherings. Kindly bear with us as I await confirmation, many thanks.

Please keep safe and calm.

At the end of every day write down three things that made you feel grateful for that day. There will be silver linings, you just need to look.

Join our Facebook group, keep in touch.

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Forthcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Wednesday 25 th March 2020	Y9 & Y10 Curriculum Evening (5.00pm – 7.00pm) - CANCELLED
Wednesday 1 st April 2020	English Pathway 2 Blood Brothers Trip – CANCELLED
Friday 24 th April 2020	Race Night at Sunnydown - TBC
Wednesday 6 th May 2020	Open Morning for prospective parents - TBC
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd May 2020	Year 10 Work Experience - TBC
Saturday 30 th May 2020	Music Festival at Sunnydown (Gibb Cycle Challenge) - TBC
Monday 1 st - Friday 5 th June 2020	Year 10 Work Experience - TBC
Saturday 6 th June 2020	Family camping event at Sunnydown
Sunday 7 th June 2020	Weekend Working Bee (10.30am – 1.30pm)
Friday 12 th June 2020	Year 11 Graduation
Monday 15 th June 2020	Year 11 Barcelona Trip departs (returns 19 th June)
Monday 15 th June 2020	Years 7–10 Cross Curriculum Week
Friday 26 th June 2020	Inset Day (School Development Planning)
Saturday 27 th June 2020	Barn Dance at Sunnydown (TBC)
Sunday 12 th July 2020	Weekend Working Bee (10.30am – 1.30pm)

Word of the Week

Procrastinate (verb) – please see end of newsletter (w/c 23rd March 2020).

Yours sincerely

Paul Jensen
Headteacher



