

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

In a school designed to cater for communication and interaction needs, conflict and difference of opinion are commonplace. I would hope and encourage your son to discuss their version of events with you at home.

However, please do understand that the staff at Sunnydown are very experienced at supporting our young men in resolving situations that arise through their individual needs. An important part of this is helping each young man to understand their role in any specific incident and accepting responsibility for their actions. As a school, we are very well placed to have an accurate, unbiased and well informed view of the incident as we have the perspectives of staff and students who were present.

I thank those families who understand and support our restorative approach to dealing with incidents at school.

Staff attended whole school online Safeguarding training regarding Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment on Thursday afternoon. While we have always encouraged our boys to speak respectfully to and with one another and staff, the zero tolerance approach to behaviours associated with this area is now written into all Safeguarding policies in all schools since 1st September.

For clarity, name calling in any way associated to sex, sexuality, or making another person feel victimised or to feel vulnerable in any way, especially related to sex or sexuality, will not be tolerated. If your son makes an inappropriate comment in this regard, it will be classified and recorded as Sexual Harassment. Sanctions and education support will be considered in all cases. Further, families will be informed. Repeat offences will result in further targeted interventions and possible exclusion. Under no circumstances will 'banter' or 'it is boys being boys' be tolerated. Such behaviours are unacceptable and your support in understanding our position in this regard.

Our first four chickens have arrived and have been laying eggs. This is such an exciting addition to the school, and the first phase of our animal project. We will ensure that we establish all necessary protocols using the chickens in the first instance, before moving onto the goats (and eventually wallabies).

We are always looking at ways of improving our already exceptional school. Lunch time clubs is one area, and I am pleased to announce that a Football coach will be onsite during lunch times between now and October half term. We are also exploring basketball support, and other avenues for lunch clubs as well.

I was so heartened to hear that Charlie Histed in Year 7 approached the school council this week regarding his observations of the current one way system. Charlie also identified some suggested solutions. These will be carefully considered by the senior leaders on Monday afternoon. If changes to our current process are made, these will be well communicated.

Additional communication will be sent to families in the near future about improvements to our Annual Review process, a change to how and when parent evenings will be conducted, and plans for the end of term. These recommendations are designed to enhance efficiencies and still meet our statutory requirements.

With a firm belief in the benefits of residential trips, I am incredibly heartened that international travel becomes increasingly possible. We are currently working on finalizing the Ski trip (January 2022) and the Florida trip (February 2022). Please look out for and respond within the timeframes indicated to ensure an efficient process and to prevent any disappointment about missing out. The Year 9 residential to Brenscombe and the ProCorda Performing Arts trips have also been booked for Summer 2022.

The Caterham Cycle Challenge will return in May 2022 to coincide with the Gibb Challenge in Australia. It remains the intention to eventually take a group of boys to the event in Australia, but this will not happen in 2022. The fundraising focus for 2022 will be to support improved provision for mental wellbeing in schools. Having raised £18,500 last year for local families in need, I am confident that this now annual event will raise awareness and money for improving our provision for wellbeing.

Have a sensational weekend.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 7N for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 24th September 2021.

Food Tech reminder

This is just a reminder that students must have their cooking hat and apron every week for their Food Tech lesson. Also can any plastic containers that food products are sent home in please be returned to school as soon as possible.

Mrs Hull

AUP reminder

This is just a reminder to complete and return the Acceptable Use Policy form, which was sent out via Parentmail at the beginning of term.

Mr Cybuch

Friends of Sunnydown

Nearly new uniform shop - Our online pre-loved uniform shop is always open! Now that autumn has definitely arrived, how about a spare jumper or two? Donations in good condition are always welcome, as well! Thank you.
www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Friends of Sunnydown: Facebook - Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for information, tips and to make new friends!

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<p><u>Chef of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is:</p> <p>Daniel Linney (11W)</p>	<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for independence is:</p> <p>Thando Po-Ba (10J)</p>	<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams for his fantastic Cubist sculpture:</p> <p>James Dean (9M)</p>	<p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Miss Tomcova for co-operation and independence is:</p> <p>Harvey Caruana (7N)</p>	<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p> <p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok for resilience is:</p> <p>Daniel Linney (11W)</p>
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<p><u>Thought for this week</u> (W/C: 27th September)</p> <p><u>The REST strategy - How it helps & working together</u></p>	<p><u>Thought for next week</u> (W/C: 4th October)</p> <p><u>Growth Mindset, the PIT, what ladders work? What new ones can we try?</u></p> <p>This week we will be thinking about what it means to have a growth mindset and how approaching challenges with a positive outlook could have a positive impact on the outcome.</p>  <p>Mrs Cybuch</p>
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Friday Curriculum: 8/10/21

A timetable will be sent out early next week via Parentmail.

Mr Lord

<u>House Points</u>	
Max Mahboobani	450 House Points
Thando Po-Ba	500 House Points
George Smith	500 House Points

Link to Sunnydown Form Page for all other updates:

<https://sites.google.com/sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk/sunnydown-learning-hub/home>