

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Welcome to December folks. My day started at 5am as my alarm went off and I was triggered into the first 100 push ups of the day. Being half asleep certainly helped. I am typing this sentence now at approximately 9.45am having completed 500 in total with the aim of completing the 1000th push up in assembly. I have already visited the kitchen, the Food Tech room, the office, DT and the gym. Remember the purpose of this though - to promote conversations about men's health, whether that be physical, mental or emotional.

My own health check up was rescheduled from this morning to Monday morning. Something all men should consider and discuss with their sons as well. While this month of 'Movember' focuses on men's health, it is also important to recognise women's health as well, and we do. Sunnydown has always promoted events such as Breast Cancer Awareness and we also have an open and empathetic approach to Menopause. Thank you all for taking your health seriously, and encouraging our children to do the same.

The first of our speed restrictions and parking devices have been installed and already improved safety and traffic flow is noted.

I have had reason to work with some young men and their families recently regarding communications that can be considered less than appropriate, between students outside of school. This includes sharing inappropriate messages and videos on a variety of social media methods. I encourage all families to have the highest filters on personal devices to ensure that your son is accessing age appropriate material. Fallouts that happen online and outside of school are having a growing impact on the ability of some young men to maintain positive relationships, which in turn affects their ability to be ready to learn - 'classroom ready'. Thank you for monitoring the use of your son's personal devices. As a result of recent events, the AUP will be revisited as will the use of Chromebooks and electronics club here at school.

I am genuinely excited to announce that starting in January we have been able to negotiate an onsite mechanic (GASP - <https://gaspmotorproject.org/>) to work with students in Years 9, 10 and 11 currently. A separate letter explaining how to register an interest will be sent today via parentmail. There is a cost involved for this opportunity, and most sessions last six weeks, on a Wednesday morning or Wednesday afternoon. I look forward to sharing more news on this at a later date.

The weather is predicted to remain cold on Saturday before some milder but wet conditions return next week. This is important so that students are arriving at school dressed according to the weather. For example, in cold periods, students are asked to go inside if they are not able to wear a coat, for their own health. Thank you also for labelling all clothing sent to school. We have a pile of new and near new school jumpers that we cannot rehome because they are not labelled.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

## Charity cake sale

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a charity cake sale to raise money for the Gibb Challenge, which took place in May. Please can students bring in cash (a suggestion of £2) to buy some cakes. Thank you in advance.

Miss Kiddier

## Thales

Please find attached at the end of this newsletter, the latest edition of Thales' newsletter.

## Attendance

Congratulations to 10D for achieving 100% attendance during the w/e 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

<p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b> (W/C 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023)</p> <p>Racism - Respecting differences</p>	<p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b> (W/C 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023)</p> <p>Role Models - How do others see us? How do we want to be seen?</p>
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<p><b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p><b>Cody Osborne</b> (8C)</p> <p><i>For his great participation in his maths lessons this week</i></p> <p>&amp; awarded by Mr Zadok is</p> <p><b>Callum Lagan</b> (11C)</p> <p><i>For good assessment results</i></p>
<p><b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p><b>Harry Vaughan</b> (10D)</p> <p><i>For residence &amp; cooperation</i></p> <p>&amp; awarded by Mr Cybuch is</p> <p><b>Alexander Hennessy</b> (11M)</p> <p><i>For resilience, cooperation &amp; work completion</i></p>
<p><b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p><b>Alfie Monk</b> (9N)</p> <p><i>For his graphic design poster work this week &amp; his help with supporting other students</i></p>

## House Points

House points will be confirmed and awarded on Monday

### Forthcoming Events 2023/24

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FoS donation day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Practice exam weeks
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nick Boothroyd - Naturally Talented Me
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Performance at The Arc - The Return of Jafar
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	FoS donation day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports sent home
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Charity cake sale 🍰
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas shopping day 🌲
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch 🌲
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term 1.20pm finish
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Year 11 Trip to see A Christmas Carol
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Scheduled formal graduation event 🎓
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 9 residential trip

# Thales Early Careers Newsletter



## Want to learn more about Thales?

We have just launched our Connectr platform, a one stop shop where you can learn more about:

- Thales and what we do
- Our Apprentice and Graduate opportunities
- Virtual work experience
- Applying for a role and what happens at an assessment centre
- Connecting with a digital buddy



This is the ideal place to be if you are ready to apply for an apprenticeship starting in September 2024, or if you are thinking about an apprenticeship for future years. Our Early Careers team, apprentice and graduate buddies are ready to answer any questions you have.

To register follow the link [here](#) or scan the above QR code

**Our Graduate and Apprentice Roles for September 2024 intake are now live - Click here to apply!**

We have a variety of roles available, ranging from Level 3 Apprenticeships up to Level 6, including:

- Engineering roles (in all different areas and different levels)
- Manufacturing
- Project Planning
- Procurement
- Data & Digital
- IT
- Cyber
- HR Digital Design
- Business

Thales are located across the UK. Our main sites are:

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- Bristol
- Cheadle
- Crawley
- Glasgow
- Reading
- Templecombe

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