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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Welcome to the Summer Term, 2025. A busy time for all students, but with a particular focus on Year 11 as we support them in preparing for and accessing their GCSE exams.

I trust that the Easter break allowed the time needed to undertake all of your adventures and activities and sleep and holidays that you had planned, and that you are all healthy.

Sunnydown is a place of work and learning, but also of support for one another. This applies to staff and students. On Thursday night Mrs Wermig, Miss Moore, Mrs Jensen and I had the privilege of attending a full dress rehearsal of Viva Acappella in support of Miss Lawson, a participant in this amazing group of talented singers.

Viva Acappella is a vibrant harmony group based in Bickley, Kent. They sing a range of repertoire from jazz standards to 21st-century pop, spirituals to rock but most importantly sing Acappella.

Viva Acappella competes in the national Region 31 Barbershop contest every May. Their aim is to qualify for the international contest and they have been fortunate (and hard-working!) enough to qualify three times, allowing them to compete in Hawaii in 2013, Las Vegas in 2016 and New Orleans in 2019!

Viva Acappella is very proud to be the 2024 Gold Medallists and International Champions at the Iberian Barbershop Association in Spain and 2024 International Silver Medallists at the Irish Association of Barbershop Singers.

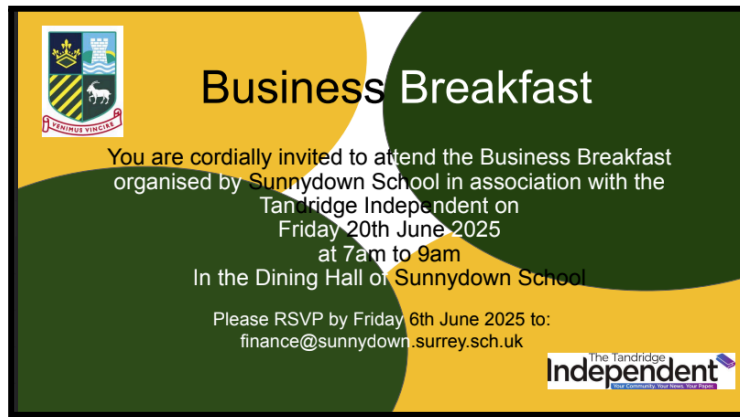
We wish Miss Lawson and the other members all the best for the National competition in May.

Looking ahead this term, there will be further opportunities for parents to engage with the strategic vision of Sunnydown School. This will culminate in a staff Inset day on 20th June where the plans will be finalised.

Excitingly, on the morning (7am - 9am) of Friday 20th June, Sunnydown will host a business breakfast. Local businesses are invited to a breakfast networking event where they will be invited to continue to support Sunnydown in a variety of ways including sponsorship for prizes, possible work experience placements and even volunteering opportunities. If you know a local business that may be interested, please do not hesitate in sharing the information further along the newsletter.

As an Australian, the 25th of April is an important day. This is our day of Remembrance. We of course also respectfully acknowledge the World Wide significance of the 11th of November, but ANZAC day allows us to reflect on the events of Gallipoli in 1915, 110 years ago. This has grown to include reflections on all conflicts.

Towards the end of this Newsletter I have included text from a UK newspaper to share with you. I trust that our world leaders are able to reflect on the impact of conflict and work towards a lasting peace.



100% Attendance

Well done to all 15 students receiving a certificate today for achieving 100% attendance during the Spring Term (7 January - 4 April). Also to the 20 students receiving a certificate for achieving 100% attendance for Spring Term 2 (24 February – 4 April 2025).

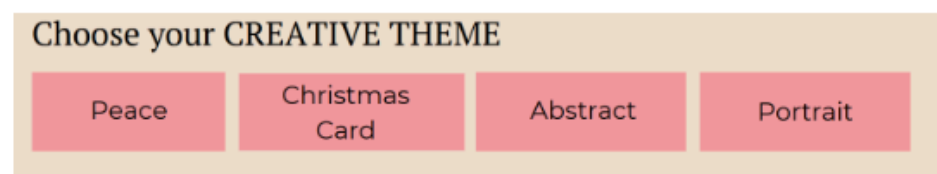
Unique Art Awards

As mentioned in my ParentMail at the start of this week, we are now approaching the deadline for the Unique Art Award and all entries need to be with me by **Friday 2nd May**.

Work submitted can be in the form of:

Media Category	
Painter / 2D Media	Send a scan, photograph or a digital image of your artwork
Photographer	Produce a digital image
Digital Art	Design a digital piece of work on a computer or tablet

The categories for each piece of Art are:



Winners have the opportunity to win up to £750 in Art vouchers so it would be amazing to have some more entries.

If you have any questions please do drop me an email on r.ogle@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Ogle

Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter re ‘What Parents and Educators Need to Know About Making Friends Online.’

Mr Cassim

ANZAC DAY - 25.04.2025

What is Anzac Day and how will it be commemorated in 2025?

The day of remembrance for Australians and New Zealanders is a time to honour those they have lost in combat since the Gallipoli campaign in 1915.

More than 100,000 troops died in an ill-fated campaign by the UK and allies during the First World War to capture the Dardanelles Strait in what is now north-west Turkey.

The assault in 1915 was intended to wound the then Ottoman Empire and cut off a key connecting water route between the Aegean Sea and the Black Sea, a move that would have also aided Russia.

Princess Anne is to deliver a message from the King who attended Gallipoli services for the 90th and 100th anniversaries.

When is Anzac Day?

April 25 is known as Anzac Day and is marked across the two southern hemisphere countries. Many from Australia and New Zealand have travelled to Turkey for the anniversary.

Anzac Day was first made an official day of remembrance on April 25, 1916, and has been celebrated on that day every year since.

For Kiwis and Australians, Anzac Day is an important time to remember those lost in all conflicts, much like Remembrance Day in the UK.

What does Anzac stand for?

ANZAC is an acronym for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

On April 25, 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the Allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula, which was crucial strategically in the First World War. They became known as Anzacs.

What were the Gallipoli landings?

On the morning of April 25, 1915, the Allies, including the Anzacs, launched an expedition to capture the Gallipoli peninsula.

Their aim was to gain access to the Dardanelles - a strait in peninsular Turkey that connects the Black Sea and the Aegean Sea and separates Europe from Asia - and thus free it up for their navy. This would give them direct access to Istanbul, which, at the time, was the capital of the Ottoman Empire - a key ally of Germany during the war.

The plan was to hit Ottoman troops hard with a surprise attack and knock the Ottomans out of the war while capturing their capital.

What happened at Gallipoli?

The Anzacs were met with fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders.

The expedition quickly entered a stalemate which then dragged on for eight months – leading to huge losses and casualties on both sides.

By the end of the year when Allied forces were evacuated their death toll was more than 56,000, including 8,709 from Australia and 2,721 from New Zealand.

Why is Anzac Day important for New Zealand and Australia?

News of the events at Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians and New Zealanders, and April 25 became the day on which they remembered the sacrifice of those killed.

On April 30, 1915, when the first news of the landing reached New Zealand, a half-day holiday was declared and impromptu services were held.

Anzac troops went down in history for their bravery and the hardships they suffered, with scarce supplies and horrendous conditions, and many people see their heroism as key to the national identity.

After the Second World War, Anzac Day became a commemoration of the lives of Australians who died in both wars and then in subsequent military operations.

How is Anzac Day commemorated?

Memorial services are usually held at dawn to mark the time of the original landing in Gallipoli. Attenders sing hymns and lay wreaths, and The Last Post is played by military trumpeters.

Marches then take place in cities across Australia and New Zealand, and there are commemorative services at churches and war memorials.

Traditions in previous years include wearing rosemary, which grows on the Gallipoli coast, and having a “gunfire breakfast” in which rum is added to coffee, reminiscent of what many soldiers had before entering into battle.

Is Anzac Day a public holiday?

Anzac Day is a public holiday in Australia and New Zealand, so people across the two countries will enjoy a day off work on Friday.

Although Anzac Day is observed in the UK, it is not a public holiday.

What is an Anzac biscuit?

During the war, family and friends of the soldiers would send them “Anzac biscuits”, which were nutritious and didn’t need to be refrigerated.

The Anzac biscuit was originally called the “Soldiers’ biscuit” and is generally made from rolled oats, sugar, plain flour, coconut, butter, golden syrup or treacle, bicarbonate of soda, and boiling water, although the ingredients can vary.

The Anzac biscuit is one of the few things that is allowed to be marketed in Australia using the word “Anzac”, as the word is protected by federal legislation.

Friday Curriculum - Food Experience

7C had a good time making some scones today in the food experience and then enjoyed them with some clotted cream and jam out in the sun.



YMCA Youth Club

Please see details in the flier of this new club and contact them directly if you are interested.

YMCA EAST SURREY

Caterham Youth Club

FREE Youth Club for Years 6-11 living in Caterham, Chaldon & Whyteleafe

Caterham Youth Club is a friendly, relaxed, safe environment where you can hang out with friends. Free food will be provided.

- ▶ Thursdays (term-time) Juniors | 15:45-17:15 | School years 6-8
- ▶ Thursdays (term-time) Seniors | 18:15-19:45 | School years 9-11

All YMCA Youth Clubs are led by qualified professional youth workers.
Before attending any YMCA Youth Clubs, all young people will need parents/carers to complete a registration form.

Funded by the Four Parish Councils that make up the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Scan here to register:

For further details, email fiona.aldam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk
 f X Instagram YMCAEastSurrey
www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk
 St. Johns Church Hall, Clareville Road, Caterham, CR3 6LA

YMCA | Here for young people
 Here for communities
 Here for you
Registered charity no. 1075028

Name	RICE ³ Award
Kai Bagwell Callum Truttero	Independence
Noah Atkins Zac Hoad	Resilience
Freddie Ponsford Alexander Thompson	Cooperation

<p><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jacob Ryan <i>For a calm & engaged approach to maths this week</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zack Harrison <i>For enthusiastic engagement in maths this week</i></p>
<p><u>Scientist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jack Gregory Oscar Gregory <i>For excellent effort & work completion</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Taylor Conway <i>For excellent effort & progress</i></p>
<p><u>Writer of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Milo Baker <i>For excellent use of AFOREST in Friday Curriculum</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Antony Harper <i>For his ingenuity in using AI to describe & create a picture</i></p>
<p><u>Artist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hamish Scott Sonny Chater <i>For their resilience in their art exam</i></p>
<p><u>Musician of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leo Sumsion Freddie Ponsford</p>
<p><u>Reader of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jack McDowell <i>For persevering with a book he didn't enjoy as much as others but expanded his genres</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Miss Wood is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freddie Ponsford <i>For his dedication to reading over the Easter Break</i></p>
<p><u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u></p>	<p>The recipient of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luke Luo <i>For a wonderful and engaging presentation description to the entire class</i></p>

House Points

Due to the short week this week, House Points will be collated next Friday to include both weeks.

Forthcoming Events 2025

Summer Term 2025	
Monday 28 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	SSSSA KS4 Basketball
Thursday 1 st May 2025`	Bikeability Level 2
Friday 2 nd May 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football Start of GCSE exams
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 16 th May 2025	Innovate Careers Advisor - Year 10 session
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 th June 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening Last GCSE exam
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 20 th June 2025	Business Breakfast
Friday 20th June 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Innovate Year 10 session
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Friday 27 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation Event
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18th July 2025	END OF TERM (1.20pm finish)
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY