

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 28th June 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Last week we wished our Year 11 graduates well as they departed Sunnydown for the last time as students. When they return, they will do so as college students, as seekers of employment or work experience, or simply as wonderful role models for our remaining students.

This week I write to welcome our new Year 7 students. Mrs Wermig has worked incredibly hard to make our new students feel welcome. Mrs Wermig has attended many Year 6 Annual Reviews but also organised a weekend picnic on Saturday 22nd June for families and students to visit the school and get used to the surroundings. A huge thank you is extended to Mrs Wermig, who was supported by Mr Moody, Mr Cassim, Miss Derrig-Adams, Mrs Peterson, Gabe and ex-student Josh Barnes and representing Friends of Sunnydown, Mr Tom Barnes.

Year 7 students returned on Tuesday of this week and will visit again on Tuesday next week as part of the comprehensive transition opportunity here at Sunnydown. To our new young men and your families, welcome. The next five years will involve many wonderful experiences but it will also come with challenges. That is life. What you will get at Sunnydown is an opportunity to reflect on all experiences and learn from them. We have very high expectations regarding how young men and their families engage with us and the opportunities offered, and will do all we can to support each young man through their education at Sunnydown.

Uniform

Sunnydown is a uniformed school. Mr Lord announced a temporary relaxation regarding the need to wear school ties on Tuesday and Wednesday. The weather has returned to more reasonable temperatures and as such, we return to full school uniform.

Year 10 students who would normally attend college on Friday are to wear school uniform to school on Friday. If they are engaged in an alternative activity, please bring a change of clothes as required.

This week, I understand that students involved in the Athletics carnival on Wednesday have permission to arrive and leave school in their PE kit.

Dining arrangements from Monday

From Monday students will be dining in the following way:

12.30 - 12.55 - Year 7 and Year 8 (conservatory)

12.55 - 1.20 - Year 9 and Year 10 (conservatory)

Specific seating arrangements will be confirmed on Monday.

Last day of term

Surrey County Council dictates the term times for all maintained schools. This year our last day is Tuesday 23rd July. Students will be dismissed with a packed lunch at **12.30pm**.

Presentation Afternoon

We will be holding our annual Presentation Afternoon on Wednesday 17th July. Parents will have the opportunity to join via Google link throughout the afternoon which will be shared with parents closer to the time.

Roadworks

The traffic light equipment on Whyteleafe Road (junction with Burntwood Lane) is being replaced as it has become obsolete and is in a poor condition. The Council's contractor Yunex will be carrying out these works.

The work will take place from 1 July 2024 for approximately 3 weeks with temporary traffic lights and a road closure in place:

- **Whyteleafe Road** – 3-way temporary traffic lights
- **Burntwood Lane** – Road closure between 8am – 5pm to allow works to take place on Whyteleafe Road & the road closure on Burntwood Lane will be **24/7 (the West arm only)**. An official diversion route will be in place.

Temporary traffic lights and the road closure at this location will cause traffic delays. Please leave additional time for your journeys.

The work is weather dependent and can be delayed by bad weather or other factors. Please look at the information boards on site for date changes. If you have any further concerns please contact:

Surrey Highways

- **Telephone:** 0300 200 1003 (9am-5pm Monday – Friday)
- **Email:** contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk
- **Textphone (via Relay UK):** 18001 0300 200 1003
- **Text (SMS):** 07860 053 465
- **British Sign Language:** www.surreycc.gov.uk/bsl



Please scan the QR code for news and updates about highways in your local area.

Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter re 'What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Gambling.'

Mr Cassim

FamilyFirst

Proudly supporting  **NHS** in improving the physical & mental wellbeing of families living in England



Family First is a free publication that covers everything you and your family need in order to build a happier and healthier lifestyle. Family First is a quarterly magazine specifically designed to improve the health of over 6,000,000 families across England, Scotland & Wales. Working alongside major sporting governing bodies, Public Health England, leading food & drink brands, sportswear giants, and local authorities, Family First is helping to combat childhood obesity. Our aim is simple: to get children & young adults active, playing more sport, exercising regularly, and eating healthily. Family First is published in June & December of each year, providing valuable information for families wanting to be active, whatever the weather. Please see the link to the first ever family magazine:

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue3-24>

Rock Project



JOIN US FOR OUR

MUSIC SUMMER CAMP

AGED 12-18 AND PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED WEEK OF MUSICAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL MUSIC TUITION AND PLAYING IN A BAND, THEN PUT ON A SHOW AT THE END OF THE WEEK!

Activities

- ✓ Professional Music Tuition: choose from bass, guitar, drums or vocals!
- ✓ Group Music Activities
- ✓ Song Writing
- ✓ Jamming
- ✓ Put on a mini show for family on the Friday!

When & Where?

Marden Lodge Primary School, CR3 6QH
29th July - 2nd August
10am - 3pm daily

Limited spaces, don't delay!
Get in touch to book!

More info 07719830599 croydon@therockproject.com

Please see details of the Rock Project's first summer camp for students 12-18 years old. They are offering a full week from 10am to 3pm including one hour daily of songwriting.

Now running in Caterham, Purley and Addiscombe!

DO YOU KNOW A BUDDING

ROCK STAR?

That wants to learn an instrument or work on their skills and play in a band weekly?

FREE 2H TASTER SESSION!

BASS

2 HOUR SESSION including 1 hour lesson in small group

- Some spaces available on Guitar, Drums, Vocals & Bass Guitar (all abilities welcome!)

GUITAR

DRUMS

VOCALS

- **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** as only 5 spaces per instrument, fill in our online taster session form to be sent full info
- Perform at our huge End of Year Gig next July!
- Build confidence, make friends, learn new skills
- **LEARN - PLAY - GIG**

The Rock Project Croydon
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GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO BOOK IN!

Photography Trip

GCSE students had a great time this week developing pictures at Caterham School. The work produced was fantastic and the students represented the school beautifully. Well done Year 9 and 10!



Mrs Ogle

Friends of Sunnydown

Every year at Christmas and the end of the summer term FoS organise a collection to say a big thank you to all Sunnydown staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. I promised to let you know as soon as this went live and it is now ready. If you would like to contribute then you can do so by clicking on the link below, alternatively contact: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for BACS details or send your donation into the school office in a clearly marked envelope. Don't forget to add your personal note that we can share with everyone. Thank you as always for your support.

Click here to contribute to the summer staff fund: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

Would you like to join the FOS team? We are looking for a Secretary and a new Chair for September 2024 as the time has come for me to hang up my Chair hat! If you would like to take on this role please do contact me to chat and I can let you know what's involved. It would be wonderful to pass the baton on to someone who can drive the fundraising forward with the passion it so deserves. Please contact: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for more information.

Second hand uniform: Just a reminder that we have plenty of uniform available so if there is anything you need either click through on the link below or email: friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents>

We are organising some additional family fun in line with Sports Day this year. There will be refreshments, cakes, burgers, second hand uniform, a bouncy castle and a raffle so be sure to bring along the whole family to cheer everyone on and enjoy the festivities!

Pet of the Week



Here is Mr Wellington's rabbit 'Bun Bun' receiving her vegetable pizza.

She enjoys nothing more than eating, eating and more eating and then making a massive mess of her cage by throwing everything around.

Thought for the Week (W/C 24th June 2024)

Diversity

Thought for the Week (W/C 1st July 2024)

How can we make a difference

Mathematician of the Week

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is

Jacob Ryan
(7C)

For excellent engagement & work in maths this week

& awarded by Mr Zadok is

Freddie Phillips
(10D)

For continued excellence in assessment

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is

Freddie Ponsford
(8W)

	<i>For resilience & active learning</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p>Alexander Thompson (7C)</p> <p><i>For progress</i></p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>Eddie Smith (7P)</p> <p><i>For his dedication to reading</i></p> <p>KS4</p> <p>Antony Harper (10T)</p> <p><i>For his consistent use of complex sentences</i></p>

House Points

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Ollie Taylor	900 House Points
Callum Jordan	850 House Points
Freddie Phillips	850 House Points
Charlie McSorley	750 House Points
Alfie Wilson	750 House Points
Hamish Scott	700 House Points
Antony Harper	550 House Points
Ethan Lyons	500 House Points
Jack Gregory	300 House Points
Oscar Gregory	300 House Points
Kai Bagwell	250 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Friday 28 th June	School trip to The Arc
Friday 28 th June	Year 9 Cycle challenge
Monday 1 st July	KS3 Football League Day 3
Tuesday 2 nd July	Dan Allchurch/team from Talk Consent - PSHE workshops (Y7-10)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Prospero Performance - Beauty & The Beast
Wednesday 3 rd July	SSSSA Athletics at Hurst Green, Oxted
Friday 5 th July	Year 7 Cycle challenge

Monday 15 th July	Portley House Reward Trip to Carroty Wood Kayaking
Tuesday 16 th July	Buxton House reward trip to McDonalds & Park (Redhill)
Wednesday 17 th July	Presentation Afternoon
Friday 19th July	Sports Day
Monday 22nd July	Reserve Sports day (in case of bad weather on 19 th)
Tuesday 23 rd July	12.30 depart with packed lunch from school - END OF TERM
Wednesday 11 th September	KS3 Trip to Houses of Parliament

Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



The Community Needs You!

Between 3rd & 14th June, all Year 9s of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kerley Aerodrome.

Year 9s—28th June

We want to raise £10,000 to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

Year 7s—5th July

**[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
sunnydowncyclechallenge24](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge24)**

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donations are gratefully received.**