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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Covid continues to raise its head. Today our staffing levels were too low to open the school to all students. We had a partial closure to Year 9. As far as possible, when situations like this arise, we will communicate with families affected with as much notice as possible. In some circumstances however, this may be very short notice.

In responding to any staff shortages, a priority will be given to maintaining the attendance of KS4 students as they prepare for GCSEs.

A huge thank you to the families of Year 9 for accommodating the partial closure. I look forward to Mr Cassim giving some feedback on the Humanities work that was set via Google Classrooms this morning.

Further along the newsletter, Mrs Ogle offers acknowledgement and praise to Charlie Carter for winning the silver award for Digital Art at the Unique Art awards 2023. I know that a further write up and some images will be shared in due course. However, today we recognise Charlie's Art teacher, Mrs Ogle. Mrs Ogle won the National Award for Art Teacher of the Year, and I have shared below the original nomination. Huge congratulations Mrs Ogle - from the entire Sunnydown Community. The nomination was made from a valued Teaching Assistant, Miss Adams.

I would like to nominate Rachel Ogle for the forthcoming Unique Art Awards 2023. I feel that she really does go 'above and beyond' her normal teaching duties. Rachel works at Sunnydown School which is a specialist school that caters for students that have communication and interaction needs; these things can also be associated with autism. Rachel is Head of the school's Art department. The students all enjoy the various projects that are on offer, this includes a 'Lunchtime Art Club' where she often uses her own lunchtimes to accommodate our students.

Various activities such as digital art, sketching, painting and even clay modelling are offered to pupils, amongst various other exciting projects, as well as formal GCSE qualifications. She has recently managed to facilitate a BTEC for the Creative Media department which she also helps to run and manage. There really is nothing that she wouldn't do to help anyone. Rachel really is a ray of light and takes everything in her stride. She is always looking at ways to improve the Art department and regularly stays late with tidying, marking or arranging school trips. Rachel feels the importance of art trips is to enrich the lives of her students. They have recently visited the Tate Modern in London and the Horniman Museum which was enjoyed by both KS3 and KS4 students.

Rachel really is an exceptional teacher and nothing is ever too much for her to do. She is kind and wears her heart on her sleeve. Her main priorities are always the interests of the students, enabling them to exceed their own expectations. Rachel has been so busy nominating her art students for the unique art awards that I personally wanted to vote for her. There is so much more that I could list but words could never do this teacher justice, this is the reason why I have nominated Rachel for the Unique Art Award.

Some testimonials from her students are below.

Edward, Year 10 - Mrs Ogle is a great teacher who can make adaptations to her lessons to benefit students who might struggle with certain aspects of things like sculpting, due to things like sensory issues. She also goes in depth with subjects and gives her students advice with help from her own experience; having an art club has helped progress my skills.

James, Year 10 - Mrs Ogle is an excellent art teacher who is able to help the students and the staff if they need help with artwork so by the end of the lesson she can make sure we are ready. She also has an art club that happens on Mondays and Tuesdays, letting students choose at lunch if they want to draw, paint or do digital art which students love going to.

Andrew, Year 10 - Mrs Ogle is a great art teacher who helps the students and staff if they need help through the project. She shows kindness to all the students and staff and you can have great talks with her. She is very popular with the other students with the art club at lunchtime, which will always be filled up when you go.

On that note, I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Surrey College Open Days 2023-24

Please see below the list of Surrey College open days for this academic year. I encourage all pupils and parents to visit as many colleges as possible to ensure that you are best prepared for the important next step to life beyond Sunnydown. Establishing a plan early can help support the pupils’ transition whilst also increasing motivation during what will be a challenging and exciting year. Please make contact prior to college applications and we will be happy to advise you with regard to appropriate level of courses or alternatively there is guidance available on the Key Stage 4 webpage on the school website. Please take the time to visit the college websites as some of the open events require you to book or register prior to the event. I hope this helps and I look forward to hearing from you regarding your college visits.

Mr Wright

<p style="text-align: center;">Brooklands College</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Weybridge Campus Heath Road Weybridge Surrey KT13 8TT 01932 797 600 info@brooklands.ac.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Full-time Open Event - Weybridge Campus</u></p> <p>October 11 @ 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm November 18 @ 10:00 am - 12:30 pm May 18 @ 10:00 am - 12:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book SEND transition tours October 31 @ 10:30 am March 19 @ 12:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Brooklands College</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ashford Campus Stanwell Road, Ashford TW15 3DU 01932 797 600 info@brooklands.ac.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Full-time Open Event - Ashford Campus</u></p> <p>October 5 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm February 22, @ 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm</p>

	<p>Carshalton College Nightingale Rd Carshalton Surrey SM5 2EJ 020 8544 4444 https://carshalton.ac.uk/</p>	<p><u>Open Days</u></p> <p>18 October 17:00-19:00 18 November 10:00-13:00 07 February 17:00-19:00 26 June 17:00-19:00</p>
	<p>East Surrey College Gatton Point, London Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 2JX 01737 772611 https://www.esc.ac.uk/</p>	<p><u>Open Event</u></p> <p>Open Event - 12 Oct 5pm - 8pm Open Event - 18 Nov 10am - 1pm</p>
	<p>Farnborough College of Technology 10-65 Boundary Road Farnborough GU14</p>	<p><u>School Leavers Open Event</u></p> <p>12 October @ 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm 15 November @ 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm</p>
	<p>Merrist Wood College Holly Lane Worplesdon Guildford Surrey GU3 3PE Tel: 01483 88 40 00 Email: mwinfo@guildford.ac.uk http://www.merristwood.ac.uk/Home.aspx</p>	<p><u>Open Events</u></p> <p>18 November, 9:30am - 12:30pm 18 November, 9:30am - 12:30pm</p>
	<p>NESCOT College Reigate Road Ewell, Epsom Surrey KT17 3DS 020 8394 1731 http://www.nescot.ac.uk/</p>	<p><u>Open Events</u></p> <p>22 November 16:30 - 19:30 21 February 16:30 - 19:30 Wednesday 22 May 16:30 - 19:30</p>
	<p>Reigate College Castlefield Rd, Reigate RH2 0SD 01737 221 118 http://www.reigate.ac.uk/</p>	<p><u>Open Events</u></p> <p>3rd October 6.00pm - 8.30pm 5th October 6.00pm - 8.30pm 9th October 6.00pm - 8.30pm</p>
	<p>Woking College, Rydens Way, Woking, Surrey GU22 9DL 01483 761036 http://www.woking.ac.uk/</p>	<p><u>Open Event</u></p> <p>12 October – 4.30pm – 8.00pm</p>

 <p>HADLOW COLLEGE</p>	<p>Hadlow College Tonbridge Road Hadlow Kent TN11 0AL https://www.hadlow.ac.uk/</p>	<p><u>Open Event</u> 4th November 10.00am - 1.00pm</p>
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Ties

Recently we have had a number of students who have requested a tie when they come into school. Often these are not returned and the office staff have to follow up with the relevant students.

Please could you ensure that your son’s tie is named and remind him to put this on before he gets to school.

Many thanks.

Miss Lawson

Unique Art Awards

Many congratulations to Charlie Carter for winning the silver award, for Digital Art at the Unique Art awards. The standard of work was very high and we are incredibly proud of Charlie’s achievement.

Mrs Ogle

Online Safety

Please see the attached flyer ‘What Parents Need to Know about the Dangers of Vaping’

Mr Cassim

Pet of the Week

Please do email in any photos you have of your pets (h.peterson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk). We would love to see and share them in this newsletter and on our notice board.

Mrs Peterson

<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (w/c 25th September 2023)</p> <p>The REST Strategy: How it helps and working together</p>	<p><u>Thought for the Week</u> (w/c 2nd October 2023)</p> <p>ADHD Awareness Month/World Dyslexia Awareness Day</p>
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<p><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></p> <p>Ollie Taylor (9O)</p>	<p><u>Employability Skills Award</u></p> <p>Arthur Edmondson (7P)</p> <p>for IT Skills</p>
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Baton Award

**Charlie McSorley
(10D)**

for incredible progress in all areas

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<u>Writer of the Week</u>
The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mr Zadok are	The recipient of Scientist of the Week awarded by Mr Cybuch is	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is	The recipient of Writer of the Week is
Taylor Conway (10T)	Callum Lagan (11C)	Lithar Po-Ba (9O)	Oscar Stewart (11C)	KS4
&	for cooperation & resilience	for his cubist collage in art & resilience this week	for consistent effort & independence	Alexander Neale (11M)
Max Gibbins (10T)	Awarded by Ms Hristova is			for an exceptional article about children working before the age of 16
for resilience & independence in GCSE maths	Jaden Doorga (8C)			
	for initiative & excellent work ethic			

House Points this week

Felix Drummond	750 House Points
Ollie Taylor	700 House Points
Freddie Phillips	650 House Points
Lithar Po-Ba	650 House Points
Max Gibbins	600 House Points
Charlie McSorley	550 House Points
Freddie Ponsford	400 House Points
Cody Osborne	200 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tuesday 17 th October	School Photos
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	Last day of half term
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 th November	English Functional Skills exams
Wednesday 8 th November	Maths Functional Skills exams
Monday 20 th November - Friday 1 st December	Year 11 Annual Review meetings
Thursday 14 th December	Reports sent home
Friday 15 th December	End of term 1.20pm finish
Thursday 20 th June 2024	Scheduled formal graduation event

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE DANGERS OF VAPING

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping, from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.8% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NICOTINE ADDICTION

Since they were initially developed to help people stop smoking, the vast majority of vape liquids contain nicotine, not only is this a highly addictive stimulant, but it can also have detrimental effects on brain development in the under-18s. Nicotine can decrease the ability to pay attention, weaken impulse control, affect mood and increase the likelihood of substance addiction as an adult.

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

Many vape liquids have been found to contain "heavy" metals such as lead, tin, nickel and (in some cases) mercury – all of which are toxic. These metals often take the form of fine shards inside a device's liquid tank, which are then inhaled into the body. Some media reports have reported these metals are particularly prevalent in illegally imported vapes which don't comply with UK regulations.

UNCLEAR LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

The liquids in vapes also contain solvents, which can create carcinogens at the point of evaporation. Vapes were only introduced into the UK in 2006 – and, because of the relatively short timeframe involved, there is insufficient medical evidence to assess the long-term harms that regular inhalation of these chemical risks might have on the human body.

ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

The packaging of many disposable vapes is very appealing to young people, frequently coming in colours and flavours of the sweets or fizzy drinks you're used to buying. There's a real lack of regulations around vape marketing, and vaping is often depicted positively on social media – which can lead young people to develop favourable views of vaping and overlook the possible harms.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In the UK alone, around 13 million disposable vapes go to landfill every week, but to such significant numbers of these products not being recycled, these components – a lithium battery and a chemical liquid – pose a toxic risk to the environment, the ecosystem and wildlife. Vapes are also predominantly made of plastic and metal; materials that, of course, do not naturally decompose.

WHAT IS VAPING?

vapes contain a liquid (vape juice/e-liquid) that is heated by a battery and evaporates, creating a chemical vapour which the user inhales. They can be disposable (once the liquid or battery runs out, the vape is thrown away) or rechargeable (the user refills the liquid and recharges the battery as needed). Most vape liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals.

LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often shared on social media) that "vaping is cool" and is hard to resist. In fact, young people don't fully appreciate the extent of addiction that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

Studies are already showing a link between vaping and oral health problems such as tooth decay and gum disease. This is because vaping reduces the amount of saliva in the mouth, while increasing bacteria – resulting in bad breath and a build-up of plaque. There are also concerns that, in some cases, vaping could lead to the development of asthma, a persistent cough and breathing difficulties.

UNREGULATED VAPING PRODUCTS

The number of retailers selling vapes to under-18s is a worry, as the chance of these products being unregulated (and therefore containing illegal chemicals and higher levels of nicotine) is high. A related concern is that the mechanisms inside unregulated products are unlikely to have been tested and safety checked – presenting a possible fire risk if the liquid and battery come into contact.

SCARCE INFORMATION

The lack of information about the ingredients and potentially harmful chemicals in a vape is troubling. Some vape liquids (unregulated in the UK) contain traces of nuts, which can cause an allergic reaction or anaphylaxis. When it does, medical warnings aren't required on vape packaging – with any medical disclaimers being found on the websites of the various retailers.

VAGUE INGREDIENTS LISTS

Early research has suggested that the chemicals used to produce some strawberry and banana flavour e-liquids can kill cells in the blood vessels and heart. These ingredients aren't identified on the packaging, instead falling under the umbrella term "natural and artificial flavourings". Such vague listings mean that consumers aren't aware of the liquid's content so can't identify potential risks.

Meet Our Expert

Wendy the Cambridge and Peterborough Humber to Health Centre, commissioned by Cambridge and Peterborough City Council, advised on the development of this guide. Her role is to support schools in their efforts to prevent a range of health issues among their pupils and secondary schools in the surrounding area.



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