

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Many congratulations to Gabe (Mr Odia) who was awarded his Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) recently. We have a proud history of supporting all of our staff to develop their careers through comprehensive training. In line with this, we continue to support several TAs as they develop their QTS. In addition, three staff are studying their National Professional Qualification (NPQ) as SENCOs. This approach to learning and development ensures that students at Sunnydown receive the best possible education.

### SSSSA KS4 Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday, twelve of our finest students represented Sunnydown at the annual Surrey Special Schools Sports Association (SSSSA) KS4 Basketball Tournament. From the moment we arrived, we knew we were in for a challenge - especially after seeing a 6ft 4in player from another school confidently dunking during the warm-up! The standard across the ten competing teams was as high as ever.

The tournament was played in a round-robin format, with the top two teams meeting in the final. Both of our teams represented the school with pride, sportsmanship, and determination, playing some truly exciting basketball throughout the day. One of our teams finished a respectable 7<sup>th</sup>, while the other progressed to the final in joint first place.

Fate had written a dramatic script, as the final would be a rematch of the closely contested final from two years ago - Sunnydown vs New Barn. What followed was a performance for the history books. The team displayed some of the best basketball I've witnessed in my 20+ years at Sunnydown. Relentless team pressing, led by Callum Jordan and Harry Franklin combined with fast selfless attacking play from the whole squad, proved too much for New Barn to handle. The final score: 6-0 to Sunnydown - an emphatic and well-earned victory.

We couldn't be prouder of the effort, conduct and performance from both teams. Congratulations to all involved!

### **Champions**

Captain: Antony Harper

Max Gibbins, Teddy Foster, Finley Marley, Callum Jordan, Harry Franklin

**Player of the Day:** Callum Jordan

### **Team 2**

Captain: Jayden Smurthwaite

Charlie McSorley, Logan East, Lithar Po-Ba, Jayden Peters, Luke Dean

**Player of the day** - Jayden Peters.

## Kenley Cycle Challenge

Once again it's almost that time of year when we ask our students to cycle around Kenley Aerodrome to celebrate their cycling prowess and raise money for good causes. Students can use school bikes and helmets but can also bring in their own if they prefer which we are happy to store.

Last year we cycled 420 laps totaling a fantastic 1176 km and raised funds to support mental health at the school. This year we will again try to meet and exceed the target of cycling 660 kilometres as well as trying to raise £20,000 to support the mental health of our students. We couldn't do it without your help though. Therefore, we are looking for marshalls to help on any of the dates below and as always your kind donations help us make such a difference. Thanks in advance for your support.

Dates:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - **Year 10**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - **Year 11**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May - **Year 8**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - **Year 7**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - **Year 9**

The event is from 9.00am until 12.30pm each day. Year 11s are encouraged to attend to take their mind off their studies for a while but it is optional for this year group.

Can I ask all students to arrive in their school uniforms on the relevant day with their PE kits to change into, along with a water bottle which we will refill as needed. They may also want a cap for rest periods. Please get in touch if there are any questions about any of the above.

Flier and sponsorship form attached to this ParentMail.

**Gabe**

## Charlie Histed - 1000 House Points

Huge congratulations to Charlie in Year 10 who has already achieved 1000 House Points. Mrs Ogle was inspired by a quote that Charlie said "I accept people for who they are and I am proud of my achievements." We are really proud of you Charlie!

## Friday Curriculum - Food Experience

7M enjoying their homemade scones in the sunshine made in the food experience today!



**Miss Adams & Mrs Clow**

**Online Safety**

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

**Mr Cassim**

<p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b> (W/C: 5/5/25)</p> <p><b>VE Day</b></p>	<p><b><u>Thought for the Week</u></b> (W/C: 12/5/25)</p> <p><b>Mental Health Awareness Week</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Greenhouse Cup</u></b></p> <p><b>Sam Lopes</b></p>
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<p><b><u>The Baton</u></b></p> <p><b>Robert Hall</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Employability Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Felix Drummond</b></p>
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Name	RICE <sup>3</sup> Award
Kasra Alavi Isaac Benn Oliver Hall	Independence
Milo Baker Charlie Histed Jacob Napier	Resilience
Hayden Howells Luke Luo	Cooperation

<b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b>	The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are  <b>Ross Smallman</b> <i>For effort &amp; achievement this week</i>
<b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b>	The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova are  <b>KS3</b>  <b>Kye Lawrence</b> <i>For resilience &amp; independence</i>
<b><u>Writer of the Week</u></b>	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe are  <b>KS3</b>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Callum Duff</b> <i>For his dedication &amp; perseverance with AFOREST</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KS4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Toby Chapman</b> <i>For his dedication to answering GCSE questions</i></p>
<b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b>	<p style="text-align: center;">The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Milo Baker</b> <i>For his fantastic effort in art this week</i></p>
<b><u>Musician of the Week</u></b>	<p style="text-align: center;">The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Edward Gair</b></p>
<b><u>Reader of the Week</u></b>	<p style="text-align: center;">The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KS4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Harrison Williams</b> <i>For hard work &amp; determination</i></p>
<b><u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u></b>	<p style="text-align: center;">The recipient of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Callum Duff</b> <b>Harley Schooling</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For a wonderful set of work which was completed through dedication &amp; determination</i></p>

### House Points

House Points	
Charlie Histed	1000 House Points
Teddy Foster	850 House Points
Freddie Dunne	600 House Points
Eddie Smith	550 House Points
Jack Gregory	500 House Points
Elliot Palmer	150 House Points
Harry Salter	150 House Points
James Titchner	150 House Points

### Forthcoming Events 2025

<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	KS4 Fulham football Start of GCSE exams

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Innovate Careers Advisor - Year 10 session
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening Last GCSE exam
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Business Breakfast
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Innovate Year 10 session
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Presentation Event
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Sports Day
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>END OF TERM (1.20pm finish)</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 (Was 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024)	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 (Was 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025)</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>