

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

A Wealth of Ideas from Our Student Council

Sunnydown School continues to thrive because of the creativity, enthusiasm, and strong voice of our young people. This term has begun with a real buzz of ideas, and it has been inspiring to see just how thoughtfully students are considering ways to make Sunnydown an even better place to learn and belong.

This week, the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Student Council met to reflect on the many ideas being brought forward by students across the school. These discussions highlighted a real wealth of ideas, all focused on improving school life and strengthening our community.

As a result of these conversations, the Student Council has chosen to prioritise a key focus for this term, clubs and activities.

Students shared how important enrichment opportunities are in helping them feel connected, confident, and motivated. Whether through sport, creative activities, games, outdoor learning, or exploring something entirely new, students are keen to help shape a range of clubs and activities that reflect their interests and support wellbeing.

Over the coming weeks, the Student Council will be:

- Gathering ideas and feedback from students across the school
- Exploring which clubs and activities students value most
- Identifying new opportunities and areas for development
- Working together to plan realistic and achievable next steps

The Student Council will also be meeting with members of the Leadership Team to share their ideas and work collaboratively on how these can be put into practice. This partnership will help ensure that student voice leads to real action and that ideas are carefully planned, supported, and brought to life wherever possible.

We are extremely proud of the leadership shown by our Chair, Vice Chairs, and all Student Council members. Their commitment to listening to others, working collaboratively and engaging with senior leaders shows maturity, confidence, and a genuine desire to make a positive difference.

We look forward to sharing updates later this term as ideas develop, and to seeing exciting new clubs and activities emerge as a result of this joint work between students and the Leadership Team.

Well done to our Student Council for such a positive and purposeful start to the term!

Mr Richard Woolley
Headteacher

Coffee Morning

For those parents who are joining us for the Coffee Morning this coming Wednesday, Dr Cath Stracey will be focusing on anxiety in young people with neurodiverse conditions. There will, as always, be the opportunity to have questions from the floor and open conversations about all aspects of neurodiversity and how we can support young people facing some of the challenges associated with neurodiversity. We look forward to seeing those attending next Wednesday.

Jez Lord

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are happy to announce we are running DofE courses for Years 9-10 at Sunnydown. The focus is for students to decide on their own activities and interests to design a programme that works for them.

The DofE award is a nationally recognised award that has four elements. There is a residential, which we will run as part of the students' outdoor activities; a physical element which we can sign off in PE and Games lessons, a skills element that could be music, cooking, bike mechanics or something else and a volunteering section. This could be things like helping Mr Bright maintain the school bikes, taking part in additional tutored lessons outside the school day, supporting lunch clubs or volunteering externally if students so chose.

We and the DofE are very flexible and supportive and the focus is to help students succeed. If they can bring passion and hard work we will recognise it.

I will support students with all the admin here but if they are doing work outside of school, I would contact home to get evidence of this.

There are further details to be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/do/>

or feel free to get in touch with me directly: g.odia@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Students can either register interest with me directly or parents can do so on their behalf and I will update as to which students are taking part and their progress.

Gabe Odia

Friday Curriculum

Here's some photos of 8Ms hard work. Today we planted the new cherry tree in the centre of the decking, which is under construction.





Mr Moody

Alumni

We just want to share some exciting news that Cameron Castle (who graduated from Sunnydown School in June 2021) is applying for a Masters degree!

<p>Thought for the Week (W/C: 2/2/26)</p> <p>What is a negative influence? How can you avoid them?</p>	<p>Thought for the Week (W/C: 9/2/26)</p> <p>Safer Internet Day - Why is it important to keep safe online?</p>
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<p><u>Baton Award</u></p> <p>Grayson Hanlon</p>

<p><u>Respect Award</u></p> <p>Ollie Hall</p>

<p><u>Employability Award</u></p> <p>Kasra Alavi</p>
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<p><u>Sportsmanship Award</u></p> <p>Grayson Hanlon Sam Watson</p>
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<u>RICE³ Awards</u>	
Resilience	Luke Dean James Titchner
Independence	Grayson Hanlon Alex Pereira Freddie Ponsford
Cooperation	Alex Rose Alex Borisov Rhys Brown

**Bertie Evison
Tyler Forshaw
Nathan James
Tekai Lewis**

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are</p> <p>Ollie Hall <i>For continued great effort and engagement</i></p> <p>& awarded by Mr Wright are</p> <p>Luke Luo Eddie Smith</p>
<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of Week, awarded by Ms Hristova</p> <p>KS3 Alex Hofer <i>For creativity & active learning</i></p> <p>KS4 Kamauri Craig <i>For excellent effort</i></p> <p>Freddie Dunne <i>For excellent practical work</i></p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Thomson are</p> <p>Callum Dowie <i>For working really hard and engagement in his writing</i></p> <p>Thomas Emms <i>For commitment in revision in free time for English language</i></p> <p>Harry Salter <i>For his impressive statement about Animal Farm</i></p> <p>& awarded by Mrs Wermig is</p> <p>Luke Luo <i>For his excellent independent work in Macbeth</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p>Eddie Smith <i>Consistent effort and independence</i></p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood are</p> <p>George Cooke <i>For his enthusiasm for reading</i></p> <p>Charlie Histed <i>For his continued love of reading</i></p>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith are</p> <p>Grayson Hanlon Kayden Wheatcroft</p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Leonard is</p> <p>Noah Atkins <i>For his fantastic effort in Art this week</i></p>

House Points

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Zac Hoad	800 House Points
Callum Truttero	800 House Points
Ethan Lyons	700 House Points
Thomas Emms	650 House Points
Jonah Mee	350 House Points
Blake Pope	100 House Points
Zac Picksley	100 House Points
Alexander Rose	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2026

Spring Term 2026	
Tuesday 10 th - Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Year 11 Residential trip
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 25 th - Friday 27 th February 2026	Year 10 Sayers Croft Residential
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	KS3 SSSSA Basketball
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	KS4 SSSSA Basketball
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Year 7 & 8 Limpsfield Grange Games night
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Curriculum Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	Early finish – 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 1
Monday 20 th April - Friday 24 th April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 10
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 11
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 9
Friday 8 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 7
Friday 15 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 8
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)

