



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

The Friends of Sunnydown quiz night on Friday was yet another resounding success for the FoS team and all staff, parents, students and great great grandmothers' who were able to attend. Families represented included Joshua Barnes, Kieran Kirk, Edward Bridges-Pugh, Daniel Edwards, Declan Giddings and David Daruval. Staff who were able to attend or support in the kitchen included Miss Thompson, Miss Tattershaw, Miss Lawson, Mrs McCarthy, Miss Derrig-Adams, Miss Adams and Mrs Austin. A wonderful opportunity to reflect on the benefits of working together. Thank you to Kelly Barnes and the entire team of FoS who pulled together another memorable event.

When mentioning memorable events, the Careers Morning on Thursday deserves recognition. Thanks to Ben Wright, who leads our KS4 careers development at Sunnydown, a variety of businesses from Merlin Group, to MetroBank, local accountancy and computer firms, various charities and even marketing firms were in attendance. They were treated to a hearty breakfast prepared by Sean and his team in the kitchen but also to the aspirations of many of our students. Cameron Castle and Adi Dasbiswas astounded the audience with their respective presentations on how the school supports career development for all students. The remainder of the young men including Ben Watts, Ben Goffin, Morgan Carew, Harry Monkhouse, Matthew Young, Daniel Linney, Henry Hilton, Cam'ron Pindi and Alex Hennessy then gave their plan A, Plan B and in some cases more, for their careers. To further enhance our careers support, three teaching assistants are undertaking training to be able to offer even more support to your son in preparation for life after Sunnydown. Many thanks to Katie Tattershaw, Lynne McCarthy and Claire Brooks for taking this on.

Regarding careers, our next event is the Year 9 and Year 10 careers evening on the evening of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Attending this allows you and your son access to many Surrey colleges and post Sunnydown provision.

We also have our Inset day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March which coincides with the inaugural golf day. Your support in attending the evening meal, playing golf, and promoting the event is appreciated. Your efforts and attendance only benefit your son.

Reflecting on the dedication of my staff team as outlined above, I am aware of many other examples of where staff go above and beyond to attempt to accommodate the needs of your son. Please do reflect on this with your son, encouraging them to respect the staff and their efforts, and to talk politely at all times. Young men who speak politely and respect the efforts of staff are always recognised, and those who do not, will always be addressed.

Our Student Council is chaired by Cameron Castle. Cameron asked Mr Lord for permission to address the school on Monday to remind everyone of the importance of this group, and the potential it brings to influence positive change. This group supports the need for all young men to speak politely as outlined above. They have also been exploring the use of Chromebooks on behalf of the school.



I will write more formally to all families regarding Chromebooks prior to Easter, however I am sharing a brief update here. I am committed to providing opportunities for our young men to be as prepared as possible for the stages of their life after Sunnydown. This includes access to technology. For an extended period of time I have mentioned in the weekly newsletter and surveys the intention of introducing Chromebooks for each student, with parent contributions. We have started to collect quotes for these devices so that all of KS3 have their own device from September 2020. Hayleigh Rogers, the School Business Manager is developing a payment schedule for families so that the cost of these devices can be spread out, if necessary. It is important to realise that the device, when paid for, is yours. The cost will be approximately £285 and a vast majority of parents who responded to surveys about this have said they would be willing to support this scheme. Of course, if your family are in receipt of Pupil Premium, the school is in a position to support with funding.

At this point, I am not anticipating the scheme moves into KS4 from September 2020. Those students will continue to access the school bank of Chromebooks. Should a KS4 family wish for their son to have their own Chromebook, please do contact Hayleigh Rogers to discuss the purchase of this. All future students will then have a new Chromebook when they arrive and keep it when they leave, once paid for.

A Coronavirus update will be emailed this afternoon. By way of reminder, Public Health England is the guidance to which we as a school will reflect. All information relevant to schools published by PHE has been shared with families and will continue to be. All young men and staff have been encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly and to dispose of tissues appropriately.

Landscaping Project – timber for the roof over the giant chess set has arrived and this will go on in the near future. Paving to the BBQ Hut is almost complete. Final coats of varnish need to be applied to the floor to protect them, and then lessons will commence in the hut. Many thanks are extended to Mr Moody, Miss Collings and all of the young men who have contributed to this exciting project. Employers and business people who attended the networking breakfast on Thursday were incredibly impressed, and continued to repeat that these skills and experiences are what they are looking for in interviews. They challenged us and the young men to continue to explore exciting ways to provide even more opportunities to compliment out very successful landscaping, Burger Van and Cycle Mechanics Scheme. We will.

Regarding our landscaping project, if you know of anyone who has second hand metal garden gates they would like to donate to a worthy cause, we would happily accept them. We would be using them as scaffolds for climbing plants and screens rather than as gates. This will add to the decorative and aesthetic appeal of our areas.

### **National Careers Week 2020**

It has been an exciting week at school with pupils engaging with career related learning in several curriculum areas. They have been discussing their aspirations, the myriad of employment opportunities and the skills and qualities required for the roles.

On Thursday we hosted our annual business breakfast whereby students presented to The Merlin Group (Thorpe park, Legoland & Chessington), Metrobank, Accountants and IT consultants to name but a few. The visitors were incredibly impressed with the young men and are all keen to offer support and opportunities for meaningful employer encounters in the future.



Thank you to the following pupils who were fantastic ambassadors for the school:

Cameron Castle, Adi Dasbiswas, Ben Watts, Ben Goffin, Morgan Carew, Harry Monkhouse, Matthew Young, Daniel Linney, Henry Hilton, Cam'ron Pindi and Alex Hennessy.

Life skills this week have been focusing on independent travel, looking at how to be prepared and safe when using various forms of transport.

Parents, would you kindly engage in conversations with your sons regarding different roles that you have completed including what a typical day looked like and the skills you required to complete the role.

### **GCSE Exam Dates – Year 11**

Please find below a list of the GCSE exam dates:

<b>Date</b>	<b>GCSE Exam</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Art – Fine Art and Photography (all day)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Art – Fine Art and Photography (all day)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Science – Biology 1 (pm)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	English Literature (am) PE Short Course (pm)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Science – Chemistry 1 (am)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Geography iGCSE (pm)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Maths (am)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Science – Physics (pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	English Literature (am)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	DT (pm)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Science – Biology 2 (pm)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020	English Language (am)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020	Geography iGCSE (am)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Maths (am)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	English Language (am)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Maths (am)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Science – Chemistry 2 (am)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Science – Physics (am)

### **Popup Circus**

Please see the attached flyer for Phillip Southcote School's PFA Popup Circus. This to be held on the school grounds in May this year to raise much needed funds for their new Outdoor Education Centre – El Bosque. Please visit Eventbrite.com as they have 600+ tickets available, it's a big event.

### **Sport Relief**

Next week we will be engaging in various activities for Sport Relief. More information will follow.



## Online Safety

Please see the attached letter regarding an online course for parents.



## Global Recycling Day (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March)

Acado have been working with teachers to develop a bank of **free resources** that explore recycling and how to reduce rubbish that can harm animals or end up in the ocean. With **Global Recycling Day** coming up we are taking the opportunity to explore this topic with the possibility of Year 7's doing the recycled character and poster, Year 8's doing a poster and Year 9's a film or poster. Link for more information: <https://youtu.be/QHdYwpabAhQ>.



## Burger Van Tuck Shop

After the success of our first Burger Van tuck shop event where 9W made a £36.35 profit and had a very enjoyable morning, 9M will be hosting their Sport Relief Burger Van Tuck Shop on Friday 13th March 2020.

The tuck shop will be taking place at the front of the school during break time, at 10.45am–11.05am and 9M have been working hard planning and marketing the event.

The Planning Team consisted of Oliver Benneyworth, Henry Hilton, and Thomas Monfort. These pupils thought carefully about the Health and Safety Regulations and about how the event should run. We scheduled a meeting with Mr Jensen to run through a complete list of questions to finalise the tuck shop details.

Alfred Delaney and Ben Aldous were responsible for marketing and have designed a great poster which has been placed around school to advertise the event. Ben Tushingham and Kal-El Harris were put in charge of finances and carefully worked out expenses for the event.

9M have decided to offer bacon butties, raspberry muffins, chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate. They will be preparing, making, cooking and selling all the products themselves.



The cost of the items being sold from the tuck shop are as follows:

Bacon Butties - £1.00 each  
Milk Chocolate Cookies - 50p each  
Raspberry Muffins - 80p each  
Hot Chocolate - 60p each cup

We will also be offering some deals of:

Buy a Cookie and a Hot Chocolate for £1.00 or  
Buy a Raspberry Muffin and a Hot Chocolate for £1.20 or  
Buy a Bacon Butty and a Hot Chocolate together for £1.50

9M have decided that any profits made from the tuck shop event should be split with 60% being put back into the School Fund for the development of our outdoor facilities and 40% to Sport Relief.

Please remind your son to bring in some spending money for next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and come and enjoy some of our cooking delights.

### **Boarding News**

The last few weeks we have welcomed some new boarders who have settled in really well and we are now looking forward to welcoming a few more over the coming weeks.

We have had a busy week with a trip to Guildford Spectrum - much to the students' delight this was followed by a McDonalds/KFC.

It was lovely to be able to get out for a walk on Monday whilst the sun was shining. We are all looking forward to better weather so that we can start to plan more outdoor activities.

**The Care Team**

### **School Council**

The minutes of the School Council meeting which was held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March are attached.

### **100% Attendance**

Congratulations to 9M for achieving 100% attendance for w/e 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **Thought for the Week – Being who we want to be**

Mr Djehiche will be talking to the boys about this topic next week. 'Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best'.

### **Word of the Week**

Magnanimous (adjective) – please see back of newsletter (w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020).



## Friends of Sunnydown

We raised an amazing £720 last Friday, plus it was lovely to see so many families and sons attending. Many thanks to Kelly and Tom Barnes for all your hard work bringing the event together. Thanks also goes to Carol Edwards for the raffle hampers and Sophie Monkhouse for the raffle bottles of fizz. The Sunnydown Burger Van I'm sure will soon have Michelin stars, many thanks to Mrs Austin and her team for a culinary delight including halloumi cheese, mushrooms and Mr Jensen's amazing salads with mangoes and figs. Thank you also to the staff team for helping to serve and for joining in: Andrea Lawson, Krystle Thompson, Katie Tattershaw, Lynne McCarthy, Jade Derrig-Adams and Nicky Adams. A great evening.

We did a draw for the 50/50 club with the two winners sharing £120. Anyone wishing to take part in the £5 monthly draw please email below for more details.

Our next fundraising event is the Sunnydown Race Night on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to the people who bought horses at the Quiz Night. We have approximately 30 horses left to sell. Horses are priced at £10 with a chance to win £40, again please email for more details.

**Lesley Anderson**  
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## Forthcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Science Week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Friends of Sunnydown meeting @ 7:30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Inset Day – <b>Golf Day (Fundraising – please support)</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Careers Evening (5.00pm – 7.00pm)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Race Night at Sunnydown
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Music Festival at Sunnydown (Gibb Cycle Challenge)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Family camping event at Sunnydown
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Weekend Working Bee (10.30am – 1.30pm)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Year 11 Graduation
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Year 11 Barcelona Trip departs (returns 19 <sup>th</sup> June)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Years 7 – 10 Cross Curriculum Week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Inset Day (School Development Planning)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Barn Dance at Sunnydown (TBC)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Weekend Working Bee (10.30am – 1.30pm)
<b><u>Trips Next Week</u></b>	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Inclusive Schools Football League (Years 10 & 11), Wimbledon Goals
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Inclusive Schools Football League (Years 7 & 9), Wimbledon Goals
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 8 Trip to Blackland Farm (9.05am-1.15)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Burger Van Tuck Shop (9M)



### **Artist of the Week**

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Jake Chandler (11C). Last week's winner was Adi Dasbiswas (10C).

### **Musician of the Week**

The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Miss Tomcova is Elvinas Sermuksnis (8J).

### **Chef of the Week**

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Ollie McEvaddy (7D).

### **Scientist of the Week**

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch is Harvey Moore (10C) for Resilience.

### **Science guess the picture competition**

Picture of the week is shown below. Last entry's answer was a bone structure with osteoporosis.



**Mr Cybuch**

### **House Points**

Certificates and prizes for earning house points this week go to:

Joseph Rutter	100 House Points
Miles Eliatamby	350 House Points
Jake Chandler	750 House Points



The weekly top scorers are also detailed below:

KS3	Burntwood	George Hodgson
	Buxton	Ben Tushingam
	Portley	Leon Punjabi
	Whyteleaf	Joshua Barnes, Edward Bridges-Pugh
KS4	Burntwood	Mathew Young
	Buxton	Morgan Carew, Adi Dasbiswas, Daniel Edwards
	Portley	Cameron Castle
	Whyteleaf	Jake Chandler

Yours sincerely

Paul Jensen  
Headteacher

Word of the week w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

magnanimous

adjective


- generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival or less powerful person

In praising the losing team, the winners were magnanimous in victory.



What is the meaning of magnanimous?







## KS3 Friday Curriculum – (13/03/20)

Friday curriculum activities are usually scheduled to take place during the morning, with students returning in time for lunch. All students should arrive at school in uniform, and if required, change into alternative clothes here at school. Students will then change back into uniform once the activity is finished, in time for lunch, PSHE and the journey home. If an activity is scheduled to last longer than the morning session, this will be communicated with families by the coordinator of that activity.

Alternative clothing, as mentioned in the table, should be appropriate to the time of year. In wet and muddy conditions it is highly recommended your son brings a plastic bag to put their clothes in, following the activity. Labelled clothing is easier to return to the right person.

Class	Activity	Information
Year 7	Performing Arts	The boys will be working with Mr Quartermaine from Pro Corda and Mrs Jensen on some music and performing arts activities. The boys will need to be in school uniform.
Year 8	Outdoor Adventurous Activities.	The boys will be going to Blacklands Farm for some team building and confidence activities including tunnelling and the zip-wire. The boys will need to arrive at school in full school uniform and bring a change of clothes appropriate for outdoor (and potentially muddy) activities.
9W	School Projects (Mr Moody)	The boys will be working on school projects with Mr Moody and should wear school uniform to school and be prepared with a change of clothes that can be worn, should the weather allow outdoor landscaping projects. Wellington boots are available but students are welcome to bring their own. Students are expected to change into school uniform after the activity, in time for lunch, PSHE and the journey home.
Yr 9M	Food (Mrs Hull)	The boys will be running a School Tuck Shop from the Sunnydown Burger Van during the morning. See school Newsletter for further details.