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Friday 6th June 2025

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

It is so important that we always think of others. Today, two important moments of reflection deserve our attention, D-Day and Eidul-Adha.

Taken from the BBC Website, I share with you a summary of what D-Day represents.

Troops from the UK, the US, Canada, and France attacked German forces on the coast of northern France, on 6 June 1944.

D-Day was the largest military seaborne operation ever attempted, and marked the start of the campaign to liberate Nazi-occupied north-west Europe.

It involved the simultaneous landing of tens of thousands of troops on five separate beaches in Normandy.

More than a year in the planning, D-Day was originally set to start on 5 June, judged to be the most likely date to combine calm seas, a full moon and low water at first light. However, storms meant it was delayed by 24 hours to 6 June.

The 'D' simply stands for 'Day'. D-Day is a military term for the first day of an operation.

Many of you will recall that I fasted during Ramadan earlier this year in an attempt to learn more about other faiths, beyond my Catholic upbringing. Today also is the start of Eid ul-Adha.

Eid ul-Adha ('Festival of Sacrifice') is one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar.

The festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son when God ordered him to.

Eid ul-Adha is a public holiday in Muslim countries. In 2025, Eid ul-Adha will begin on the evening of Friday 6 June and end on the evening of Tuesday 10 June.

To all peoples of all faith, to families of men and women who have fought to ensure we live in a free world with particular reflections directed towards those directly linked to D-Day, I wish you a wonderful and safe weekend.

Paul Jensen

Young People Events



Caterham Rotary are pleased to announce 2 upcoming events later this month and in July which may be of interest.



Year 10 Life Skills Trip to Buxton Lodge

Before half term, Year 10 students visited Buxton Lodge care home. There was a 60s party for the residents and the students showed their fabulous dance moves. They also painted some birdhouses with the residents. Once again, the students have been outstanding. The way they interacted with the residents, showing care and empathy is a credit to them. They have created memories for the residents and for themselves. Very well done!



Mrs Li-Ying

Online Safety

Please see the attached flier regarding 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Emojis.'

Mr Cassim

<u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 2/6/25) Growth Mindset & The Learning Pit	<u>Thought for the Week</u> (W/C: 9/6/25) Metacognition
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<u>The Baton</u> Ethan Lyons Awarded by Miss Wood

<u>Employability Award</u> Alfie Tharle
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<u>The Greenhouse Cup</u> Jonah Mee
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RICE ³ Awards	
Resilience	Matthew Marenga
Independence	Oscar Gregory
Cooperation	Freddie Ponsford, Tekai Lewis & William Elliot

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p>Ollie Hall <i>For excellent work on the geometry topic & assessment</i></p> <p>Arthur Edmondson <i>For excellent work on the geometry topic & assessment</i></p> <p>& awarded by Mr Wright is</p> <p>Freddie Ponsford <i>Conquering learning pits</i></p>
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<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>Matthew Marenga <i>For his excellent participation in class discussions</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>Louie Rodrigues <i>For an excellent & emotive piece of writing on what identity means to him</i></p> <p>& awarded by Miss Thomson</p> <p>Jack McDowell</p> <p>KS4</p> <p>& awarded by Mrs Jensen and Miss Newcombe are</p> <p><i>Special mention to all of the Year 11s on the completion of their English GCSE exams - well done!</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p>Hayden Howells <i>For growing confidence & assisting his peers</i></p>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p>Ethan Lyons</p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is</p> <p>Matthew Marenga <i>For his consistent approach to reaching</i></p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p>Daniel Leonard <i>For his positive approach and effort in Art</i></p>
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart are</p> <p>Harry Salter Harry Origgi-Fernando <i>For creating a smart and cleverly put together interactive digital quiz for the class</i></p>

House Points

House Points (last week)	
Kye Lawrence	600 House Points
Jonah Mee	200 House Points

House Points (certificates will be handed out on Monday)	
Felix Drummond	1,100 House Points
Alfie Wilson	900 House Points
Robert Hall	800 House Points
Oscar Gregory	500 House Points
Matthew Marenga	500 House Points
Jack Bristow	350 House Points
William Elliot	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Summer Term 2025	
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 th June 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening Last GCSE exam
Thursday 19 th June 2025	*Year 11 Graduation
Friday 20 th June 2025	Business Breakfast
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Year 11 Brighton trip
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Innovate Year 10 session
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Year 11 Chessington trip
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	KS3 Gatwick FootGolf
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Friday 27 th June 2025	Year 8 Kayaking OAA
Friday 27 th June 2025	Innovate Year 9 session
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 8 (& outstanding Years 8-11) HPV vaccination
Monday 7 th July 2025	Poetry by Heart Trip
Monday 7 th July 2025	Prospero/Sunnydown Drama Performance (Herakles)
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	New Barnes KS4 tournament
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation Event
Friday 11 th July 2025	Year 7 Kayaking OAA
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Monday 14 th July 2025	7M Form Trip
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	7C Form Trip
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	New Barnes KS3 tournament
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Give back to the community day
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM (1.20pm finish)
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY