

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Week of Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July

As a school, lessons will continue for the duration of this week, following the regular timetable, including homework expectations.

However, the weather forecast is for warm (by north Queensland standards) and very hot (by UK standards) and sunny days. Regardless, in such conditions, we need to be sensible.

Students will be encouraged to drink plenty of cool water, stay out of the sun, wear sunscreen if outdoors and minimise strenuous exercise. Air conditioning will be on in all of Forest View so learning can continue in comfort.

Though uniform checks will continue (particularly shoes), **ties are not necessary for the duration of the week.** Students will be reminded that it is likely to be too warm for jumpers and blazers.

Week of Monday 18th July to Friday 22nd July - SMSC Week

Day	Activities/notes	Uniform/clothing
Monday	Inter-House day Variety of activities (sporting, quizzes, etc)	Students can arrive in House colours (not Mufti) and if not, school uniform
Tuesday	Years 7 and 8 - SMSC activities Year 9 and 10 - Form group activities Specific information will be shared early next week by form tutors and Parent Mail.	Arrive in school uniform with an appropriate set of clothes to change into, according to specific activities. All students will be expected to change into school uniform before taxi time.
Wednesday	Years 7 and 8 - Form group activities Year 9 and 10 - SMSC activities Specific information will be shared early next week by form tutors and Parent Mail.	Arrive in school uniform with an appropriate set of clothes to change into, according to specific activities. All students will be expected to change into school uniform before taxi time.

Thursday	Sports Day. Parents can arrive from 1.00pm. Activities start at 1.30pm. Short presentation at approximately 3.00pm. Taxis leave at 3.30pm.	Students can arrive in House colours (not Mufti) and if not, school uniform
Friday	Usual arrival. Form group activities. Depart 12.30pm in taxis/with parents. All will be given a packed lunch to take away	School uniform. Attendance will be monitored.

For the offsite activities, families are being asked for a maximum £10 contribution. For events that cost more than this the school will subsidise all events so that no family is unduly affected.

Curriculum developments

Sunnydown offers an incredibly broad curriculum. However, opportunities to further enhance this for our young men is constantly being explored. Balancing an increasingly diverse curriculum against the financial constraints faced nationally in education is complex. Thank you for your understanding.

Our curriculum is not limited to formal subjects such as English, Maths and Science, it extends to our Pastoral offer. This includes all activities and events that seek to support the development of resilience, independence and cooperation.

Our curriculum structure and offer has undergone a focussed review over the past 12 months, a process that we actually started in September 2019 only to be halted by Covid. I intend on sharing the latest developments prior to the end of term and am confident that you will appreciate the efforts in continuing to enhance our offer at our wonderful school.

Waitrose Food

Year 8 received food this week that had been donated by Waitrose. This food is offered in good faith by Sunnydown as we rotate through all year groups.

Staff wellbeing - Thank you

Children With Special Needs Foundation (CWSNF) offered staff at Sunnydown a Private Pod on the London Eye as a way of saying thank you for all of the work they do. 13 staff took the opportunity of seeing London from this unique perspective on Friday evening and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On behalf of all who benefit from the efforts of my staff, I say "Thank you." I will continue to find ways of showing my appreciation of the efforts of all staff to ensure that Sunnydown continues to be the exceptional school that it is.

Student News

Next Monday Cam'ron Pindi (10J) will be part of the orchestra performing at the concert below:
<https://www.fairfield.co.uk/events/cma-showcase-2022>

If you would like to attend you can use this link to book tickets.



Fairfield Concert Hall

Croydon Music and Arts Showcase 2022

Mon 11 Jul

[Book >](#)



Croydon Music & Arts annual Showcase at Fairfield is back after missing the last two years because of the pandemic. It will be an exciting evening involving all our music and dance groups. We are using the large performing space at Fairfield for collaborations and including guest dancers and musicians from the **Croydon Academy of Eastern Arts** and Croydon MOBO nominated Afrobeats artist **Silvastone**.

Come and share the energy you can only experience from young performers. We shall present Indian Raga and English and Polish folk music; **Brahms** Hungarian Dance, *Florence Price Juba Dance* and *Croydon Life* – a new composition by our own **Felix Shepherd**; our versions of **Harry Belafonte's** *Turn the World Around*, **Metallica's** *Nothing Else Matters* and *Born Again* with **Silvastone**; *Carnival* by **Duke Ellington** and *Echoes of Palmares* by **Mat Fox** given a carnival treatment by **Phoebe Lamont** one of our student leaders; and *Greatest Showman* and a *Celebration Medley* finale. Our young performers would like to share their celebration of our rich cultural diversity.

Do come early and enjoy a free Performance Festival from 5.30 to 6.45 in the Fairfield Foyer produced by our C3 (Croydon Creative Collective) Young Leaders.

Attendance

Congratulations to 10P and 9M for achieving 100% attendance for the week ending 1st July 2022.

Surrey Special Schools Sports Association - Athletics

150 of the finest athletes from all of the Special Schools in Surrey met at the K2 Arena in Crawley on Wednesday to compete in track and field events. Congratulations to all 23 athletes who represented Sunnydown:

Lithar Po-Ba	Ollie McEvaddy	Kieran Kirk	Reece Wood
Harry Franklin	Alex Hennessy	Jamie Rogers	Liam Tushingham
Callum Annis	Josh Benton	Tomas Bodkin	George Smith
Teddy Foster	Oscar Stewart	Byron Boniface	Josh Barnes
Finley Marley	James Millar	Thando Po-Ba	Reece Williams
Antony Harper	Max Maboobani	Elvinas Sermuksnis	

The Arena Manager asked me to pass on their thanks to our young men who remained after the event to help clear the equipment and litter away.

Parent Carer Survey and Surrey Schools SEND Survey

SCC is conducting a survey to inform the Additional Needs and Disabilities Partnership Self Evaluation and asked if we can share the following survey with parents and carers within our community.

SCC would welcome feedback from parents and carers via the Parents' Voices Matters Survey:
<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/parentsvoices>

The survey runs until the 31st July, for queries relating to Parents' Voices Matter, please email:
parentsvoicesmatter@surreycc.gov.uk

Diamond Riding Centre

We are very proud of Leo who has been featured with his friend as riders of the month at the Diamond Riding Centre, where he's been riding for the last six months.

The feature can be seen here (scroll down):
<https://us13.campaign-archive.com/?u=feb2157329a397b1327288591&id=62d22f5dca>

STEAM (computer gaming digital distribution platform)

Please see the attachment to this newsletter 'What Parents & Carers need to know about STEAM.'

Friends of Sunnydown

Staff fund: As the end of the school year approaches, we like to show our appreciation together to the Sunnydown staff by sending our messages of thanks. If you would also like to contribute towards a gift of vouchers, please follow this link: www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Big PTA Raffle: We are again taking part in the big PTA raffle - for each ticket bought, you will get one entry into each of the 12 draws. These are taking place from 19th - 21st July, and you'll have a chance of winning up to £5,000! Each ticket is £3 and this year, there is no limit per person. Sunnydown school will receive 50% of each ticket sold, so the more tickets we buy, the more our boys will benefit: www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/sunnydown-school-cr3

<u>Thought for this week</u> (W/C: 4 th June) How can we make a difference?	<u>Thought for the week</u> (W/C: 8 th June) Charity and fundraising - Why is it important to help those less fortunate?
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<u>Artist of the Week</u> The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle for his fab mosaic drawing is: Lucas Abrams (9M)	<u>Scientist of the Week</u> The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch for cooperation & independence is: Alfie Wilson (8T)	<u>Mathematician of the Week</u> The recipient of Mathematician of the Week awarded by Mr Zadok for work completion is: Liam Tushingham (10P)	<u>Chef of the Week</u> The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is: Joshua Tucker (10J)
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House Points	
George Smith	600 House Points
Elvinas Sermuksnis	550 House Points
Teddy Foster	300 House Points
Sonny Chater	200 House Points
Sonny Burgess	200 House Points
Ollie Taylor	200 House Points
Michael Hanley	150 House Points





Speaking up for the families of children & young people with additional needs in Surrey

Following feedback from Family Voice Surrey that Carers get little time to '**Rest, Relax and Restore**', we are delighted that Everyone Active would like to offer Carers the opportunity to enjoy their facilities (pool, gym and classes) at Spelthorne and Sunbury Leisure Centres for **FREE** for the weekend of Saturday 16th July and Sunday 17th July 2022.

Please register in advance using the email address detailed below:-
leannerodriguez@everyoneactive.com

RELAX AND RECHARGE

PARENT- CARERS

Utilise the pool, gym and classes for FREE for the weekend

16 - 17 July 2022

Spelthorne and Sunbury Leisure Centres

Pre-register your interest before 12 July 2022 by emailing:
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