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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I want to start by congratulating the boys who have been educated from home this week, following the period of isolation of some staff and students following PHE Track and Trace advice. To see that almost all of the boys were able to access their lessons online (while not doubting the preference to be at school) from 9am on the first day of isolation is a credit to them, but also the staff. To all involved in managing the online education, part of our contingency plan for such events, thank you.

This also reminds us that Covid has the potential to interrupt our current way of life in an ongoing fashion and at any time. We must not become complacent at any point. Students and staff will continue to sanitise hands on arrival. We will continue to be socially distanced. All decisions made in responding to any Covid related incident, including what to communicate with the wider community, is in line with PHE guidelines. I am in favour of updated guidance regarding the need to isolate school children for when we return in September. Such disruption can impact on learning and wellbeing. I am confident however, that we at Sunnydown, with your support, continue to offer an excellent experience, even during periods of isolation and lockdown.

While reflecting on 'impact' the SCC consultation into the removal of boarding closes today. The responses and all evidence gathered by those reviewing the consultation will be compiled, and presented to a lead Cabinet Member who will deliver their decision on Tuesday 13th July. The decision can range from complete and immediate removal, to remaining open fully, to everything in between. However, the financial case from a SCC perspective is pragmatic. Also of importance is the impact on children who currently access boarding and their families. It is important for all of us to manage our own expectations. I know that my incredibly dedicated Care team have been open and honest with the boys, and have prepared them for any eventuality.

The Care team and the support they give the boarders and their families is nothing short of exceptional and regardless of outcome, I am proud of all that they have achieved to date.

I had reason to speak with some classes today regarding the use of phones in class time, even texting one another during lessons. I have reminded some classes of the Acceptable Use Policy which says:

- I agree to use all digital literacy devices and social communication platforms, whether provided by the school or my personal devices, for example a laptop, phones or IPad, responsibly and appropriately.
- I know that if I do not follow the AUP, the Behaviour policy will be followed. In addition my system privileges may be modified.



I prefer to support young men develop responsibility for their own behaviours and actions and follow the guidance given. If, however, they are not able to, I may have to ask for some students to hand their phones in during the day, or even to not bring them to school. I appreciate your support in reinforcing this.

Catch-up vaccinations

This is just a reminder that catch-up vaccinations will be taking place next week (**Wednesday 7th July**). Please also note the following forthcoming vaccination dates:

- HPV first dose (Year 8s) - **Friday 8th October 2021**
- Nasal Flu (whole school) – **Tuesday 30th November 2021**
- DTP & Men (Year 9s) – **Wednesday 2nd March 2022**
- HPV 2 (Year 8s)– **Monday 20th June 2022**

Road safety

Please can those families who drive to Sunnydown for drop off and pick up be reminded of the speed limit when turning off of Whyteleafe Road. When turning into the school, the speed limit is 5mph. High speeds from Sunnydown parents have been observed this week, please support us in keeping the adults and children of all 3 schools safe.

In addition, 'bay parking only' is to be observed whilst on the school site. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Hayleigh Rogers

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 9P for achieving 100% attendance for the w/e 25th June 2021.

Year 10 Enterprise

As part of their PSHE lessons, Year 10 will be embarking on an enterprise project to design, create, advertise and sell a product of their choosing, with the aim of making the biggest profit. In order to sell their creations, during the afternoon of the 9th July the rest of the school are invited to bring in some money and visit the Year 10 businesses outside in the playground. Keep your eyes peeled for adverts around school to find out more about what will be on offer!

Mrs Cybuch

Friends of Sunnydown

Staff fund

With just a few weeks to go until the end of term, we are turning our focus to the amazing staff at Sunnydown who have supported the boys so wonderfully through another year of uncertainty and change.



We would like to thank each and every one of them with a thank you note and voucher at the end of term, so if you'd like to contribute, please follow this link: www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents

Big PTA Raffle

Some tickets are still available! They are drawn daily for 12 days - which means 12 chances per ticket to win £6,000! 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

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Boarding News

A short week for us this week due to being contacted by track and trace after a trip out last week! We went bowling and then had a chilled evening catching up on 'Bake off'!

Next week is our final week in boarding for this year as the Residential Decision is being announced on the 13th July. Please see the separate note about activities next week. Rest assured, we have decided to stay on site!!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing all the boys back in boarding next week.

The Care Team

Boarding activities next week

We are planning on being open as usual next week, unless circumstances change between now and then!

We wanted to let you know of our plans for the final week before we break up for the summer holidays. We had originally planned a trip to the trampoline park followed by a KFC, however, as our last trip out to an indoor establishment ended with a proportion of the boarding group being isolated for 10 days, we have decided to keep it closer to home!

We have managed to book an outdoor education company - E3 Adventures - to come on site on Monday and Wednesday, with hoverboards and zorbing balls for us to play with! Their instructor will lead the activities and they have all the necessary safety equipment - helmets, knee and elbow pads, wrist supports etc - to keep us as safe as we can be. It looks like great fun and I have had some excellent feedback from other staff at schools that have used them recently.

We will probably still follow this activity with a takeaway of some form, to round off the evening!

Tuesday and Thursday will also be onsite with a BBQ, some games and a fun award ceremony to finish on.

We are all looking forward to being back on site next week and welcoming your son into his last week of



boarding for this term.

The Care Team

Science guess the picture competition

Picture of the week is shown below. Congratulations to Ty Small (8C) for his correct answer - pterosaurs (iconic reptiles that flew alongside the dinosaurs). A prize will be given today.



Science fact for last week

Congratulations to Ryan Gelett (8C) for the correct answer, a prize will be given today. **Answer:** Evolution plays a big part – fruit tends to be brightly coloured to attract animals to eat it and scatter the seeds inside, so there are few blue fruits because they wouldn't stand out as well as those coloured red or orange.

Science fact for this week

How do fishing rods work?



Mr Djehiche

Thought for this week was: Charity - What is it?

Feedback from 9P:

- A charity is ... a group of people who help others in need. They need donations, otherwise they wouldn't exist.
- A charity does ... lots of different things to support people. They might raise money through events like bake sales or sponsored walks.

Thought for the week commencing 5th July - Working together - importance of teamwork

In this week's thought for the week we are going to look at teamwork and how working as a team can help us achieve our common goals. We will look at some everyday teams such as the emergency services and football teams. This will link to our 'learning pit' as teamwork is a good strategy for helping someone who is stuck with their learning.

Mr Cybuch

Chef of the Week

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

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Cybuch and Mr Djehiche is Connor Mason (10W) for cooperation.

Word of the Week

Compare (verb) – please see end of newsletter (w/c 5th July 2021).

Mrs Herring

Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle and Miss Adams is Kieran Kirk (8M) for his outstanding contribution to helping his classmates who found (Photopea).

House Points

House Points will be awarded on Monday.

KS3 Friday Curriculum - 9th July 2021

A separate Parentmail will follow next week.

Word of the week w/c 5th July 2021

Compare

verb

Estimate, measure or note the similarity or dissimilarity between.

He compared the two graphs to see the similarities in the data.



what are other words for comparison?



comparability, similarity, resemblance, analogy, likeness, contrast, correlation, collation, juxtaposition



HAF Team

Club4 is an exclusive offer for children and young people who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals in Surrey. For the summer holidays, all eligible children at school in Surrey have the chance to secure a free place at one of 140 day camps running across the County. Some camps are commercially run and open to all, while others are exclusive to Club4 families. Dates and timings vary but all camps offer a mix of entertainment to keep young people safely entertained and active, as well as providing them with one or more quality meals. To find a camp near you and see what else is on offer with the Club4 programme, please visit the Club4 website:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/club4holidayoffer>

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