

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

We have been inundated with interest regarding the fishing trip on Thursday 3rd April. For the 12 spaces available, we have had 29 applications. Those students selected for Thursday 3rd April will be notified on Monday.

Because of the level of interest, I have approached the Masonic Fishing Charity and they have offered us a second date in September or October. So, while many students may not go next week, there will be another opportunity relatively soon.

During assembly today, I had the privilege of handing out House Point certificates, as well as those listed towards the end of this newsletter. Celebrating success is so important as a way of recognising progress. Congratulations to all who received certificates. To those who did not, I also extend my gratitude for your ongoing efforts to learn more every day. Thank you.

I took the opportunity to remind students and staff that while I lead Sunnydown School, I will work hard to ensure that all students and staff are safe and welcome. I asked for support in two areas.

The first was regarding how we speak with one another. I referred to the fact that like them, I am biologically a male. That does not give me the right to speak to a female in a way that might indicate I am better than them. I reminded the students that 85% of our staff are women and they deserve to be treated with respect by male staff and all students, as do the male staff.

The second area that I discussed was appropriate physical contact. I explained that shaking hands was completely acceptable. However, punching, kicking, poking and tripping were not acceptable. I also reminded students of the underwear rule - that an area of another person's body covered by underwear is not ours to touch, unless we are in an appropriate consenting relationship with that person.

These are important messages to share and discuss so that we have clear expectations regarding how we should behave. I appreciate your support in reminding our young men of these expectations.

We have recently recruited some new staff including Mr Bright as a TA. Mr Bright has a keen interest in cycles so students will see him in all subjects, but particularly in bike mechanics. Mr Cousins has been employed for a short window of time as a Science Lab technician. Mr Cousins has completed his Masters in Science and is waiting to see what his next steps are, including a possible Doctorate. I will include further summaries of new staff next week, as well as an updated list of my team.

In the meantime, wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

Kenley Cycle Challenge

Once again it's almost that time of year when we ask our students to cycle around Kenley aerodrome to celebrate their cycling prowess and raise money for good causes. Students can use school bikes and helmets but can also bring in their own if they prefer.

Last year we cycled 420 laps totaling a fantastic 1176km and raised funds to support mental health at the school. This year we will again try to meet and exceed the target of cycling 660 kilometres as well as trying to raise £20,000 to support the mental health of our students. We couldn't do it without your help though. Therefore, we are looking for marshalls to help on any of the dates below and as always your kind donations help us make such a difference. Thanks in advance for your support.

Dates

Tuesday 6th May - Year 10
Wednesday 7th May - Year 11
Friday 9th May - Year 8
Wednesday 14th May - Year 7
Friday 16th May - Year 9

The event is from 9.00am until 12.30pm each day. Year 11s are encouraged to attend to take their mind off their studies for a while but it is optional for this year group.

Flier and sponsorship form attached to this email.

Gabe

Post-16 Travel Assistance Policy

Surrey County Council is seeking views on its Post-16 Travel Assistance Policy Statement. They want feedback from young people of sixth form age, adult learners aged 19+ with an Education Health and Care plan (EHCP), their parents and carers, education colleagues, and other stakeholders on its draft Post-16 Travel Assistance Policy Statement. Please see the link below.

<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/170554?source=Newsletter&guid=8E163901-5773-4D4C-B3E6-A52A7D9D38FB>

Samba Workshop

I'm excited to share some photos of our Years 7, 8, and 9 students during their samba workshops with Jim, our visiting musician.

The day kicked off with an engaging introduction to the vibrant music of Brazil, immersing our students in the rhythms and sounds that define samba. They had the opportunity to play various instruments, including drums, bells, and tambourines, coming together to recreate the essence of a samba band. It was lovely to witness their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace something new!

Myself, Jim and the staff involved were incredibly impressed by the musicianship and the eagerness with which the boys approached the workshops. To end the day, each year group showcased their hard work and talent through lively performances that brought smiles and applause from everyone present.

A heartfelt thank you to all the students for their participation, it highlights the importance of a music education in our curriculum.



Mrs Cybuch

Farleigh



Looking for a fun and active way to keep your child entertained this Easter?

Our Easter **Golf** Camps (7th-17th April) are the perfect opportunity for kids of all ages and abilities to learn **golf**, improve their skills, and make new friends—all while enjoying the fresh countryside air!

What's included?

- Full swing fundamentals (grip, stance, posture)
- Fun **golf**-related activities
- Chipping & putting practice
- On-course play to develop real-game skills

Dates: 7th – 17th April

Times: Half-day (9am-12pm) | Full-day (9am-3pm)

From £35 per child per day

Spots are limited!

Click below to book.

Give your child the chance to swing into action this Easter!

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Post 16 Home to School Transport Engagement Event

Parent Carer Engagement Session - Post 16 Home to School Transport

Family Voice Surrey are hosting an online engagement event on post 16 Home to School Transport. The event will be held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 10am.

Members of the Travel Assistance team will share information on post 16 transport and answer questions. They will also share information about the post 16 Consultation policy which is now live and runs from the 10/03/25-16/4/25. You can also find out more about this and share your views via the following link:

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/post16-h2s/>

If you have a question that you would like to ask the home to school transport team at the engagement session you can submit this in advance to:

questions@familyvoicesurrey.org. The deadline for submitting questions is this Friday 28th March. There will also be opportunities to ask questions on the day.

To book your place please email contact@familyvoicesurrey.org

Online Safety

Please see the attached flier re 'What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Blue Sky App.'

Mr Cassim

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 31 March 2025)

World Autism Day

House Points

House Points	
Jayden Peters	750 House Points
Michael Hanley	650 House Points
Kai Bagwell	400 House Points
Loui Salliss	350 House Points
Harry Origgi-Fernando	200 House Points
Leo Ewen	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Spring Term 2025	
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Year 9 & 10 Curriculum Evening
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Coltsford Mill Fishing Event
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	KS3 Football Tournament - Abbey school
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4 th April)
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 8 th April 2025	Year 9-11 Greenhouse Easter Holiday Scheme
Tuesday 15 th April - Thursday 17 th April 2025	Year 7-8 Greenhouse Easter Holiday Scheme
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of summer term (Start time as if a usual Tuesday 8.30am)
Thursday 24 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Friday 25 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 28 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	SSSSA KS4 Basketball
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Friday 2 nd May 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Open morning (9.30-11 am)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football Start of GCSE exams
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
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	Graduation
Friday 20 th June 2025	Business Breakfast
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation event
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
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