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Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This is a particularly important and busy time for our Year 11 students as they prepare to begin their GCSE examinations. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, resilience and determination they have shown in the lead up to this crucial period. Their hard work and commitment have not gone unnoticed, and we wish each of them every success as they take this next step in their journey.

Last night marked a special and memorable occasion for our Year 11 cohort, their final joint social event with the girls from Limpsfield Grange School. The students came together at Sunnydown School for a celebratory disco, and it was an evening filled with laughter, connection and reflection. There was a real sense of mixed emotions in the room, joy at being together and celebrating friendships, alongside the recognition that this was their last shared event of its kind. It was a lovely way to mark the end of an era.

As we move into the long weekend, with Monday's Bank Holiday offering a well earned pause, we hope all of our students and families enjoy some rest and quality time together. We look forward to welcoming the boys back on Tuesday, refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

Mr Richard Woolley - Headteacher

Kenley Cycle - Next week

Just a reminder the Kenley bike ride is next week. Once again the aim is to walk and cycle over 660km to raise fitness and cycle confidence and raise money for good causes (details on that below). The dates are:

Tuesday 5 May - **Year 10**

Wednesday 6 May (PM) - **Year 11**

Thursday 7 May - **Year 9**

Friday 8 May - **Year 7**

Friday 15 May - **Year 8**

As always we provide bicycles and helmets for all cyclists, but they are welcome to bring in their own if they prefer. On the day could students come in uniform with PE kits and a water bottle. It is not meant to be as hot next week, but students will be out all morning **so could you also apply sun cream before they set off.**

Mr Odia

Kenley Fundraising

At the end of May half term 2022 Sunnydown school Year 10s had the honour of representing the UK at the Global Peace Games, a peace education programme that taught students and staff about conflict and conflict

resolution, sportsmanship and citizenship. All participants became Peace Ambassadors with the remit of returning to our communities to promote peace through play. The scheme is run by the Children's Football Alliance and charities from Belgian and Czechia also attended with students from both of those countries but also with refugees from all over the world. In total seventeen different countries were represented.

The theme for the games was the unifying power of sport and the ability of sport to connect people, regardless of background or nationality. What soon became apparent was that you can communicate with groups that don't speak your language if you have the will and the determination to do so and that regardless of differences of race, religion, age or nationality you can always find common ground. The site of the Peace Village is close to one of the sites where, in 1914 the Christmas Truces took place. Soldiers from both sides put down their weapons, emerged from the trenches, played football and exchanged gifts in defiance of orders.

Most of the activities took place on the peace pitch where many soldiers had lost their lives. There are currently peace pitches all over the world, including India, Hiroshima and Poland. They serve as a reminder of the power of sport to help overcome conflict and division. A power perhaps needed now almost as much as then.

With that in mind, Sunnydown School is using this year's Kenley bike event to fundraise for the Children's Football Alliance as a way to celebrate peace, unity and the power of sport to connect. Some of the collaborative work we have done with the CFA is here - [Link](#)

And the CFA Just Giving Page is here -

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thiscountry4peace?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL

Mr Odia

Pet of The Week

Zac and his best friend Chester!



Thought for the Week
(W/C: 27/4/26)

The importance of story telling

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 4/5/26)

VE Day

The Baton

Jaden Doorga

Employability Award

Jacob Kelly

For showing excellent determination & initiative to complete two presentations and an interview this week

House Points

House Points	
Harry Origgi-Fernando	500 House Points
Sam Walsh	450 House Points
Leo Ewen	250 House Points
Louie Rodrigues	250 House Points
Sam Watson	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2026

Summer Term 2026	
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 10
Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 11
Thursday 7 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 9
Friday 8 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 7
Wednesday 13 th May 2026	KS4 Football
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Year 10 Careers Fair @ East Surrey College
Friday 15 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 8
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	KS3 Football
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Monday 1 st - Friday 5 th June 2026	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 1 st June 2026	KS3 Disco with Limpsfield Grange
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Years 7 & 8 African Drumming Workshop
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 7 Transition Day
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	SSSSA Chess Tournament
Monday 13 th - Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 9 Residential
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 9 DTP & MEN ACWY & Year 8 HPV catch up
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)