

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As I come to the end of my first two weeks at Sunnydown, I want to say how delighted I am to have joined such a remarkable community. From my very first visit, the dedication of the staff and the strong sense of care shown to every boy stood out. This is a school where pupils are truly known and supported and that is exactly the kind of environment in which young people thrive.

My priority is to protect and strengthen what already makes Sunnydown special. I want every boy to feel safe, valued and understood, and to benefit from an education that combines academic ambition with character, confidence and wellbeing. Already, I have seen so much to celebrate: enthusiastic boys, committed staff and a community that clearly cares.

In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to working with you to build on these strengths.

Mr Richard Woolley - Headteacher

Photo Competition

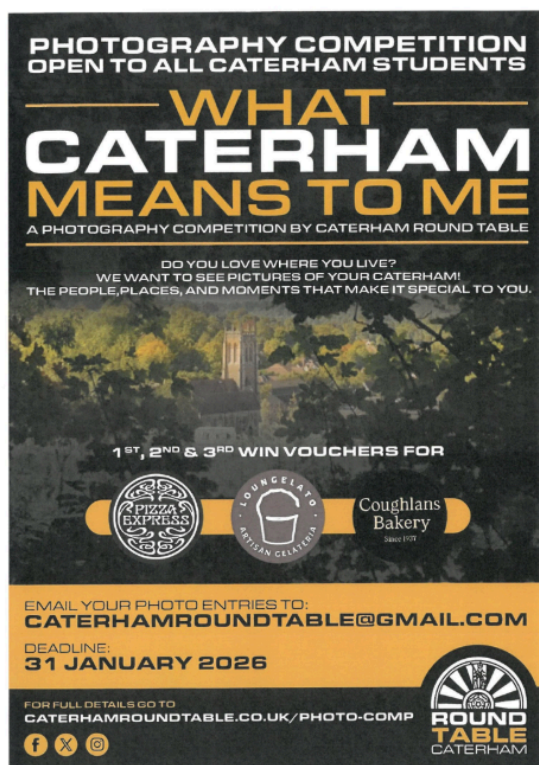
We are excited to hear that Caterham Round Table are doing a photo competition 'What Caterham means to me' where you are invited to submit a photo on the subject of what makes Caterham so special.

We will be talking about this competition in Art and showing some inspiring photos. If you would like to enter please feel free to email me any of your photos and I will happily complete the paperwork to enter the students.

Prizes include food vouchers for Pizza Express, Loungelato and Coughlans Bakery. The deadline for any photos to be sent to me is **Monday 12th January**. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Ogle

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FACE Family Advice

Please see the December timetable below and note that we do not have school membership.

 Merry Christmas! 	
December Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

Thought for the Week (W/C: 17/11/25) Global Education	Thought for the Week (W/C: 24/11/25) UK Parliament Week What does it mean to live in a democracy?
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RICE³ Awards	
Resilience	Sam Walsh
Independence	Nathan James
Cooperation	Archie Gillam, Grayson Hanlon, Sam Watson

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are Tyler Forshaw <i>For excellent engagement this week</i> Ross Smallman <i>For excellent engagement</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe

	KS3 Alex Rose <i>For excellent inference and deduction skills</i> KS4 Charlie Carter <i>For an excellent descriptive piece</i> awarded by Miss Thomson are Thomas Emms <i>For commitment in and outside the English classroom</i> Freddie Collins <i>For commitment in and outside the English classroom</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Freddie Ponsford <i>Confidently following a recipe sequence with care</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipients of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood Cody Osborne <i>For excellent engagement in his Star Assessment</i> Michael Hanley <i>For the effort he put into his Star Assessment</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Harley Schooling <i>For independence and creativity in Art</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Leo Sumsion
<u>Computer Scientist of the Week</u>	The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Djehiche are Nathan James Alex Rose

House Points

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Jacob Kelly	950 House Points
Milo Baker	450 House Points
Harry Origgi-Fernando	350 House Points
Archie Gillam	50 House Points
Sam Watson	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025	
Friday 21 st November 2025	Year 8 Swimming
Monday 24 th November 2025	KS3 Fulham Football
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Coffee morning with Dr Cath Stracey
Thursday 4 th December 2025	KS4 Badminton Tournament
Friday 5 th December 2025	Year 7 Swimming
Monday 8 th December 2025	Start of Year 11 Practice Exams (2 weeks)
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Early finish – 1.30pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	INSET DAY
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Curriculum Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	Early finish – 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 1
Monday 20 th April - Friday 24 th April 2026	Year 9 Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
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
Friday 15 th May 2026	Kenley Bike Event - Year 8
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)



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