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Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of the first full week for our Year 7 boys who are making the most of the opportunities here at Sunnydown. Seeing a large group of Year 7 boys joining in with the morning and lunchtime football sessions is fantastic as they are making new friends in their year group and older years as well. Walking round the school this morning I talked with 7H who were doing some work on the garden and taking great pride in this, whilst 7Z were mastering their baking skills with some biscuits and cakes which I hope actually make it home. We will be talking on Monday in the school meeting about how to use the REST strategy in class which is a strategy to support the boys when they are feeling unregulated. This is a proven strategy which the boys in Years 8-11 often use and something that we will introduce to our Year 7 boys to help them to regulate should they need it.

I hope that you all enjoy the last of the 'warm' weather and sunshine this weekend.

Mr Lord

Quality of Education at Sunnydown: Why homework matters

Letters were sent out last week to all parents and carers about homework here at Sunnydown, along with a timetable for each of your sons so that you know when homework is set. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation shows that regular, well planned homework can add three to five months of extra progress over a school year. In Year 8 and Year 9, there is one piece of homework set each week. Studies have shown that short, focused tasks help students remember what they learned in class and build important life skills such as time management and independent learning.

At KS4, there will be one piece of homework per subject as we start to prepare your sons for their eventual exams. We do not set homework in Year 7.

Your support of your sons in completing their homework is much appreciated. Any questions about the homework set, please contact the subject teacher in the first instance.

For more information, please refer to the letters sent out, the homework policy and the curriculum plans which are all on the website. However, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jensen

Greenhouse T-Shirt

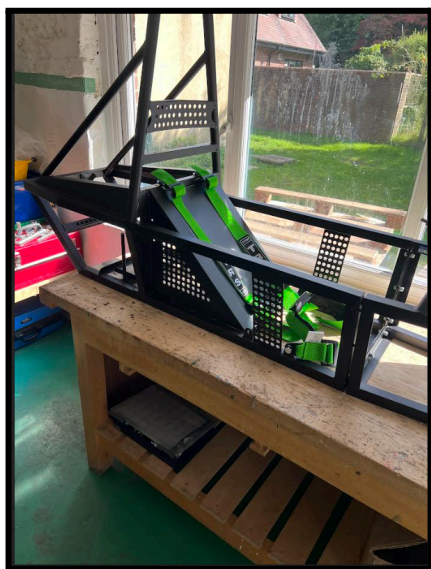


Last week three students received a Greenhouse T-shirt. For those new to the Sunnydown community, Greenhouse was a sports charity we partnered with, whose mission of using sport to help young people realise their potential aligns with Sunnydown's values.

T-shirt winners last week were Carter Stevenson and Matthew Marenga for consistently excellent behaviour and engagement in lessons and to Callum Duff for increased participation, engagement and sportsmanship.

Mr Odia

GASP Motor Project



Welcome to Kye Lawrence, our new GASP member. Here is a photo of the chassis we are currently working on.

Mr Bright

**Thought for the Week
(W/C: 15/9/25)**

The Sorting Hat

**Thought for the Week
(W/C: 22/9/25)**

**The REST Strategy -
How it helps & working together**

Sportsmanship Award

Jayden Peters

Respect Award

Thomas Copus-Fawcett

The Baton

William Elliot

RICE³ Awards

Resilience	Ethan Lyons Alfie Tharle
Independence	Ollie Hall Harvey Caruana
Cooperation	William Elliot Jonah Mee

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mr Webb are Harley Schooling <i>For excellent engagement no worksheets</i> Jack McDowell <i>For excellent engagement & output</i> Alex Rose <i>For excellent engagement & working hard</i> Thomas Copus-Fawcett <i>For enthusiasm & working hard</i>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Palmer is KS3 Arthur Edmondson <i>For excellent engagement</i> KS4 & awarded by Miss Newcombe is Noah Atkins <i>For excellent engagement</i>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is Jack Gregory <i>For improving time management and independence</i>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is Alfie Tharle <i>For his effort in reading this week</i>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is Frankie McSorley <i>For effort and participation in Art</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is Leo Sumsion

House Points

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Ollie Taylor	1,150 House Points
Jacob Kelly	900 House Points
Freddie Collins	850 House Points
Charlie Carter	800 House Points
Jayden Peters	800 House Points
Eddie Smith	600 House Points
Harrison Williams	550 House Points
Luke Luo	500 House Points
Sam Lopes	400 House Points
Tekai Lewis	200 House Points
Harry Salter	200 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

<u>Autumn Term 2025</u>	
Wednesday 24 September 2025	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 15 October 2025	School Photos
Monday 27- Friday 31 October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 November 2025	INSET DAY
Friday 19 December 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 5 January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 28 January 2026	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026	Half Term
Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 29 April 2026	Open Morning (9.30-11am)
Thursday 18 June 2026	Graduation (TBC)
Friday 19 June 2026	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 July 2026	END OF TERM (12.30 finish)

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