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Friday 6th December 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

As we head towards our winter break, we took delivery of a beautiful Christmas Tree which volunteers from the Life Skills group helped to decorate. The catering team have also adorned the dining hall with lights and decorations and seeing the faces light up when they came into lunch today was lovely. We have some new procedures around lunchtimes, with boys waiting quietly until everyone has been seated before being invited to enjoy their lunch. This has made for a calm and respectful environment for everyone to enjoy some conversation as well as their lunch. Chocolate advent calendars have been gifted to all students and staff too!

The first week of our Year 11 practice exams has finished with one more week to go. Year 11 should be commended for their sensible and mature approach to these exams which help us as staff to reflect on how best to support each student when it comes to the summer exams.

Mr Wright and Mrs Pletts also ran a meeting on Wednesday evening for the students that will be going skiing in January 2025. The meeting was an opportunity for parents and students to meet the ski team and it also included lots of information about the resort and travel arrangements. Won't be long until the 20 students are on the slopes!

Mrs Jensen

Come Dine with Me

On Wednesday we hosted the second round of Come Dine with Me. Due to the success of last week, 8 girls came this time to be treated to a 3 course meal and a Christmas quiz. The Year 10s cooked mozzarella and dough balls to start, homemade chicken strips, chips, BBQ beans and corn on the cob for main, and a chocolate yule log with ice cream for pudding. We were so busy we didn't get any pictures this time but they all did really well.

A huge congratulations to Leo Sumsion, Dominic Hanley, Jacob Kelly, Harvey Caruana, Lithar Po-Ba and Jayden Peters.

We are so pleased with the success of these 2 events. Both schools are keen to continue some social events in the future ... so watch this space!

Miss Thompson & Miss Kiddier

Thought for the Week
(W/C 2nd December 2024)

Racism - Respecting differences

Thought for the Week
(W/C 9th December 2024)

Role Models - How do others see us?
How do we want to be seen?

Mr Peters' Award For Progress At Lunch Time Football

Jack McDowell

The Baton

Jacob Kelly
Harvey Caruana

For their outstanding efforts in Come Dine With Me

Sportsmanship Award

Thomas Illman

Mathematician of the Week

The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are

Harry Salter
For improved engagement in maths

Zack Harrison
For excellent engagement & work in maths this week

Scientist of the Week

The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova is

Alfie Tharle
For his excellent practical work

Writer of the Week

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is

KS3
Harry Salter
For having a positive learning attitude this week

& awarded by Mrs Jensen is

KS4
Dominic Hanley
For his excellent creative writing

& awarded by Miss Newcombe are

All of Year 11 for resilience in comparing their English Language mock exam

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is

Zac Hoad
For careful planning & attention to detail

Reader of the Week

The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is

Zack Harrison
For effort & progress in his latest Star Assessment resulting in him going

	<i>above benchmark</i>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith are Eddie Smith Leo Sumsion

House Points

House Points	
Logan East	750 House Points
Freddie Ponsford	750 House Points
Noah Atkins	650 House Points
Zac Hoad	650 House Points
Harrison Williams	500 House Points
George McGookin	450 House Points
Harry Origgi-Fernando	100 House Points
Louie Rodrigues	50 House Points
Carter Stevenson	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

<u>Autumn Term 2024</u>	
Monday 9 th December 2024	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	KS4 Badminton
<i>Friday 6th December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Donation Day - MUFFY</i>
<i>Friday 13th December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Donation Day - MUFFY</i>
<i>Thursday 19th December 2024</i>	<i>🎄 Christmas Dinner 🎄</i>
<i>Thursday 19th December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Shopping Event</i>
Friday 20 th December	(1.20pm finish on 20 th Dec)
Monday 23 rd December - Monday 6 th January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY
Saturday 18 th January - Friday 24 th January 2025	Ski Trip
Wednesday 28 th January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11 am)
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 10 th February 2025	Fulham football
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Year 11 Apprenticeship Show
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 10 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
<u>Summer Term 2025</u>	
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4 th April)
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football
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	Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
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
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2024)	INSET DAY

Sunnydown School

 *Christmas
Cake Sale* 

Thursday
19/12 2024

Cookies, cakes and festive
treats will be on sale! Chance
to win some prizes in
various exciting games!

9:00-12:00
Next to the fair

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FRIENDS OF SUNNYDOWN CHRISTMAS SHENANIGANS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - we have some incredible prizes to be won! TOP prizes include an Amazon Fire Smart TV, Echo Spot + Alexa and Sony wireless Bluetooth headphones as well as gift vouchers, hampers and much more! Tickets are £1 each or £5 a book. All tickets must be returned to school with cash by Tuesday 17th Dec ready for the draw on Thursday 19th Dec

(Please remember to keep the long part and return the stubs with your name & contact details) If tickets have not been received, please contact the school office.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY - Thursday 19th December, the boys will get to use their Sunnydown Pound cards to come & choose some gifts for their loved ones.

If you have any good condition and unwanted gifts which are suitable for women, men or children and sweet treats for the tombola, and would be happy to donate them, we would greatly receive and repurpose them. Please send them on the following days:

Friday 06th December - wrapped chocolates/sweets (for the boys tombola)

Friday 13th December - gifts ready for Christmas shopping
The boys can wear mufti on these days, in return for their donations



CHRISTMAS STAFF FUND - If you would like to donate to the staff fund so that every member of staff receives some Christmas love as a token of our appreciation, then you can do so online or via online banking.

Email friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for banking details. (Don't forget to send your note of thanks for the staff Christmas poster)

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