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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

With a busy week ahead, I take the opportunity to remind parents, students and staff that Sunnydown is a school, a place of learning. Though the week ahead is busy, and has less structure than a typical school day, the high expectations regarding work, politeness, behaviour and respect is as relevant next week as any other. The uniform policy has been relaxed to accommodate various trips and activities, but please do check this carefully.

Though I have published the term and Inset dates for 2024-2025 (see below), I am discussing these on Monday evening at FGB. I am considering options regarding the end of the year which finishes on a Monday and Tuesday again in 2025, similar to this year. Such a midweek finish makes coordinating all school activities difficult. If there is to be any change to any Inset days throughout the academic year or indeed the end of the school year in 2025, you will be notified as a priority. Please note that the first half of Autumn term will remain unchanged

I have taken it upon myself to eat lunch in the Year 9 sitting late this week. It was observed that some boys (in all year levels) are eating a main meal and dessert within 10 to 12 minutes and then demanding to go outside. I take this opportunity to remind us that lunch is an opportunity to sit and eat in relative calmness, and not rush the occasion. Eating too hastily can cause indigestion. In addition, the school site is staffed for supervision according to where students are. If students leave the dining hall too early, there will not be adequate staff to supervise, increasing the likelihood of issues between students.

In conversation with your sons, please remind them to attend the school dining hall calmly, dressed in full uniform, without gadgets and footballs and to eat in an appropriate manner. Moving into 2024-2025 it also appears that some support with the use of utensils such as knives and forks will be necessary. I will ask Occupational Support for some advice.

The weather currently looks very good late next week, giving us every chance of a wonderful Sports Day event on Friday 19th. Additional information will be sent separately next week. Suffice to say that parents are welcome to attend the afternoon events, arriving from 12.30pm. Parking will be incredibly tight so please be mindful of local residents and families from our neighbouring schools.

Apparently there is a footy match on Sunday evening being played in Berlin, the outcome of which is important to one and all. May I wish every success to all players, and can only hope that the match is played in the right spirit with the most deserving team winning.

Wishing you all a special weekend.

Paul Jensen

Presentation Afternoon

Please note that the Presentation afternoon **will now be held on Monday 22nd July (1.30pm - 3.00pm)**.

SMSC Week Activities - 2024

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Day	Activity (AM)	Activity (PM)
Mon 15th July	Portley House Trip (normal timetable for others)	Portley House Trip (normal timetable for others)
Tues 16th July	Buxton House Trip (normal timetable for others)	Normal timetable
Wed 17th July	Yr 9 & 10 Form Trips Yr 7 & 8 Giving back	Yr 9 & 10 Form Trips Yr 7 & 8 Field Events
Thurs 18th July	Yr 9 & 10 Giving back Yr 7 & 8 Form Trips	Yr 9 & 10 Field Events Yr 7 & 8 Form Trips
Fri 19th July	Various activities TBA	Sports Day

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Monday 22nd July	House Activities/Quiz	Presentation Afternoon
Tuesday 23rd July	Form class activities	NA

	Monday 15th July	Tuesday 16th July	Wednesday 17th July	Thursday 18th July	Friday 19th July		Monday 22nd July	Tuesday 23rd July
Year 7	School uniform *Portley students Come in wearing suitable clothing for your Kayaking reward trip including dry clothes for after.	School uniform *Buxton students to bring a change of clothes for their reward trip	Giving back and House activities PE Kit including House Top.	Class trip Own clothes	Sports Day PE kit including House Top		House activities & Presentation afternoon School uniform	Tutor group activities School uniform
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Year 10	School uniform *Portley students Come in wearing suitable clothing for your Kayaking reward trip including dry clothes for after.	School uniform *Buxton students to bring a change of clothes for their reward trip	Class trip Own clothes	Giving back and House activities PE Kit including House Top.	Sports Day PE kit including House Top		House activities & Presentation afternoon School uniform	Tutor group activities School uniform

Thank you in advance for your support ensuring the students are prepared and ready to enjoy all of the planned activities.

Attendance

Congratulations to 9N, 7P and 7C for achieving 100% attendance during the week ending 5th July.

Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Years 10 & 11 (Arrival 8.30am - 9.00am)
Thursday 5th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Years 8 & 9 (Arrival 8.30am - 9.00am)
Monday 9th September	Start of Autumn Term HT1 - Year 7 (Arrival 10.00am)
Friday 25th October	Finish for half term

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	Half Term
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Monday 4th November	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th November	Start of Autumn Term HT2
Friday 20th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Start of Spring Term HT3
Friday 14th February	Finish for half term

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	Half Term
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Monday 24th February	Start of Spring Term HT4
Friday 14th March	INSET Day
Friday 4th April	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Summer Term HT5
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	Finish for half term

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	Half Term
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Monday 2nd June	Start of Summer Term HT6
Friday 20th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 22nd July	End of term for pupils

Cricket Match

A mighty team of Audley cricketers turned up for the inaugural, strangely named, Christmas Cup played this Wednesday. A strong team led and ably managed by Mr Clow performed admirably and behaved magnificently throughout. Sunnydown batted first and set a difficult target of 255 runs but then Audley came back and managed to win by a single run, 256-255. Well done to both teams and hopefully that was the first of many events so Sunnydown have the chance to win back the cup. Well done to both teams, Sunnydown team consisted of:

Alexander Thompson
Daniel Leonard
Frankie McSorley
George McGookin

Jacob Napier
Matthew Marenga
Zack Harrison

Player of the tournament
Matthew Marenga

Specialist Schools Mental Health Support Team (SSMHST)

Please find below a list of services offering SEND specific holiday clubs/provisions over summer –

- [Elysian](#)- Animal assisted learning and provision, are offering a number of summer programmes in Guildford for children and young people with a range of needs.
- [YMCA East Surrey](#) are also running holiday clubs throughout the summer in Redhill.
- [Parasports](#) provide inclusive holiday camps for children with additional needs in Farnham.
- [Send Dance Abilities](#) are providing SEND dance classes during the holidays and also run summer workshops.
- [Sparklers](#) have released their summer holiday playgroup dates for children 0-13years in Farnham.
- [Active Surrey's- Club4 programme](#) webpage provides a Map displaying their SEND specific holiday clubs across Surrey.
- [Linkable](#) Stay and play sessions for children up to age 12 are free during July in Woking.

We have also been recommended to advise families to follow the Family Information Service Advisor social media pages, where they share daily posts highlighting different services and events taking place throughout Surrey. As the holidays are coming up there will likely be several SEND specific holiday activities shared across their social media channels, in the upcoming weeks.

Local Offer:

Facebook: [@SurreySendLocalOffer](#)

Twitter: [@SurreySENDLO](#)

FIS:

Facebook: [@SurreyFIS](#)

Twitter: [@SurreyFIS](#)

Alternatively, the Family Information Service Advisor websites:

Search engine: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families>

SEN directory: <https://familyinformationdirectory.surreycc.gov.uk/kb5/surrey/fsd/results.page?familychannel=1>

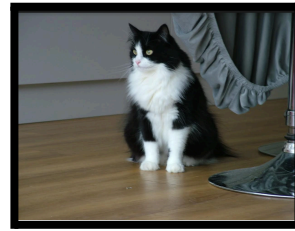
Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to the end of this newsletter re 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Sharing Intimate Images.'.

Mr Cassim

Pet of the Week

Charlie Carter did this great digital drawing of his cat called Luna.



Thought for the Week
(W/C 8th July 2024)

What does it mean to be a Global Citizen?

Thought for the Week
(W/C 15th July 2024)

Reflection on the year

Mr Peters' Award
Progress - Lunch Time Football Club

Sam Walsh
(7C)

Daniel Leonard
(7C)

The Baton

Harrison Williams
(8C)

Supporting/promoting

Employability Award

Hayden Howells
(7P)

For using his initiative

Mathematician of the Week

The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is

Matthew Marenga
(7P)

For being top of the leaderboard in the Sumdog challenge

& awarded by Mr Wright is

Callum Jordan
(9O)

Scientist of the Week

The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova are

Charlie McSorley
(10D)

	<p>Charlie Carter (9N)</p> <p>Charlie Histed (9O)</p> <p><i>For resilience & cooperation</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p>Alfie Tharle (9O)</p> <p><i>For supporting his peers</i></p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Jensen is</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>Taylor Conway (10T)</p> <p><i>For an excellent persuasive letter</i></p> <p>KS4</p> <p>awarded by Mrs Palmer is</p> <p>Jonathan Edwards (9O)</p> <p><i>For being such a dedicated creative writer</i></p>
<u>Musician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith is</p> <p>Arthur Edmondson (7P)</p> <p>Kye Lawrence (7C)</p> <p>Kai Bagwell (7C)</p> <p>Zack Harrison (7P)</p> <p>Jack Gregory (7C)</p>

House Points

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Andrew Hendry-Smith	900 House Points
Kasra Alavi	650 House Points
Alfie Tharle	650 House Points
Thomas Emms	450 House Points
Sonny Burgess	400 House Points
Eddie Smith	350 House Points
George McGookin	350 House Points

Daniel Leonard	300 House Points
Luke Luo	300 House Points
Mathew Marenga	300 House Points
Sam Walsh	250 House Points
Arthur Edmondson	100 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024

Date	Description
Monday 15 th July	Portley House Reward Trip to Carroty Wood Kayaking
Tuesday 16 th July	Buxton House reward trip to McDonalds & Park (Redhill)
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 10 Form trip to cinema & McDonalds
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 9 Form trip to cinema & McDonalds
Thursday 18 th July	Year 10 - Giving Back to the Community
Thursday 18 th July	Year 8 - Trip to cinema & McDonalds
Thursday 18 th July	Year 7 - Trip to cinema/bowling & McDonalds
Monday 22nd July	Presentation Afternoon
Friday 19 th July	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd July	Reserve Sports day (in case of bad weather on 19 th)
Tuesday 23 rd July	12.30 depart with packed lunch from school - END OF TERM
Wednesday 11 th September	KS3 Trip to Houses of Parliament

Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



The Community Needs You!

Between 3rd & 14th June, 100 students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kerley Aerodrome.

NEW DATES:
Year 9s—28th June

We want to raise £10,000 to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

Year 7s—5th July

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
sunnydowncyclechallenge24](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge24)

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