

SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Sunnydown is a genuine hub for the local community. The Pumas Football Association regularly hires our Astro and attends our functions. Round Table uses our venue at every opportunity, often making substantial donations to support the further development of resources at our school. Rotary has made a substantial donation for the enhancement of our BBQ area. Glow Theatre visits us every Saturday. London TKD (Tae Kwon Do) use Sunnydown as their administrative and training base. The list goes on.

My point being we are a community resource held in very high regard. We are also an exceptional specialist school held in high regard.

Recently I have been reflecting on what we have achieved over the past 10 years, and where I see the school in the next five. We can all be incredibly proud of where we are currently, but also excited that a strategic vision will allow for Sunnydown to continue to develop even further. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

I am so heartened to share an example of how Sunnydown is an exceptional support to young people and families long after graduation. A student who graduated two years ago returned to Pakistan. His mother maintains communication with the school, seeking advice and guidance, but also providing updates on developments. The family reached out again this week! In addition, another ex pupil made contact to share the news that he had graduated with a degree in Film & Digital Art. This long term professional relationship demonstrates the impact we have collectively, on the lives of families who are fortunate to have their son educated here.

Many thanks to Mrs Wermig and Mrs Jensen for coordinating a successful Open Morning on Wednesday. Mr Wright and myself are on duty next week. It is such a privilege showing families around and supporting them to make decisions for the education of their son.

While 10th October is World Mental Health Day and Mental Health Awareness month in the UK is May 2025, our Thought For The Week was Mental Health this week. Please listen to your body and mind; take a step back when needed and seek support too. Our Pastoral team and the entire staff at Sunnydown consider the wellbeing of your son the highest priority and will continue to champion initiatives that help them look after themselves, but also their families.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday 27th September. No coffee for our young men, but I am confident the Life Skills group will help mark this important awareness raising event.

Monday saw most of the Year 7 students welcomed into their respective Houses - drawing this out of the Harry Potter sorting hat. Huge congratulations to House Captains who supported Mr Wright with this important event, which helps to form a sense of belonging. Have a wonderful weekend.

Paul Jensen

Macmillan Cake Sale

Hello everyone. We are a part of the Year 11 Life Skills group and will be holding a cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support next week on the 27th September during the morning break time. We would like students and staff to bring in cakes throughout the week, ideally on the morning of the cake sale. Students and staff should bring around £1 maximum for the cake sale. We will be selling most cakes for around 50p, smaller cakes for 30p; Hot Chocolate will also be provided by the school but if anyone wants to add a scoop of marshmallows to their drink, it will cost 20p. All proceeds will be donated to Macmillan so your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Andrew Hendry-Smith & Felix Drummond

Friends of Sunnydown

Join us - FoS are a very small team who work to raise additional funds to provide students and staff with additional resources and we are looking for new members who can spare an hour or so each month to support us with fundraising and planning events.

We have our first meeting of the year on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm, hosted remotely on Zoom and we will be planning the first term of events. So if you would like to join to find out more then just email friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk for the join details, everyone is welcome, hope to see you there!

Surrey Arts 1-2-1 Music Lessons - Spaces Available!

Surrey Arts currently has some spaces for 1-2-1 music lessons at Sunnydown School. If your child is interested then please follow the link below to find out more. <https://uksurrey.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>



Miss Wood

Pan Disability Football



Please see details of the Under 16 Pan Disability football sessions for the rest of the year. Open to all children under 16 with disabilities, hosted at Glebelands School 3G Pitch, Cranleigh from 9am to 10am and run with Surrey FA and Farncombe Youth Club it is an exciting opportunity to become involved with this club which is now on a monthly basis and hoping to grow. Families can sign up their children to attend by emailing matt.curley@imprimatur.co.uk.

Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to his newsletter regarding 'What Parents and Educators Need To Know About Final Fantasy XIV.'

Mr Cassim

Thought for the Week
(W/C 16th September 2024)

Youth Mental Health

Thought for the Week
(W/C 23rd September 2024)

The REST strategy

Mr Peters' Award
Progress - Lunch Time Football Club

Jacob Ryan

The Baton

Ross Smallman
For showing incredible resilience

Mathematician of the Week

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

Frankie McSorley
For fantastic effort & completion of work

<u>Scientist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Mr Cybuch is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael Hanley <i>For independence</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eddie Smith <i>For resilience & cooperation</i></p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Palmer is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS3 Cody Osborne <i>For his effort & engagement in working to find literary techniques in an extract</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">& awarded by Ms Newcombe is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finley Marley <i>For his interesting Room 101 speech</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Andrew Hendry-Smith <i>For his consistent effort & positive approach to learning</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">& last week's recipient is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sam Lopes <i>For engagement & independence</i></p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alfie Tharle <i>Fantastic independent work with his Art GCSE project</i></p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jack Gregory <i>For his commitment within reading sessions</i></p>

House Points

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Teddy Foster	800 House Points
Charlie McSorley	800 House Points
Harvey Caruana	750 House Points
Freddie Collins	700 House Points
Kamauri Craig	700 House Points
Leo Sumsion	650 House Points
Noah Atkins	600 House Points
Michael Hanley	600 House Points
Zac Hoad	600 House Points
Finley Marley	600 House Points

Callum Truttero	600 House Points
Callum Dowie	500 House Points
George McGookin	400 House Points
Jack Gregory	350 House Points
Oscar Gregory	350 House Points
Cody Osborne	350 House Points
Jack Bristow	250 House Points
Loui Salliss	250 House Points
Zack Harrison	200 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

<u>Autumn Term 2024</u>	
Friday 25th October 2024	Finish for Half Term
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024	HALF TERM
Monday 4th November 2024	Start of Autumn Half Term 2
<u>Spring Term 2025</u>	
Saturday 18th January - Friday 24th January 2025	Ski Trip
Thursday 6th February 2025	Parliament Trip
Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th July 2025	Year 9 Residential