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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Five years of education at Sunnydown comes to a crescendo on Graduation evening for our Year 11 young men. Last night we staff, mums and dads, grandparents, uncles, aunties, brothers, sisters and guests celebrated the achievement of our 2024 cohort - all listed below. Each and everyone one of them have undertaken an immense journey from that initial Year 6 to 7 transition, to the young men who wore suits and spoke as confident young men.

We were blessed to be in the company of Professor Martin Bushell - a graduate of Sunnydown 33 years ago. Martin is Professor of Cancer Biology at the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research in Glasgow. Martin had the privilege of awarding the Science Prize last night, awarded to Lucas Abrams. The prize was introduced and announced by Mr Cybuch.

The Governor's Prize, awarded in recognition for contribution to the Sunnydown school ethos and personal growth was introduced and announced by Mr Wright. Jamie Rogers was the 2024 recipient and the prize was awarded by Carla Berlin and Tamsyn Hendry - two of our committed governors.

Special mention was made for three young men who were awarded more than 1000 House Points while they attended Sunnydown - these were James Dean (1152 House Points), Max Mahboobani (1107 House Points) and Ty Small (1068 House Points).

The catering was provided by Sean, Zoe and Julie and went down a treat. Mr Moody and Mr Cassim were front and centre of the organising of the event, supported by the experience of Mr Wright and Miss Lawson. Many more staff helped with serving the meal, setting up and indeed tidying away.

Without exception, comments were incredibly complimentary from family members who were at pains to extend their gratitude for our collective efforts in supporting them and their sons, our young men, over the past five years. As the Headteacher, I could not be prouder. Thank you.

To the young men, all pictured below, huge congratulations. Though school comes with challenges, such is life. Thank you for embracing the support we offer at Sunnydown and for allowing us to be a huge part of your growth as a person. We could only extend our desire that you continue to grow as responsible young men, with honed moral compasses, and that you stay in touch.

Alexander Neale

Alex Hennessy

Callum Lagan

George Whatling

James Dean

James Millar

Jamie Rogers

Joshua Benton

Keiran Kirk

Lucas Abrams

Max Mahboobani

Ollie McEvaddy

Oscar Stewart

Ryan Gellett

Ty Small

Varen Estwick



INSET

Huge thanks to Mr Lord for structuring the events today for staff. We reviewed the School Development Plan for the past 12 months, and considered new areas for development for the next 12 months. Andrea Jensen leads on SDP 1 - focussed on improving assessment and reporting process along with continuing to develop our understanding of the pedagogy of knowledge acquisition. Jez Lord leads on SDP 2 with a focus on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and enhancing our Pastoral provision. Ben Wright was a huge support in this area. Mrs Wermig leads SDP 3 concentrating on how best to support the development of student Resilience, Independence and Cooperation as well as implementing ELKLAN principles to enhance communication skills. Miss Wood and Miss Newcombe supported this area of development as well.

Many thanks to the staff who were able to contribute to the review of these areas of priority, leaving their fingerprint on each aspect of our ever improving school. Thank you also to those staff mentioned above for leading on sessions.

We were blessed with the company of Carla Berlin and were able to introduce Lisa Kent, a recently appointed governor as well. Always nice to have governors visit and learn about our unique school.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to 10D for achieving 100% attendance during the week ending 14th June.

Poetry by Heart

The long-awaited results for the Poetry by Heart competition. Firstly, I would like to consider the efforts our Sunnydown students had put into this competition for their determination and commitment in creating, rehearsing and performing their poems. With over 3,000 poetry entries into the competition and with only 10 places for each category (freestyle and classic); unfortunately the results did not favour us. Nevertheless, I would like to congratulate all students on their accomplishment and involvement. Each entrant will be provided with a certificate of achievement and a feedback letter from Poetry by Heart judges.

I will be holding a tea party for all participants on Friday 5th July to reward their efforts.

Upcoming Poetry Events: Attached to this newsletter is the upcoming Foyles Poetry of the Year Award competition, this is a written poetry competition and entries are required by Friday 19th July.



Design by Alexander Neale (11M)

Surrey Home Start

Surrey Home Start are not only actively looking for volunteers across the whole of Surrey for their courses that start in September/October 2024, but also want to make parents aware that if they or someone they know have at least 1 child who is below school age and are struggling in any way then they may be eligible for support from their local Home-Start. They offer non-judgemental in-home support by providing volunteers who visit once a week for between 2-4 hours. This could be emotional, practical or a mixture of both and is tailored to each individual family.

As a charity they are not very well known so they are trying to raise their profile so they can help more families throughout Surrey. Please see the flier below for more information.

HOME START
Surrey

Have you heard of us?

Did you know we offer non-judgemental support to families in Surrey with at least one child under school age?

If you or someone you know needs support please contact us to find out your local branch

We run training courses twice a year throughout Surrey for new volunteers. If you could spare 2-3 hours per week to help a family in your area please get in touch

Call us on 01252 737453
Email: volunteers@homestartsurrey.org
Or visit homestartsurrey.org

Prospero theatre

Beauty & the Beast

Directed by Beth Wood

An act of cruelty turns the world upside down. Those trapped by the shift fight their way back to a reality where love and magic prevail.

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

A new adaptation based on the original French Fairytale Beauty and the Beast is a large-cast ensemble in true Prospero style.

Sunday	June 30th	Townend Social Club, Caterham	7pm
Tuesday	July 2nd	Sunnydown School, Caterham	1pm
Sunday	July 7th	Head2Head Sensory Theatre, Oxted	6pm
Tuesday	July 9th	Soper Hall, Caterham	7pm
Tuesday	July 16th	The Orpheus Centre, Godstone	2pm
Friday	July 19th	The Arc, Caterham	7pm

Tickets £10.00 (waged) and £6 (unwaged)
To book, please email: tinaslaughter@prosperotheatre.com

Beauty and The Beast

Prospero theatre company's production of Beauty and the Beast are offering free tickets for the Head2Head performance on July 7th.

Also if anyone has booked tickets for one performance, they can get a second free ticket for any other - e.g. if you have booked to see The Arc performance, you can get a free ticket for the Legion.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for an unmissable show, do spread the word.

Friends of Sunnydown

An 'FoS Update' has been sent out separately with the latest news and events via ParentMail.

Pet of the Week

Meet Carrot the Badger who is a regular visitor to Mr Wort's garden. He is called Carrot because he loves grated Carrot!



Thought for the Week
(W/C 17th June 2024)

Thought for the Week
(W/C 24th June 2024)

World Refugee Week

Diversity

Baton

**Freddie Phillips
(10D)**

For making a positive contribution to the school community

Employability Award

**Oscar Gregory
(7P)**

**Jack Gregory
(7C)**

For using their initiative & being self-motivated

Sportsmanship Award

**Frankie McSorley
(7C)**

Mathematician of the Week

The recipient of Mathematicians of the Week, awarded by Mr Wright are

**Alfie Tharle
(9O)**

**Alfie Monk
(9N)**

& awarded by Mrs Webb are

**Noah Atkins
(8W)**

For impressive hard work in class all week & excellent completion of work sheets

**Arthur Edmondson
(7P)**

For completing an excellent assessment

& awarded by Mr Zadok

**Alfie Wilson
(10T)**

For resilience & independence

Scientist of the Week

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

**Frankie McSorley
(7C)**

For resilience, cooperation & hard work

Writer of the Week

The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Palmer are

KS3

**Jacob Ryan
(7C)**

For excellent effort & engagement with the diverse short stories

KS4

	<p style="text-align: center;">Toby Chapman (10D)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For adding amazing detail to improve boring sentences</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;">Thomas Emms (8C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For resilience & progress</p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noah Atkins (8W)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For his fantastic effort in art recently</i></p>

House Points

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Charlie Carter	600 House Points
Callum Truttero	550 House Points
Michael Hanley	550 House Points
Luke Dean	550 House Points
Callum Dowie	450 House Points
Milo Baker	200 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Thursday 20 th June	Scheduled Formal Graduation event 🎓
Friday 21 st June	INSET DAY
Monday 24 th June	Prospero Performance
Monday 24 th June	KS4 Football League Day 3
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 11 Leavers' trip
Friday 28 th June	School trip to The Arc
Friday 28 th June	Year 9 Cycle challenge
Monday 1 st July	KS3 Football League Day 3
Tuesday 2 nd July	Dan Allchurch/team from Talk Consent - PSHE workshops (Y7-10)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Prospero Performance - Beauty & The Beast
Friday 5 th July	Year 7 Cycle challenge
Wednesday 17 th July	Presentation Afternoon
Friday 19 th July	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd July	Back up Sports day (in case of bad weather on 19th)
Tuesday 23 rd July	END OF TERM
Wednesday 11 th September	KS3 Trip to Houses of Parliament

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sunnydowncyclechallenge24>

Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



The Community Needs You!

Between 3rd & 14th NEW DATES: Students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kerley Aerodrome.

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.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
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**Please help by sponsoring this event - any
donations are gratefully received.**