

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I wrote to my staff team this morning with a simple message - thank you.

I explained that though these are two small and simple words, they carry sentiment that cannot be measured. I extend my gratitude to all of my young men, and you, their families for your support. The individual contacts and well wishes have certainly boosted my morale.

I attended school for a welfare visit on Thursday at lunch time and will again today. Being with the young men we educate, seeing them smiling, laughing, enjoying one another's company is a credit to the collective efforts of my team, recently but always. Your support and understanding is also appreciated.

In association with Claire Creed, our Chair of Governors and Helen Gower, my phased return is being arranged for immediately after half term. I remain the Headteacher of Sunnydown School, but Mr Lord will continue to manage the operations on a daily basis until I return in full capacity.

I would like to express a special thanks to Mr Lord, supported by Mrs Wermig and Mrs Gower as part of the SLT. Mr Lord and the SLT have worked above and beyond, as they always do, to ensure that we maintain a school and learning ethos during a complex period. Mrs Jensen has been managing the timetable, which of course allows some additional capacity for Mr Lord and the SLT to operate the school. I understand that Mr Wright may be taking on some timetable responsibility after half term to share the work. Thank you.

During this busy time, Miss Lawson and Mrs Jensen have continued to lead the exam organisation as our Exam Officers. I look forward to reading the report from the recent exam inspection as I am confident their efforts and skills will be recognised. Thank you to all invigilators, readers, scribes and prompts for supporting our Year 11 students during their exams. I understand that Mr Moody and Mr Cassim are arranging a graduation extravaganza for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Of course, a huge congratulations to Year 11 for engaging with and accepting the support available and focussing on doing as well as you can in your GCSE exams.

Finally, I wish you all, your families and loved ones, a wonderful half term and look forward to returning soon.

Thank you.

Paul Jensen

### **Start to next term - Change of taxi times on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Just a reminder that in anticipation of the works over the half term break over-running and affecting access to the school site on our return, we will be starting school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.00am and will be opening the school gates at 8.30am. This will minimise any disruption for this particular morning and ensure that all of the Year 11 boys can arrive in a timely manner for their GCSE Maths exam on that morning. We have sent a message to all of the taxi companies informing them of this change and would encourage you to confirm pick up times with your respective taxi company. For clarity, pick up times should be as if it was a Tuesday morning. This is a fluid situation and may change so please check ParentMails for any updates.

### **Sports Day**

Our annual sports day, where families are invited to attend from lunchtime onwards, is scheduled for Friday 19th July. If weather prevents this, we have set aside Monday 22nd July as a contingency date. Friends of Sunnydown are looking into providing a pizza van for you to purchase a fresh pizza, and the very popular inflatable assault course.

### **Sunnydown Golf Day - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

The Sunnydown Corporate Golf Day is coming around fast! If you are interested in submitting a team, there is still time to sign up (see flyer at the end of the newsletter).

**Friends of Sunnydown**

### **GASP Motor Mechanics**

We are really excited to announce that we have purchased a car for our GASP students to get working on next term! Every Wednesday six students from Year 8 and 9 take part in motor mechanics lessons run by GASP ... they now get to put what they have learnt into practice thanks to Caterham Auto Repairs who supplied us with a 2004 Nissan Almera!



## Cycle Challenge 2024

We are a little over halfway through this year's Bike Challenge and the staff and pupils have already surpassed their target. The aim is to cycle 660km (236 laps around Kenley) and with two year groups to go we have already managed 263 laps and a distance of 736.4km. Well done to Years 8, 10 and 11.

The Year 7 and 9 events have been pushed back until after the exams and will now take place on the following dates:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 9s

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Year 7s

Thanks and happy cycling.

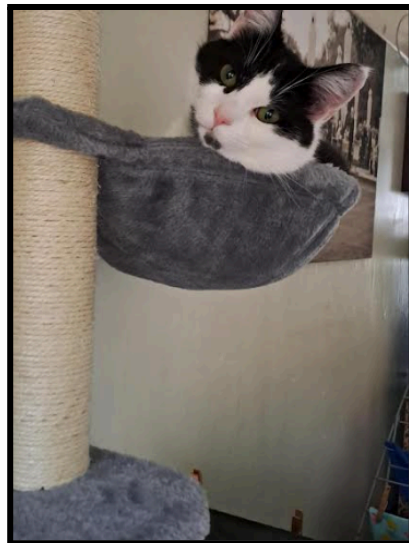
**Gabe**

## Pet of the Week

Meet Mrs Cole's new family members



**Ollie**



**Ozzie**

**Thought for the Week**  
**(W/C 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024)**

Keeping safe out and about

**Thought for the Week**  
**(W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024)**

What does LGBTQ mean?

**Mathematician of the Week**

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

**Kamauri Craig**  
**(8C)**

*For excellent work on angles*

& awarded by Mr Zadok is

	<p><b>Felix Drummond</b> (10T)</p> <p><i>For engagement</i></p>
<b><u>Writer of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipients of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe are</p> <p><b>KS3</b></p> <p><b>Hayden Howells</b> (7P)</p> <p><i>For his very empathetic letter home from the Trenches</i></p> <p><b>KS4</b></p> <p><b>Nathan Small</b> (10D)</p> <p><i>For his great examples of DAFORESTER to support transactional writing</i></p>
<b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p><b>Alex Pereira</b> (8W)</p> <p><i>For resilience &amp; effort</i></p>
<b><u>Artist of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is</p> <p><b>Milo Baker</b> (7P)</p> <p><i>For concentration &amp; effort art this week</i></p>
<b><u>Musician of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipients of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mr Smith are</p> <p><b>Freddie Collins</b> (8W)</p> <p><b>Freddie Ponsford</b> (8W)</p> <p><b>Zac Hoad</b> (8W)</p>

<p><b><u>Employability Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Toby Chapman</b> (10D)</p> <p><i>For IT skills (NTM profile)</i></p>
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<p><b><u>The Baton Award</u></b></p> <p><b>Josh Benton</b> (11M)</p> <p><i>For supporting others learning</i></p>
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## House Points

House Points	
Max Mahboobani	1100 House Points
Max Gibbins	750 House Points
Charlie Histed	750 House Points
Harvey Caruana	700 House Points
Daniel Leonard	250 House Points
Luke Luo	250 House Points
Matthew Marenga	250 House Points
Sam Walsh	200 House Points

## Forthcoming Events 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 8 - HPV 1 Dose
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Corporate Golf Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Scheduled Formal Graduation event 🎓
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Prospero Performance
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS4 Football League Day 3
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Leavers' trip
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School trip to The Arc
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 9 Cycle challenge
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS3 Football League Day 3
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Dan Allchurch/team from Talk Consent - PSHE workshops (Y7-10)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Prospero Performance - Beauty & The Beast
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7 Cycle challenge
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Back up Sports day (in case of bad weather on 19th)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	END OF TERM
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	KS3 Trip to Houses of Parliament

# Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



## **The Community Needs You!**

Between 3rd & 14th May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

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

[cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)

**Please help by sponsoring this event - any  
donations are gratefully received.**



# FRIENDS OF SUNNYDOWN CORPORATE GOLF DAY

DATE: 18 JUNE 2024, ARRIVE 10AM / TEE OFF 11AM

VENUE: FARLEIGH GOLF CLUB, WARLINGHAM, CR0 9PE

PRICE: £75 PP & £280 FOR 4 BALLS

INCLUDING BREAKFAST ROLL & 2 COURSE MEAL

TICKETS: EARLY BIRD UNTIL END APRIL

[WWW.BIT.LY/SUNNYDOWNGOLF2024](http://WWW.BIT.LY/SUNNYDOWNGOLF2024)



TICKETS  
SCAN  
ME

Sunnydown is a small school in Surrey for young men with ASD.

Friends of Sunnydown supports the school and local community by providing vital funding where needed.



To bring the parental community and their business contacts together for a day to escape the office and help raise funds for the school.

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