

# SUNNYDOWN SCHOOL

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## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

We are once again so unbelievably proud of your sons; lessons and learning have continued right up until the very last day of this eight week term. Students were seen engaging in all aspects of their education, whether that be English quizzes, Science assessments, evaluating work in DT and Art, improving skills in PE and DT, or developing the social aspect of eating together, often with staff, at lunchtimes.

Today was an action-packed day focused on DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and was filled with a variety of events. Huge congratulations go to Mr Wright, who organised today's activities, to all the staff who helped and coordinated events, and to the students for recognising the value of such days. These events strengthen our sense of community and contribute to the development of our Resilience, Cooperation, and Independence all at once.

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Year 11 Annual Reviews will be after Half Term; Mrs Wermig will be in touch with regards to appointments.

A separate ParentMail has been sent out to Year 11 parents and carers about the Year 11 Practice Exams. The Art Practice Exam will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, and all other exam subjects will take place in the two weeks from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Whatever your agenda for next week's Half-Term, we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November refreshed and energised.

## Mrs Jensen

PS. The clocks go back this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October so please remind your sons that it will be darker at taxi/home time from next Half Term.



## Halloween Feast

Lunch this week has taken on a spooky theme!

Thanks yet again to Sean for all his efforts.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Morning – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

We are delighted to congratulate our students and staff on their excellent participation during our recent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) morning. The event saw our KS3 students working in House teams, with guidance and mentorship from some of our KS4 students, as they took part in a variety of engaging and thought-provoking activities:

- **Interview Panel:** Students conducted interviews with four candidates for a fictional job role at Sunnydown. They were asked to consider UK laws regarding protected characteristics under the Equality Act (2010) and to select the most suitable candidate based on these principles.
- **Debate Team:** Each team tackled sensitive topics in structured debates, where they were encouraged to understand and respect different viewpoints on important societal issues.
- **Equality in Sport:** Students participated in activities designed to spark discussions about fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all individuals. These activities also focused on identifying and addressing barriers that have historically contributed to unequal outcomes.
- **Black History Month ‘Guess Who’ Quiz:** Teams were given clues to identify notable Black figures and learned about their extraordinary contributions to society.

The morning's activities were designed to deepen students' understanding of British Values and the protected characteristics under the Equality Act (2010), which include:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and Civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

We believe that through these sessions, students will develop greater empathy and understanding, which in turn will contribute to fostering a more inclusive and supportive community here at Sunnydown.



Mr Wright

## Short Breaks

Please see the information below sent to us via Family Voice Surrey, who speak up for the families of young children and young people with additional needs in Surrey.

# Short Breaks

Your opportunity to help develop our service

Calling parents and carers.....

We invite you to participate in the concluding series of workshops for the Short Breaks co-production project, designed for parent carers using Short Breaks services in Surrey. During these sessions, which will cover different topics (see below), we will share, and review progress made in response to your input to date and discuss next steps towards implementing positive changes and improvements.

Lunch will be provided at all in person workshops.



## Workshops Dates

LinkAble	YMCA	Online	Challengers
Information & Booking processes	Waiting List & Networks	Inclusive practice	Building a sustainable service
Thursday 24th October 2 Board School Rd Woking GU21 5HE	Thursday 7th November Sovereign Centre Slipshatch Road Reigate RH2 8HA	Wednesday 13th November Via Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 3rd December Stoke Park, London Rd, Guildford GU1 1TU
10:00am - 2:00pm	10:00am - 2:00pm	6:00pm - 7:30pm	10:00am - 2:00pm

To book your place email us at:  
[shortbreaks.info@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:shortbreaks.info@surreycc.gov.uk)

## Anxiety Toolbox

On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Your Space Therapies are offering a practical and down-to-earth 'Anxiety Toolbox' webinar for parents and carers to support their children with anxiety and mental health. All the details and a QR code for ease of booking are on the flyer.



### ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:



## Friends of Sunnydown

**Dates for your diary:** The countdown is on to our first Family Quiz Night of the school year. Bring the whole family for a night of fun and food at our Family Quiz Night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm, arrival for a 7pm start. Tickets are £15 for adults and £8 for children (under 11) and includes fish and chips and lots of fun. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Book your tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents> or contact [friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk) for more information, or complete the attached form and return to the office.

**Donation Days** - Do you have any unwanted gifts and or wrapped sweets/chocolate that you could re-gift/donate? We are holding donation days on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at school ahead of the boys' Christmas shopping day and would gratefully receive any good condition and unwanted gifts which can be suitable for women, men or children and sweet treats for the tombola. The boys can wear Mufti on these days and in return for their donations can we ask for the following:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Wrapped chocolates/sweets (for the boys Tombola)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Gifts ready for Christmas shopping

Many of you have fed back to us that you do not always get to see what we are up to, so with that in mind we have started a Friends of Sunnydown community WhatsApp group so that we can keep you in the loop with what's going on. This group will purely be for us to post announcements and keep you up to date. This is not a group where you can comment or converse. If you haven't joined yet but would like to receive reminders about what's happening and when, scan the QR code on the attached flyer and jump in.

### Thought for the Week (W/C 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024)

British Values

### Thought for the Week (W/C 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024)

Looking after ourselves:  
November & emotional health

### Mr Peters' Award For Progress At Lunch Time Football

Callum Duff

### The Baton

Callum Dowie

### Respect Award

Kai Bagwell

### Employability Award

Andrew Hendry-Smith  
Freddie Philips

### Sportsmanship Award

Lithar Po-Ba  
Harry Franklin

<b><u>Mathematician of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Carter Stevenson</b> <i>Excellent effort and engagement</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&amp; awarded by Mr Wright is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Freddie Collins</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&amp; awarded by Mr Zadok is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jacob Kelly</b> <i>For resilience</i></p>
<b><u>Scientist of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Scientist of the week, awarded by Mr Cybuch is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Felix Drummond</b> <i>Resilience</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&amp; awarded by Ms Hristova is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jack McDowell</b> <i>For active learning</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bailey Goodliffe</b> <i>For improved effort</i></p>
<b><u>Writer of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Palmer is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KS3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Callum Dowie</b> <i>For exceptional hard work &amp; dedication to completing his Gothic story. I am incredibly proud of you Callum!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">&amp; awarded by Miss Newcombe</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KS4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Harvey Caruana</b> <i>For his interesting take on a descriptive piece of writing</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Carter Stevenson</b> <i>For his exquisite writing in his own myth</i></p>
<b><u>Chef of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Freddie Phillips</b> <i>For innovation and helping out his peers</i></p>
<b><u>Reader of the Week</u></b>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Wood</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cody Osborne</b> <i>For his engagement with our class reader in Communication lessons</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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Freddie Ponsford</b> <b>Eddie Smith</b></p>

### House Points

<b><u>House Points</u></b>	
Lithar Po-Ba	950 House Points
Callum Jordan	900 House Points
Freddie Phillips	900 House Points
Edward Gair	700 House Points

Robert Hall	700 House Points
Thomas Emms	550 House Points
Ethan Lyons	550 House Points
Jaden Doorga	500 House Points
Kye Lawrence	450 House Points
Luke Luo	350 House Points
Jacob Napier	350 House Points
Jack McDowell	50 House Points
Jonah Mee	50 House Points
Tekai Lewis	50 House Points
Ross Smallman	50 House Points

### House Captain's Award

Congratulations to all those achieving the highest House Points total below.

Whyteleafe KS4	Whyteleafe KS3	Portley KS4	Portley KS3	Burntwood KS4	Burntwood KS3	Burntwood KS4	Buxton KS3
Charlie McSorley	Frankie McSorley	Leo Sumsion	Jack McDowell	Kasra Alavi	Harry Origgi- Fernando	Ollie Taylor	Kye Lawrence

### Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Diversity Equity & Inclusion morning
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	HALF TERM
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Start of Autumn Half Term 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friends of Sunnydown Family Quiz Night (7PM)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	PW2 Theatre trip - An Inspector Calls
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
<i>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Donation Day - MUFFI</i>
<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Donation Day - MUFFI</i>
<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024</i>	<i>🎄 Christmas Dinner 🎄</i>
<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024</i>	<i>Christmas Shopping Event</i>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December - Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec)
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	INSET DAY
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Ski Trip
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	HALF TERM
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 20 <sup>th</sup> April)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	HALF TERM
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>END OF TERM</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025 (Was 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025 (Was 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024)	INSET DAY