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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

Welcome to another exciting year at Sunnydown.

A double welcome of sorts, as our Year 7 students start at 10.00am on Monday. I am confident that all students will make our new recruits feel very welcome.

Thought for the Week is challenging students to ask themselves ‘What can I do to make a positive difference and make my mark on Sunnydown.’ In speaking with staff, I will be reminding them of my high expectations for the Quality of Education of all boys. I will be encouraging staff to support your sons to eat politely in the dining hall, wearing the school uniform as it has been designed, to be in lessons on time, to work to their full potential and to support one another. I wish all students every success in meeting these expectations, and demonstrating that they are indeed Sunnydown young men.

Wishing you a very successful year ahead.

Paul Jensen

Homework

Homework will start again from next Monday 9th September. Year group letters have been sent out via parent mail to explain our rationale for setting homework and will include a schedule of when homework is set and when it is to be handed in. Students will have been given this information too and all students should have a copy of their homework schedule in their school planners. We don't set homework in Y7.

We understand that sometimes students have after school commitments; if your son is unable to complete a piece of homework please remind him to let his subject teacher know that it will be handed in late. Homework can also be done at school during Homework Club which will be run by Miss Newcombe on a Thursday lunchtime in F1 from 12.30 to 1.20pm.

There is also a Maths specific homework club run by Mr Zadok on Wednesday 12.30 - 1pm in G3.

Homework is an opportunity to independently practise and embed skills learned in class; the process of doing homework can also build stamina which will be useful in KS4 and in particular Y11 to be ready for public examinations. We link homework to our RICE values of Resilience, Independence and Co-operation.

If you have any questions about homework, which is referenced in our Quality of Education policy, please do not hesitate to contact me a.jensen@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk.

Mrs Jensen

School Lunch Cost

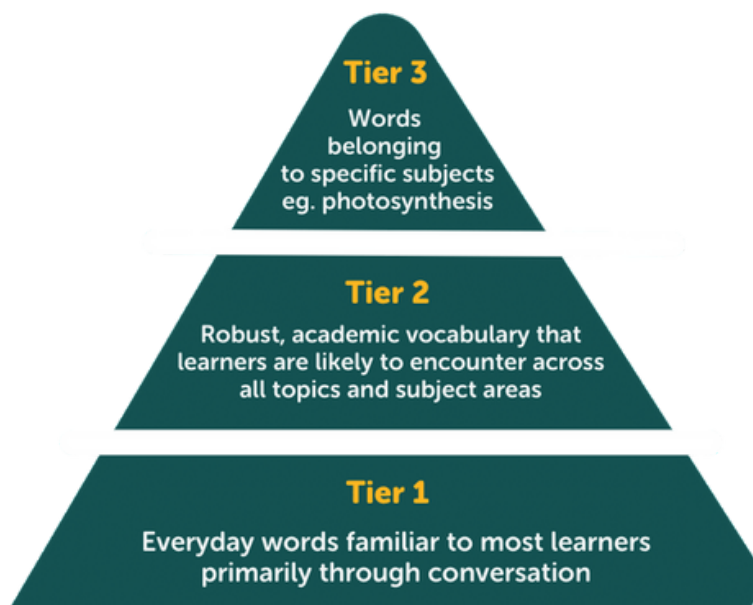
In line with Surrey County Council, the cost of a school lunch will be increasing to £2.70 per day from Monday 9th September. The payment will automatically be changed on the payment section of ParentMail. If you have any queries, please contact me at a.lawson@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk.

Miss Lawson

Word of the Week Rationale

Understanding different vocabulary is an important life skill. One of the jobs we, as teachers, have is exposing our students to new vocabulary constantly and providing them with the skills needed to break down, understand and then use these words.

Words can be categorised into three tiers shown in the graphic below. Tier 2 words are the often overlooked words that as adults we expect children to know however research tells us this isn't always the case. Therefore, Word of the Week at Sunnydown has been adapted to incorporate the teaching of Tier 2 words. Each week, every student will be exposed to a new Tier 2 word and will be provided with the skills to understand and utilise these words using a process called 'Red Said, Green Mean.'



Miss Newcombe

Online Safety

Please see the flier attached to this newsletter re 'What Parents & Educators Need To Know About Using and Reviewing Parental Controls.'

Mr Cassim

Thought for the Week
(W/C 2nd September 2024)

Welcome Back/Settling in

Thought for the Week
(W/C 9th September 2024)

How can I make a difference & put my mark on Sunnydown?