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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

I share with the Sunnydown community my message to my staff team.

Not often am I lost for words, however, I found addressing the Christmas meal yesterday really difficult. Not because I did not have anything to say, but because of the feelings and emotions I had, before and after the meal. I did not (on this occasion) become emotional though.

In 11 Christmas meals, this was the first where I sat and ate. Traditionally it is another opportunity for me to serve the boys and you, my team, demonstrating what being the Head of such a unique school means to me. Circumstances are different at the moment and taking that opportunity to eat with some of the young men, staff and parents was a genuine privilege.

To those staff who were helping with the service this year, a genuine thank you on behalf of the young men, staff and parents who were able to enjoy a wonderful meal (thank you kitchen team) and celebration.

What struck me as I listened to the conversations and the laughter, was how much I enjoy the company that working at Sunnydown brings. I could also see the enjoyment around the room as I made eye contact with staff. Surely this in itself is a huge gift. It is a fact that we have a job to do, one we chose to do, one we applied to do. But enjoying doing this when you know that you are part of a team who come together for the same purpose day in day out, to transform the lives of young men, is humbling.

In addition to this realisation, I was reminded that our young men also enjoy coming to Sunnydown. Yes there are moments, but reflecting on what I saw during the meal again reminded me that every one of our young men deserve our support as we guide them along their growth journey. Their smiles and laughter and chatter reassured me that we are the right team to achieve amazing things with them.

I am incredibly confident, having thanked in person the parents who attended, that they are incredibly appreciative of our collective efforts.

A busy week with reports read through, House activity day, Sunnydown's Got Talent, FoS shopping extravaganza, the cake sale to end all cake sales, Christmas lunch and Form activities to end the term. For the efforts of the organisers of each event I am grateful. The young men are grateful. Too many to list individually but your efforts and the impact you have on young lives are acknowledged. Thank you.

On this high, I wish each and everyone of you the festive season that you deserve. In the words of one staff member 'The Grinch is thawing'.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul Jensen

Christmas Shopping Extravaganza

A massive thanks to the Friends of Sunnydown helpers for making this another wonderful event. A special mention to Kelly Barnes for her efforts as Chair of FoS for the past 5 years and congratulations to Isabella Napier and Helen Thompson for stepping up to lead this amazing group of people.

Alex Walsh

Carol Edwards

Katherine Emms

Lorna Sumsion & sister

Simona Origgi

Amanda Scott

Helen Thompson

Kelly Barnes

Ruth Hartley-Hoad

Tom McDowell

Andrea Chapman

Isabella Napier

Linda Benn

Sam Hall

Tony Caruana

Sunnydown's Got Talent

Well done to all the students who took part in Sunnydown's Got Talent and staff who were involved in the process. It was a wonderful way to end the day after all the Christmas festivities.

The first prize for SGT goes to: George, Matthew, Zack and Frankie

The second prize goes to: Jacob Kelly

The third prize goes to: Ethan Lyons

Message from thanks from one of our students

“This is to everyone - Thank you everyone for helping the school, appreciating what the teachers do for us and to the teachers - thank you for helping us learn and hopefully we can give that favour back to you.” Thanks for helping the school and I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.”

Nathan Small

January Start

Monday 6th January is INSET. No students are onsite that day. All students return on Tuesday 7th January with taxis arriving between 8.30am and 9.00am as if it were a regular Tuesday. Regarding lessons, students will have an extended form, a whole school assembly and then follow a Tuesday timetable.

Greenhouse Sports T Shirts

Recently three more students have been awarded Greenhouse T-shirts and it is a special pleasure to give them to three new Year 7 students. Harry, Jack and Jonah have settled into Sunnydown life brilliantly and it is great to see their positivity and engagement in their lessons and enthusiasm. Well done to you all.

Thanks, best wishes and Merry Christmas.



Gabe

Football Fixtures

Recently both the Key Stage 3 and 4 teams went to Fulham training ground for the latest round of football fixtures. In the KS4 tournament, the Sensations lived up to their name and were unbeaten throughout, while the Invincibles almost lived up to theirs with two wins and strong performances throughout. In the KS3 tournament the Supremes lost 1, drew 2 and won 3, the All Stars won 2 and drew 3 including a draw against the Supremes and the Galacticos won 2, lost 2 and drew 1. All teams across the two days played brilliantly and it was great to see the team spirit between squads.

Players' player of the tournament:

Allstars: Jack McDowell
Galacticos: Harry Origgi-Fernando
Supremes: Robert Hall
Sensations: Callum Jordan
Invincibles: Max Gibbins

KS3 Attendees

All Stars	Galacticos	Supremes
Loui Salliss 28	Jacob Napier 19	Robert Hall GK
Ethan Lyons 21	Daniel Leonard 16	Freddie Collins 13
Milo Baker 26	Freddie Dunne 29	Jacob Ryan 9
Frankie McSorley 8	Kye Lawrence 25	Thomas Emms 7
Callum Truttero 20	Harry Origgi-Fernando GK	Jack Bristow 10
George McGookin 23	Kai Bagwell 24	Harrison Williams 12
Jack McDowell 4	Alexander Thompson 18	Matthew Marenga 5
Zack Harrison GK	Eddie Smith 12	Jonah Mee 6

KS4 attendees

Invincibles	Sensations
Logan East	Callum Jordan
Jayden Smurthwaite	Antony Harper
Max Gibbins	Teddy Foster

Jack Bristow	Finley Marley
Charlie McSorley	Harry Franklin
Ollie Taylor	Luke Dean
Jacob Kelly	Jayden Peters
	Lithar Po-Ba



School Lunches

Please note that with effect from 1st January 2025, the cost of a school lunch will be increasing to £2.80 per day as per the Surrey County Council guidelines. This cost will be updated on ParentMail. Any questions, please contact Andrea Lawson in the school office.

Mindworks Winter Activity Packs

On Tuesday this week we sent out a ParentMail with details of activities and support available over the Christmas period.

Online Safety

Please see the attached flier ‘10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators - Safety on Social Media.’

Mr Cassim

Autumn 2024 Reading Achievers



100% (5 House Points)

Callum D
Thomas I
Louie R
Harley S
Carter S
Jonah M
Harry O-F
James T
Kye L
Daniel L
Hayden H
Luke Luo
Matthew M
Kamauri C
Callum D
Freddie C
Alex P
Harvey C
Luke D
Harry F
Dominic H
Alfie M
Charlie H
Callum J
Ollie T
Toby C
Edward G
James H
Nathan S
Felix D
Andrew H-S



90% + (3 House Points)

Isaac B
Leo E
Elliot P
Tekai L
Harry S
Kai B
Frankie Mc
Jacob N
Alexander T
Oscar G
Eddie S
Noah A
Jack B
Zac H
Ethan L
Freddie P
Callum T



Charlie C
Jacob K
Leo S
Logan E



80% + (1 House Point)

William E
Jack Mc
Ross S
Jack G
Sam W
George Mc
Loui S
Freddie D
Harrison W
Kasra A
Bailey G
Lithar P-B
Sonny C
Charlie Mc
Anthony H
Finley M



Huge Congratulations to all students who achieved reading success this term!

Miss Wood

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

Reflection - Spiritual

House Points

House Points	
Charlie Histed	900 House Points
Harry Franklin	850 House Points
James Hall	850 House Points
Max Gibbins	800 House Points
Toby Chapman	750 House Points
Leo Sumsion	700 House Points
Bailey Goodliffe	600 House Points
Eddie Smith	450 House Points
Mathew Marenga	400 House Points
Jack Bristow	300 House Points
Loui Salliss	300 House Points

Zack Harrison	250 House Points
Isaac Benn	100 House Points
Jack McDowell	100 House Points
Jonah Mee	100 House Points
Leo Ewen	50 House Points
Harley Schooling	50 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Monday 23 rd December - Monday 6 th January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY
Saturday 18 th January - Friday 24 th January 2025	Ski Trip
Wednesday 28 th January 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 10 th February 2025	Fulham football
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Year 11 Apprenticeship Show
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 10 th March 2025	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Summer Term 2025	
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4 th April)
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 9 Kenley Bike Challenge
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Year 7 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th June 2025	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 9 th June 2025	Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th June 2025	INSET DAY
Thursday 26 th June 2025	FoS Golf Day
Wednesday 2 nd - Friday 4 th July 2025	Year 9 Residential
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2024)	INSET DAY