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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

It is with great excitement that I write this as my period of absence following back surgery is coming to an end as I return in a phased way from today. My recovery and return to work will continue to be overseen by our Chair of Governors and Helen Gower (SBM and HR lead at the school) and it has been recommended I start at approximately 50% capacity and build from there.

In my absence I have been in regular communication with my senior leader colleagues - Jez Lord, Jo Wermig and Helen Gower. To each of them, and without reservation, I extend my gratitude for their understanding, support, but also unwavering dedication, above and beyond, to the Sunnydown community.

I know that the senior leaders have been supported by the efforts of Andrea Jensen in managing the timetable on a daily basis while continuing to monitor the Quality of Education. Ben Wright has supported pastorally and with his usual investment in extra curricular activities.

To my entire staff team - thank you for your well wishes and support, and of course your commitment to our wonderful school and the young men we educate.

To the young men themselves, many of whom have seen me recently as I visit the school intermittently as part of my recovery, thank you also for continuing to actively engage in your learning. Mr Lord has kept me informed of those who have been earning House Points (and money), those that have been working hard, and those that have not met the expectations of the school. I will review this in more detail in coming weeks and where necessary spend some quality time with individuals listening to their version of events, and supporting them in returning to clearly demonstrating appropriate learning behaviours.

On Monday, during Form time and when taxis arrive, there will be a check on some school basics including uniform, Chromebooks and diaries. Young men - I would encourage you to be prepared for learning always and to follow the school expectations. Further in the newsletter today is a reminder about school diaries and uniform.

I am looking ahead to our Annual Golf Day at Farleigh, Year 10 Parents Evening, Friends of Sunnydown meeting, Year 11 Graduation, Inset, Presentation afternoon and our Sports Day. More information on all of these events, including arrangements for the end of term (Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July) will be sent out in the near future. A busy end to the summer term, but Sunnydown is always busy.

Paul Jensen

INSET Day

This is just a reminder that next Friday (21st June) is an INSET day.

Lost Property

On Friday 7th June, I spent some time after school collecting all of the various items of clothing that had been left for months in Forest View into three Ikea bags. This was done as an effort to keep our school looking presentable but also to support our students' organisation skills in remembering all of their uniform/equipment. If items are not labelled, it is incredibly unsettling for your son when they can't find them, which inevitably distracts them from their lesson time. Of the **33** school jumpers collected, **7** were named. Please could you support staff by ensuring that all of your son's uniform, PE kit, aprons, bags, pencil cases and shoes/trainers are clearly labelled.

All labelled items have been returned to the relevant students. Having no way of reuniting unlabelled school jumpers to their rightful owner, I have passed them on to the Friends of Sunnydown second hand shop. All unlabelled PE kits have been donated to the PE office as spare clothing.

Please see below the unlabelled coats. If they are not claimed, they will be donated to charity. We appreciate your continued support. Many Thanks.



Miss Newcombe

School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform. Our school colours are dark green, grey and gold. You will need:

- Dark grey or black trousers
- Grey or black socks
- White shirts
- A green pullover with school motif
- A school tie
- A black blazer (optional)
- A badge for the blazer (optional)
- A suitable coat
- Black school shoes (NOT TRAINERS OR BOOTS)

You should buy the pullover and tie from the school.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY AND PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME ON EMBROIDERED LABELS.

P.E. Uniform

For P.E. and games you will need:

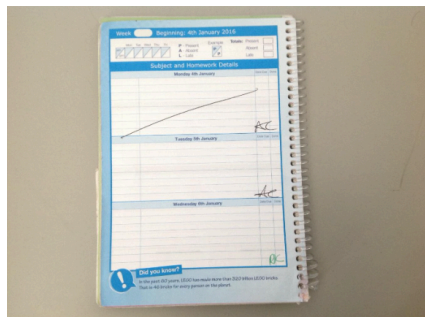
- 2 pairs of black shorts
- 2 white T-shirts
- Coloured House T-Shirt (available from office)
- A pair of sports socks
- A pair of trainers/astro trainers
- A pair of swim trunks (not shorts)
- A towel

In colder weather, you should bring a tracksuit or sweatshirt.

You will also need a cooking apron and hat for Food Technology. These can be purchased through the school office.

School Diary

The home school diary is an important way that we can tell your parents what has been happening, if you are having a good day, if you need to bring anything special into school as well as what you need to do for homework. There are a lot of fascinating facts and useful information in there too!



100% Attendance

Congratulations to 9N and 8W for achieving 100% attendance during the week ending 7th June.

Online safety

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter re 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Palworld.

Mr Cassim



Greenhouse Cup

This week a massive congratulations go to Jacob for showing great patience and determination in learning to cycle. He is now cycling independently and will be able to show his newfound skills when his year group do the weather postponed Kenley Cycle Challenge on 5th July.

Jacob has received the Greenhouse Cup for his efforts, which has remained in his form room this week.

Well done to him and all the boys learning to cycle!

Gabe

Talk Consent.

Education to End Sexual Violence.

Talk Consent

Talk Consent delivers effective education on consent to tackle sexual violence.

We deliver workshops and assemblies to school students from Year 5 to Year 13.

All of our sessions are adapted to make sure they are age-appropriate and grounded in the reality of students' lives.

Active Bystander Workshops

Our active bystander workshops aim to inspire and empower students to call out harmful beliefs and attitudes which lead to sexual violence. We want students to see how they can work to eradicate a culture where rape and sexual assault are so common.

Content Summary

The session aims to help students understand what attitudes exist that can lead to sexual violence, why those beliefs are harmful and how they can challenge them in their lives.

There is a particular focus on misogyny, harmful gender stereotypes and objectification.

The session will cover:

- Why it is important to challenge negative behaviour/sexual violence.
- What needs to be challenged and why/how certain beliefs and attitudes can lead to further sexual violence.
- How to feel confident calling things out or challenging them in a way that ensures you stay safe.

Talk Consent

Last year we had Dan Allchurch and his team from Talk Consent (<https://talkconsent.org>) come in to see the students and do some workshops with each of the year groups. It was really successful and we received lots of positive feedback from the students.

We are fortunate enough to have Dan and his team come back in on 2nd July to speak with Years 7-10 in one hour sessions, which form part of our PSHE curriculum. The topics that are covered are as follows:

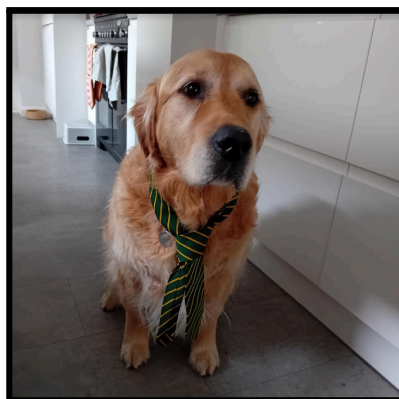
- Why is it important to challenge negative behaviours/sexual violence?
- What needs to be challenged and why?
- How certain beliefs and attitudes can lead to further sexual violence
- How to feel confident calling things out or challenging them in a way that ensures you stay safe.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Kiddier

Pet of the Week

George has been looking after his grandparents' dog Walter this week. Likes: swimming, rolling in mud, chasing tennis balls, sneaking up onto the sofa. Dislikes: cats.



Thought for the Week (W/C 10th June 2024)

How can we maintain a healthy lifestyle?

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

World Refugee Week

Baton

Jez Lord

For his understanding, support, but also unwavering dedication going above & beyond

Mathematician of the Week

The recipients of Mathematician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are

**Luke Luo
(7P)**

For working hard on area perimeter in maths this week

**Zac Hoad
(8W)**

For being more ambitious in maths

Scientist of the Week

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

**Sonny Chater
(10D)**

For independence & active learning

& awarded by Mr Cybuch is

**Matthew Marenga
(7P)**

For engagement, work completion & independence

Writer of the Week

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

KS3

**Jacob Kelly
(9N)**

For his excellent use of metaphors & similes to describe a setting

KS4

**Logan East
(10D)**

For his great understanding of homophones

Chef of the Week

The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is

**Sam Walsh
(7C)**

For resilience & growing confidence

Musician of the Week

The recipients of Musician of the Week are

**Freddie Ponsford
(8W)**

**Freddie Collins
(8W)**

**Jack Bristow
(8W)**

**Kamauri Craig
(8C)**

House Points

House Points	
James Dean	1,150 House Points
Ollie McEvaddy	850 House Points
Taylor Conway	800 House Points
Jonathan Edwards	700 House Points
Alfie Monk	700 House Points
Toby Chapman	650 House Points
Freddie Collins	650 House Points
Kamauri Craig	650 House Points
Dominic Hanley	650 House Points
Harry Vaughan	650 House Points
Leo Sumsion	600 House Points
Noah Atkins	550 House Points
Freddie Dunne	500 House Points
Kye Lawrence	350 House Points
Frankie McSorley	300 House Points
Hayden Howells	250 House Points
Jack Bristow	200 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tuesday 18 th June	Corporate Golf Day
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
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

Friday 19th July	Sports Day
Monday 22nd 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



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



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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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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)

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