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Dear all who are associated with Sunnydown,

What an incredible spell of glorious Spring sunshine. I trust that you were all able to rejoice in the sunshine!

As many of you will turn your TVs towards the Children in Need appeal tonight, I was heartened to see so many red noses on faces today. Having mine on at the end of the day provided the boys with a few giggles, but having fun while raising awareness is a great way to end a week and prepare for the weekend.

I notice that Mr Lord mentions aerosols later in this email. Your support in understanding that many schools do not condone the use of any aerosols to ensure the site is as safe as it can be for all students. Sunnydown does have students with Asthma, and aerosols have been considered a trigger to some asthma attacks. Roll on deodorants are perfectly acceptable and I am so pleased to know that many of our students are taking their personal hygiene seriously.

Mr Lord has informed me that an increasing amount of his time is being spent resolving matters that relate to the inappropriate use of mobile phones, often outside of school. I will watch this trend closely, and if need be, reconsider my current position of allowing mobile phones in school. Please understand that I believe that mobile phones are a wonderful technological advance, when used appropriately.

I have mentioned Ramadan several times recently. However, this also coincides with another tradition this year, namely Lent. For many Christians, Lent is a time where they make space to pray, read the Bible and reflect on God's love. Interestingly, the word "Lent" comes from the old English, "lencten," which means "spring." Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2025 has as its theme, "Let us journey together in hope". This year's Lenten season begins on 5th March, Ash Wednesday, and ends on 17 April, Holy Thursday. Some Christians choose to fast or give up something during Lent, similar to how those who have a Muslim faith also fast.

It is heartening to know that people of different faiths can be respected by one another. This of course is one of the British Values.

With only two weeks before the Easter break, I remind us all, staff, students and families of my expectation that when we are present at Sunnydown, we are ready to learn and to educate. In times when young people require pastoral support, this is available. However, using pastoral support as a way to avoid learning is not encouraged. In a similar way, using learning or movement breaks as a way to avoid doing educational tasks should be avoided. We are all here to learn.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Paul Jensen

School Equipment

Please could we ask that students arrive with the correct equipment for each day. Form Tutors will continue to check on Monday mornings during Form and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that the boys arrive at the start of the week with all the correct equipment to avoid any disruption to lessons.

Aerosol Cans

We would like to remind parents and students that aerosol cans such as deodorant cans should not be brought into school. The use of these, particularly deodorant cans, can trigger breathing problems in some of the boys with asthma. We appreciate that our young men want to smell nice and with the summer months supposedly approaching, it is likely there will be an increased demand for the use of deodorant throughout the day. Can we ask that the boys use 'roll-ons' to avoid any risk to the health of others please.

Thank you in anticipation of your support on both of these matters.

Mr Lord

Reminder for the Year 9 and 10 Curriculum Evening

Just a reminder for parents of Year 9 and 10 boys about the Curriculum Evening being held here at Sunnydown on **2nd April from 5pm to 7pm**. A letter went out earlier this week asking parents to give an indication of how many seats they would require. If we could ask for responses by the end of next week that would be helpful.

Mr Lord

Red Nose Day 2025



Each year people take part in all sorts of events and fun challenges to raise money for children facing poverty in the UK and around the world. This year here at Sunnydown we got involved by selling a range of different red noses! A massive thank you to everyone that brought in money to support this. We were able to raise over £50 to be donated from Sunnydown School!

A very big thank you to Callum Duff who created posters and went round to each Form Room this morning and sold the Red Noses. It is really appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Derrig-Adams

Good luck to Miss Hull!



Miss Hull will be competing for Bromley Women's against Brentford in the London & South East Women's Division One North. The match will take place at the Gtech Community Stadium on Sunday 23rd March, 3pm kick-off. Good luck!

Mr Wright

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 24 March 2025)

Women's History Month

Thought for the Week
(W/C: 31 March 2025)

World Autism Day

The Baton

Callum Duff

For all his efforts for Red Nose day!

Mathematician of the Week

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

Ollie Hall

For excellent engagement in maths this week

Scientist of the Week

The recipients of Scientist of the week, awarded by Ms Hristova are

KS3

Tekai Lewis

For excellent effort & initiative

Eddie Smith

For active learning

KS4

Charlie Carter

For active Learning

Writer of the Week

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe is

KS3

William Elliot

For his creative diary entry

KS4

Leo Sumsion

For some excellent sentences using ambitious vocabulary

Chef of the Week

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

Milo Baker

For knowledge recall & contribution to the theory lesson

Artist of the Week

The recipient of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle is

Kye Lawrence

For his fantastic art homework

Musician of the Week

The recipient of Musician of the Week, awarded by Mrs Cybuch is

Harry Origgi-Fernando

For his creative composing

Reader of the Week

The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Mrs Zulfiqar is

Milo Baker

For his engagement in the reading session this week

& awarded by Miss Newcombe is

	Bailey Goodliffe <i>For his proactive approach to his reading</i>
Computer Scientist of the Week	The recipients of Computer Scientist of the Week, awarded by Mr Amzart are Milo Baker Eddie Smith Zack Harrison <i>For jointly producing a very detailed informative presentation about computer science</i>

House Points

House Points	
Callum Jordan	950 House Points
Harvey Caruana	900 House Points
Toby Chapman	800 House Points
Freddie Collins	800 House Points
Leo Sumsion	750 House Points
Noah Atkins	700 House Points
Isaac Benn	150 House Points
Thomas Illman	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Spring Term 2025	
Tuesday 25 th March 2025	Samba Workshop - Years 7, 8 & 9
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Year 9 & 10 Curriculum Evening
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Coltsford Mill Fishing Event
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (1.20pm finish on 4 th April)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of summer term (Start time as if a usual Tuesday 8.30am)
Thursday 24 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Friday 25 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 1
Monday 28 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 29 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 30 th April 2025	SSSSA KS4 Basketball
Thursday 1 st May 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Friday 2 nd May 2025	Bikeability Level 2
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Year 10 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Year 11 Kenley Bike Challenge
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Open morning (9.30-11am)
Friday 9 th May 2025	Year 8 Kenley Bike Challenge
Monday 12 th May 2025	KS4 Fulham football Start of GCSE exams
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	KS3 Fulham football
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 10 Parents' Evening Last GCSE exam
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Graduation

Friday 20 th June 2025	Business Breakfast
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
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Presentation event
Friday 11 th July 2025	The Arc - Prospero Drama Group
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Sports Day
Friday 18 th July 2025	END OF TERM (1.20pm finish)
Monday 21 st July 2025 (Was 4 th November 2024)	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 (Was 14 th March 2025)	INSET DAY