

# NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR STUDENT

Thank you so much to everyone that came along to our first Offer Holders Social on Saturday 23 March.

We loved seeing you all again, and the atmosphere was great as we watched common ground being found and friendships starting to form. If you weren't able to make it, please don't worry - there will be lots of other opportunities to meet up.

We are also very grateful to St Saviours Church, Unplug & Play and our KCLMS ambassadors; the event wouldn't have worked without their support!

## STAFF NEWS

Our SuMS teachers were thrilled to meet many of you on Saturday! For those of you who weren't able to come along, we welcomed:

- Nathalie Cameron - our Lead Teacher of Outreach and Teacher of Mathematics
- Craig George - our Lead Teacher of Future Pathways (leading on the SPQ and careers), Teacher of Mathematics and DEI Lead
- Phil Tizard - our Lead Teacher of Outreach and Teacher of Mathematics

Please visit our website to learn more about them. We are excited to start working with them and we know you will be too!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As a SuMS offer holder you are invited to join a series of events that we hope you will find valuable over the coming weeks:

- **Online information session for students & parents/carers: 24 April 17.00-18.00**
- **Online GCSE support sessions: April-June**
- **Offer holders taster day: 1-3 July (1 July 10.00-14.00 at University of Surrey, other details to follow)**

We will share more details of all events over the coming weeks, so please mark these dates in your calendar!

## OFFER HOLDERS SOCIAL

We want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to our Offer Holders Social Event on Saturday!

We absolutely loved meeting so many SuMS students again, seeing you start getting to know your classmates, and chatting to your parents and carers.

It was so exciting to see a large part of our student body all together, and to welcome some of our SuMS teaching staff. They also thoroughly enjoyed talking to some of you, and were impressed by the calibre of all of our students.



If you weren't able to make it on Saturday, please don't worry - there will be lots more opportunities to spend time with us, your teachers and your classmates.

Here is a brief outline of what Mrs Shillabeer and Ms Kettleborough spoke about:

Congratulations on receiving offers to study at Surrey Maths School! You are all amazing young people and we are thrilled that you will be joining our school in September.

Life at Surrey Maths School will be centered around s core values of Integrity, Aspiration, Collaboration, Compassion and Innovation. Each of you has demonstrated these values in making it here - working hard through the various stages of admissions during a time when you are also focused on your GCSEs.

You should take a moment to reflect and be proud of what you have achieved, as well as thankful for the people who have supported you to get here today. You have now also met (or will meet very soon if you weren't able to join us!) the other students who you will be collaborating with over the next two years and beyond on wonderful projects both academic and extra-curricular. You are the pioneers of Surrey Maths School. You will be our first ever cohort and you have the opportunity to lead and shape the school for future cohorts to come. What an exciting prospect! We are thrilled that you will be joining us on this journey.



## OFFER HOLDERS SOCIAL

Just to remind you of some key dates:

24 April – will be an online info event for parents and carers at which point there will be more information about the enrolment process and other activities between now and late-August.

Part of our job now is to support you to get your grades so you can join us in September – because you are all wonderful and we want you with us! In order to help you with this we will be running GCSE support for maths and physics. This will be online – you'll have the opportunity to drop in and ask questions in the days before your exams so if there's a question you're stuck on or something you don't quite understand, join the Teams Call and ask. Dates for these will follow soon.

Lastly, on 1 July we'll be running a taster day at the UoS. There'll be some maths and physics and a team challenge at the end of the day. On 2 / 3 July (depending on numbers) we're looking to take you all to Wildwood Adventure for a bit of outdoor fun and team building.



We are also delighted to announce that we are virtually fully staffed and we'll be updating the website with staff bios as they come in so keep hitting refresh! Staff announcements can also be found at the top of the newsletter, with more to follow.

And finally, it looks very much like we will be able to offer all 4 options in year 1 which we are thrilled with!



Last but not least, we want to say a big thank you to our partners, without whom this event wouldn't have been the same; St Saviours Church, Unplug & Play and KCLMS. We are so grateful for your support and contributions.

**We look forward to future events with you!**



## TASTER DAYS 1-3 JULY

We are very happy to tell you that our plans for your Taster Days in July are developing beautifully!

On Monday 1 July we will all be spending the day at the University of Surrey, experiencing what lessons will be like once you join SuMS in September.

On either Tuesday 2 or Wednesday 3 July we will all be spending time at Wild Wood Adventure, in Stoke Park, Guildford. This is a fantastic outdoor venue that has tree-top rope courses and ziplining. We will be guided by their trained instructors and this will be a wonderful opportunity for you to have some fun together, challenge ourselves (just a little) and build on your friendships. We will share the final details of this trip at the online information event on 24 April, following which we will ask you to sign up. Look out for a sign-up email in your inbox.

We will share more details with you very soon, and if you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to drop us an email on [admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk).



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## HOW CAN WE HELP?

We want to make sure that our newsletter is accessible to everyone; easy to read, friendly and informative. If there is anything that we can do to make it more accessible, or if there is content that you'd love us to include, please get in touch.

You can call us on 01483 974211 or email us on [admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk).

**We're always happy to hear from you!**

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***"We will always have STEM with us. Some things will drop out of the public eye and go away, but there will always be science, engineering, and technology. And there will always, always be mathematics." - Katherine Johnson***



We want to wish you all a very Happy Holiday!

We know that you are working hard at this time of the school year, and we hope you can take a well-deserved break before the last leg of your GCSE journey.

Whether or not you celebrate Easter, we wish you a happy, relaxing and fun break.

See you in the summer term!

