



# NEWSLETTER

11 MARCH 2024



## DEAR STUDENT

Congratulations on reaching this exciting stage of our admissions process!

We're delighted that we have been able to make so many offers to students that we are keen to welcome to SuMS in September; we can already see what a wonderful student body we are going to have in 2024-25.

We feel very fortunate and can't wait to start the next step of your academic journey with you!

## STAFF NEWS

Over the last few weeks we have been busy advertising vacancies for high-quality teachers to join SuMS, and we have been delighted to receive some very strong applications! Following our interview and assessment process we are now in the process of appointing our staff, and we're excited to share more details with you very soon (we may be able to introduce you in person on 23 March!).



## 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:

- **Offer holders social event: 23 March 10.00-14.00 at St Saviours, Guildford (see page 2)**
- **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, but please mark these dates in your calendar!

## OFFER HOLDERS SOCIAL

We are very much looking forward to seeing as many of our offer holders as possible on Saturday 23 March, for our first Offer Holders Social Event!

We will be hosting this event at St Saviours Church in Guildford, a warm, welcoming space on Woodbridge Road (GU1 4QD). We are very happy to be supported by Unplug & Play, Guildford's board games cafe, based in Jeffries Passage. They will be bringing along a great selection of games for us all to enjoy, many of which you may never have seen before! We will be joined by one of their team members, to help us learn new games and enjoy getting to know one another in the process.

This event will be a 'drop-in', running from 10.00-14.00, and you are welcome to attend for the whole session or just part of it if you prefer.

The format of the day will be:

- 10.00 onwards: Arrival & sign-in
- 10.00-12.00: Board games
- 12.00-12.15: Short welcome presentation by Ms Kettleborough & Mrs Shillabeer
- 12.15-14.00: Lunch & more board games
- 14.00: Depart

We really want to emphasise that the point of this event is to enjoy meeting a few people and start getting to know one another. As such it will be very informal and friendly; no one will be under pressure of any kind! We will ensure that there is a quiet space available for anyone who might like to take breaks at any stage.

We will be joined by students from KCLMS (Kings College London Maths School) so please bring along any questions you may have about what it's like to go to a maths school!

You are also welcome to bring along any games that you particularly enjoy (e.g. chess, Rubik's cube) and snacks if you wish - but please note that this is a nut-free event.

**We are planning to take photos on the day, to capture some happy memories of our first event together. If you'd prefer that we do not use your image for marketing purposes, please email us on [admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk) and we will ensure that your image is not used.**

*Whilst this event is for students, from 10.00-11.00 we will welcome parents and carers to stay and enjoy a hot drink and a pastry in the coffee lounge area.*

*We will then ask you to leave us for a while, until the students are ready to be collected at 14.00. You are obviously very welcome to enjoy Guildford town centre!*



*St Saviours Church is located on Woodbridge Road, just 5 minutes' walk from Guildford train station. The nearest car parks are Bedford Road (GU1 4SJ) and York Road (GU1 4DS) multi-storeys.*



## SUBJECTS AT SUMS

Many of you have asked when we will confirm the choice of subjects for 2024-25, beyond Maths and Further Maths.

Based on the students to whom we have offered places, we intend to offer all four:

- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Physics

We hope that you will be as pleased about this as we are!

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## CLUBS AT SUMS

During the pastoral interviews, lots of you asked about extra-curricular clubs. We see these as being a vital part of life at SuMS, and our experience of the other maths schools tells us that students enjoy both participating in them and running them!

Early in the autumn term we will ask the student body for ideas on any clubs that you would like to run / join. These could be as diverse as chess, board games, debating, sports, music, crafts, languages, D&D...or anything else that you are passionate about!

We will support you to get clubs set up, and wherever possible we will help you with equipment and storage space. We look forward to seeing what SuMS students make happen!

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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!**

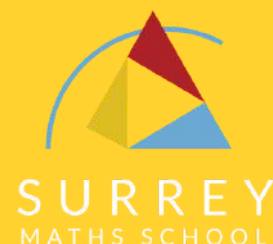
**You can call us on 01483 974211 or email us on [admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@surreymathsschool.co.uk).**

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



We hope you enjoyed our social media posts about Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Margaret Hamilton and Emmy Murphy last week, in celebration of International Women's Day on Friday 8 March.

Our fourth House is named after the wonderful Caucher Birkar - look out for more on him very soon!



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*"The essence of math is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple."*

**-Stan Gudder**