

NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

8 MAY 2026

Charity Fundraising

During this year our wonderful SuMS students have been raising money for a number of different charities, chosen by the students to support causes that matter most to them.

- The Mental Health Ambassadors organised a pyjama day and bake sale, and raised over £80 for Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- Students were able to purchase beanies and moustaches, and another £80 was raised for the Movember Foundation: <https://uk.movember.com/>
- FemSoc raised £180 for CAMFED (Campaign for Female Education) to support the education of girls and women across Africa: <https://camfed.org/>

We have received notes of thanks from all of the charities, for the students' efforts and generosity.

Well done SuMS!

As Y13 prepare to head off to life beyond SuMS, we are delighted to welcome our **new Student Council for 2026-27**. We were very impressed with the quality of all applicants. Students were elected on a combination of a written manifesto, spoken presentation, student/tutor vote and interview with a school leader. **We look forward to working with them over the coming year.**

- Co-Chairs: Katy S and Daniel C
- Events Coordinators: Teju and Maya
- Sustainability Ambassador: Aditi
- Mental Health Ambassador: Eugenio
- Treasurer: Thanos
- DEI Ambassador: Saul
- House Captains: Karina, Toby, Dylan, Lucas B

We are also very pleased to **welcome Mr Parrack to the SuMS team!** Mr Parrack joins us as a Business Administration Apprentice, and he will be supporting Mrs Spiller as the first point of contact for students, staff and visitors. **We know you will extend a warm welcome to him, and we hope that you will have the opportunity to meet him very soon.**

British Physics Olympiad (BPhO) - Senior Physics Challenge (SPC):

All Y12 Physics students took part in the Senior Physics Challenge back in March. The marks are now in and we are very pleased to announce that seven students achieved a Gold certificate, and ten achieved Silver. The SPC contains very challenging questions that extend students' thinking beyond A level standard, and to have so many top awards really speaks to the problem solving skills of our Y12 cohort. **Congratulations to everyone who took part!**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- 11 May - "Safe Drive Stay Alive" assembly - Y12
- 11 May - A Levels exams start - Y13
- 18-22 May - Progress Check 3 - Y12
- 22 May - End of Exams picnic - Y12
- 25-29 May - Half term break
- 31 May-2 Jun - DofE Practice Expeditions - Y12
- 1-3 Jun - Y10 Summer Schools at UoS

Planned absence: please request via attendance@surreymathsschool.co.uk - min. 48 hours notice

Unplanned absence: please report via attendance@surreymathsschool.co.uk - by 8.30am - every day of absence



WHAT'S HAPPENING? (CONTINUED)

Isaac Science - Senior Physics Challenge Summer School

Eight of our Y12 Physicists were chosen to answer an online test on Wednesday to try for a place on the coveted Senior Physics Challenge Summer School held each summer in Cambridge. This offers students a chance to experience lectures, have a formal dinner in college and meet other like-minded young people. Throughout the year our students have answered challenging questions on Isaac Science, building on their problem-solving skills. **Congratulations on getting to this stage of the process and fingers crossed for your results.**

Diary Dates

The Summer term is always a lovely, happy (and busy!) time at SuMS, and this one is no exception. We know that you are busy too, so here are some key dates to make a note of:

- **SPQ Event - Tuesday 23 June 14.00-16.00**
 - This exciting afternoon will be held at SuMS and will showcase the fantastic work done by our Y12 students through their SPQ Projects. Each group will have the opportunity to present their work and share their results, and as parents/carers we know that you will be impressed by what they have achieved - as we are! **You will receive an invitation by email in the coming days, so please RSVP** - we look forward to seeing many of you at this wonderful event.
- **SuMS Grand Opening - Tuesday 23 June 17.00-19.00**
 - You have already received an invitation to this unique event via Paperless Post. Thank you to everyone who has already RSVP'ed; if you've not had time to do so yet, please note that the deadline is Friday 8 May to let us know whether you can join us. It won't be possible for us to welcome guests to 'drop in' on the day unfortunately, so **please do secure your place by RSVP'ing** - we are thrilled to be able to welcome you to this once-in-a-lifetime celebration at Mary Road!
- **Premiere - Thursday 25 June 18.00-22.00**
 - Our Y13 Student Council are planning a lovely evening to mark the end of our first cohort's time at SuMS, and celebrate everything that they have achieved together. Tickets are still available via MCAS; **if your young person wants to attend please secure their place ASAP!**

Parent/Carer Testimonials

We are developing a new page on our website, to share parents' and carers' testimonials, and **we would love to have your input**. In your experience as a SuMS parents/carers, what are the things that prospective parents and carers would most like to know about? Are there any key questions that they would like to have answered? What would help them to establish whether SuMS is the right school for their child's A Levels? What makes us truly unique and different from other schools?

If you'd like to share a quote for our website (whether by name or anonymously) please just drop Mrs Stapledon an email. We're always happy to hear from you!

PASTORAL UPDATE

We recently welcomed **Daniel Sykes, from the South East Cyber Crime Unit of Surrey Police**, to talk to all of our Y12 students about staying safe online. His topics included avoiding fraud and scams, keeping your accounts and personal data as secure as possible and the risks associated with crypto-currency. He also gave us a deeper awareness of the ways in which social media can be geared to deliver a skewed perspective on issues, and how to be wise to this.



PHOTO GALLERY

