

# NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR STUDENT

We are excited for you to join us in September! In the meantime we hope that you will have some time to rest and take care of yourself. You have worked very hard to get to this point and now it's time to catch your breath, gather your energy and enjoy a break.

Term finishes for SuMS staff on Friday 19th July so if you have any outstanding questions, please get in touch before then. We will check emails over the summer but not as frequently as we do during term time.

We wish you a wonderful few weeks, however you are spending your summer, and we will see you on 22 August for Enrolment Day!

## ENROLMENT AT SUMS

Our **Enrolment Day** will take place on 22 August, at St Saviours Church in Guildford (GU1 4QD). This is a very important event in your journey to joining SuMS as it is the day that you will be sharing your GCSE results with us and committing to committing to join us for your A Level studies.

On the "SuMS Summer Updates" form your parent/carer has requested a specific time slot for you to enrol. You will be told your time to come to Enrolment Day later this week, when we email you the Enrolment Form.

**Please ensure that you know your enrolment time.**

The **Enrolment Form** is a key step in your admissions process as it enables us to gather all of the information that we need to officially 'sign you up'. This form is a long one, as we are required to have lots of data for enrolment.

You can start completing it ahead of results day, so that most of your work is done by the time we see you on 22 August.

**We strongly recommend that you do this.**

If you are unable to join us on 22 August, we will email you later this week to tell you how you can enrol.

**Please note that you MUST complete your enrolment in order to secure your place at SUMS.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As a SuMS offer holder there are three key dates that need to be in your diary:

- **Enrolment day: 22 August at St Saviours**
- **Term starts: 5 September (for students)**
- **Cuffley trip: 11-13 September**

# GETTING STARTED AT SUMS

We know that joining a new school will be a time of change for you - exciting and perhaps a little daunting too - so we want to tell you what you can expect in your first 3 weeks at SuMS.

The first day of term for students is Thursday 5th September. School will start at 09.30 and there will be free private coaches to bring you from Guildford station - timings will be confirmed once we have heard from you all about your preferences.

You will spend the day on Student Induction. This will involve a variety of different sessions:

- Meeting your tutor and tutor group
- Getting your house hoodie
- Learning about the school processes and systems
- Setting up your IT
- Getting and understanding your timetable
- Other activities

On Friday 6th September there will be some Induction follow up time. After break your normal lessons will start. These will be introductory lessons focusing on the skills you need to succeed in your A Levels with us.



On Tuesday 10th September, school will finish at lunchtime to allow you to travel home and spend the afternoon preparing and packing for the Cuffley Induction trip, which will run from Wednesday 11th September - Friday 13th September. More detail on the next page. If you have indicated on your 'Summer Updates' form that you are not yet sure that you would like to join the trip, we will be in touch with you. Equally, as the trip is recommended but not obligatory, we will provide for any students who do not wish to come.

On Monday 16th September the full timetable begins! You will have had plenty of time to speak to your teachers, tutor and other members of staff to ask questions by then, so we are confident that you will pick up the flow. We will be on hand to support you in any way that we can, though.

Clubs and sports will also start running from this point forwards.



Some of you have asked about lunchtime - there will be a few options for this. You will have permission to leave the site at lunchtime so you could head to the local big Tesco, for example, but we will also have a café on site which will serve a variety of hot and cold snacks including sandwiches and pastries. You will also be able to bring your own lunch and eat it in one of our social spaces - there will be microwaves for students to use.

## OUR HOUSES

We are proud that our four houses at SuMS are named after mathematical scientists that we respect and admire. We know that the students at other maths schools take great pride in their community; both their school and their house, and enjoy representing their community visually.

We are delighted to tell you that on your first day of term in September every student will be assigned to a house and given a house hoodie. The staff will have SuMS hoodies too!

We hope that you will enjoy feeling a real sense of belonging and will be proud to represent SuMS, as our first cohort of pioneers. We are immensely proud of you!




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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 [info@surreymathsschool.co.uk](mailto:info@surreymathsschool.co.uk).

If you have any concerns, please let us know either by email or by submitting a response to this [anonymous form](#), which will go through directly to our Co-Headteachers.

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

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***“Mathematics is not a careful march down a well-cleared highway, but a journey into a strange wilderness, where the explorers often get lost. Rigor should be a signal to the historians that the maps have been made, and the real explorers have gone elsewhere.”***



As well as being excited to start working with you, we are looking forward to taking you on our first residential trip, to Cuffley Active Learning Centre.

Cuffley's stunning woodland environment will give us the perfect setting to explore our surroundings, experience new activities and build new bonds within our community.

You can read more about Cuffley [here](#) - we know you're going to love it!