

NEWSLETTER

12 JUNE 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Charterhouse Leadership Visit

On Monday 8 June, 10 students from Year 12 attended a **Leadership Development Day**, hosted by the West Surrey Partnership at Charterhouse School. The day was facilitated by a professional leadership coach. The students completed questionnaires to identify their different leadership styles and behaviours. Students had the opportunity to reflect on how different personalities can work together in effective teams, and to network with students from other local schools.

The students were excellent ambassadors for Surrey Maths School and really demonstrated our SuMS values of collaboration and aspiration.

University Entrance Exams

Year 12 have received information about sitting various **specialist university admissions exams** - such as TMUA, ESAT, TARA, and UCAT. These exams are taken outside of school at external text centres and candidates are responsible for booking these themselves - they need to register with <https://esat-tmua.ac.uk/> and must submit their request for access arrangements and await approval prior to booking a slot at a test centre. If your child has access arrangements (25% extra time, supervised rest breaks etc) the external text centre will require proof of this from Surrey Maths School in order to implement them.

A message from Mrs Bourne, SENDCo and Lead Teacher of Year 12

I have asked Year 12 students with access arrangements in place to let me know **no later than Wednesday 1 July** if they are planning on sitting any of these exams, so that I have time to prepare the relevant documentation before the summer holidays. Unfortunately, I will be unable to accommodate any requests made after this date. Please also note that STEP and AEA are taken in school, so the above information does not apply to these specific tests. Please do let me know if you have any questions surrounding this.

Y12 Picnic

On Friday 22 May Year 12 organised a brilliant end-of-PC3 picnic in Stoke Park! The weather was kind and thanks to the Student Council, we all enjoyed a delicious selection of snacks, as well as some really fun games. This was a wonderful way to celebrate reaching the end of their exams and for everyone to let off some steam!

Y12 Hike

On Tuesday 2 June those Y12 students not involved in DofE Expeditions headed out with staff for a hike around the local area. Despite some very mixed weather conditions everyone showed resilience and a great sense of adventure - and we all made it back to school after a robust 11k walk!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- 18 Jun - Pizzas to celebrate end of exams - Y13
- 23 Jun - SPQ Presentations event - Y12
- 23 Jun - SuMS Grand Opening event
- 25 Jun - Leavers prom - Y13
- 29 Jun - INSET day - school closed - Y12 & Y13
- 30 Jun - Final sports afternoon - Y12
- 1-3 Jul - Offer Holder Taster Days
- 7 Jul - KCLMS Careers Fair - Y12

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)

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - SuMS' social value

Recently we have received our annual Social Value Certificate from the DofE, which celebrates the number of hours that SuMS students have invested in volunteering, and the social value that they have added to their communities. As you can see, **in just 12 months SuMS students have contributed their time to the value of £8,538!** This is an incredible results for a small school and we are very proud of every individual who has contributed to this remarkable result.

CS challenge

All of our Year 12 Computer Science students sat the **Raspberry Pi Foundation Coding Challenge** this year. The aim of the challenge is to enhance skills, build confidence and inspire students to develop programmed solutions to computational thinking problems. Well done to all students who took part, with particular congratulations to the four students who achieved Gold certificates: this is no mean feat when competing nationally against students from the year above.



End of Year for Year 13

It is imperative that **all school equipment is returned to SuMS by Thursday 18 June** at the latest. This includes school laptops with chargers and Wacom tablets with pens and cables. Unfortunately we will need to issue a charge for any equipment not returned by this date.

Most students will mark the end of their exams after Maths on Thursday 18 June. We will celebrate this with nibbles and pizza in the Social Space afterwards.

Outreach success

Our Outreach programme continues to thrive and is positively impacting more and more students in our local community.

On Thursday 21 May, we launched our annual **Shape The Future project**, a collaborative programme working with the Widening Participation team at the University of Surrey and the Year 6 pupils of both Sandfield Primary School and Guildford Grove Primary School. After the exciting launch day it has been a pleasure working with them weekly to create their scale models of their own university campuses. We cannot wait to see the results!

Monday 1 June saw the start of this year's **Women in STEM Summer School**. Across three days we welcomed over 75 students, all keen to learn what it means to be at the start of their own journeys as women in STEM. They very much enjoyed working on challenges together as well tackling graph theory and meeting some of our Y12 female students. We are excited to welcome them back in July for day 2 of this inspiring course where alongside some hands-on Physics they'll interact with a panel of women in industry and academia, ready to share their words of wisdom.

PASTORAL UPDATE

Year 12 have been focusing on the components of formal writing, particularly focusing on how to apply these effectively when writing UCAS personal statements. We have discussed the required structure and style, critiqued some examples and spent some time working on first drafts. First drafts of personal statements should now have been sent to tutors so that feedback can be given ahead of the summer holidays. **Please check with your young person that they have submitted their first draft!**



PHOTO GALLERY

