

NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

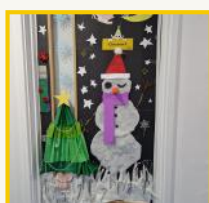
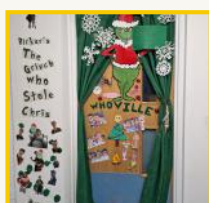
MINCE PI RUN

On Sunday Daniya, Gina, Noah, Ms Kettleborough and Mrs Robinson participated in the Mince Pi run at Shalford Park. Each lap was 3.14 miles, hence the Pi...we all know what the weather was like last weekend so we are very impressed by their resilience - what a hardy bunch they are!



HOUSE DOOR COMPETITION

This week we endeavoured to judge the winner of the House Door competition. This was no easy task as the students' creativity and festive spirit was in evidence through out the school! However, after much deliberation the joint winners were selected as Birkar & Murphy for their personalised touches. Congratulations & thank you to everyone who contributed to making SuMS feel very festive!



FUTURE PATHWAYS

On Tuesday afternoon our students welcomed visitors from Venner Shipley, a patent law firm based at Surrey Research Park, who gave a fantastic talk on their work. Not only did our Year 12s listen attentively, they also had a wide range of great questions to ask at the end - the speakers were as impressed as we were by their depth of questioning!

STUDENT TALENT SHOW

Also on Tuesday afternoon our wonderful Year 12s hosted a talent show! The Student Council had worked very hard to put it together, ensuring that the programme of acts worked well, that the judges were professional and gave their inputs, and that the event was beautifully hosted. This is a big task and we were all very impressed by the range of talents on display (many of which had been kept hidden!) as well as the support and encouragement given to every performer by the audience. Huge thanks go to Kat and Daniya for their MC'ing, everyone on the tech support team, our judges (Emma, Santiago, Ms Cameron and Ms Kettleborough), as well as everyone who was courageous enough to share their talent.

After deliberation the judges announced the results as follows:

- Winner - Chris (for his beautiful performance of Hallelujah on the saxophone)
- 2nd place - Muhammed (for his mind-blowing live game of Osu)
- 3rd place - Matthew (for his mathematical comedy act)



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LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT TERM

Just a reminder that SuMS re-opens for the Spring term on Monday 6 January 2025!

We have a fantastic term planned, including the official launch of our Future Pathways work for our students and our Future Pathways Parents and Carers information session. This will be held on Teams, on Wednesday 8 January, 16.45-17.30. All are welcome and we will send out the dial-in link closer to the time.



EXPECTATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



This first term at SuMS has been incredible - as well as very busy and very long! We want to make sure that our students use their time off wisely, and return in January well-rested, refreshed and ready for the Spring term. Our expectation is that each student will do 1 piece of ILT per subject, for a maximum of 2 hours each. Other than that we'd like them all to enjoy their time off, have lots of fun and make the most of the festive season, however they and you celebrate it!

REQUESTS FOR ABSENCE IN SCHOOL TIME

We realise that sometimes our students have unavoidable appointments during school time, and within reason we want to support these; of course we have to balance this with our aspiration for every SuMS student to reach their maximum potential during their time with us.



Please can you ensure that if your young person needs to be absent from school (e.g. for a medical appointment) you submit the [Planned Absence Request Form](#) at least 48 hours ahead of the appointment, to avoid an unauthorised absence being recorded? You can find it [here](#).

We really appreciate your support with this.



TRUST NEWSLETTER

The end of term Learning Partners Academy Trust newsletter has been published this week - [please click here](#) if you'd like to read it.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- First day of term - 6 January 2025 (09.25)
- DofE training day (SILVER & GOLD) - 29 Jan
- Future Pathways information session - 8 Jan
- INSET days - 29 January & 3 February
- Managing Needs event - 6 February