

# NEWSLETTER

15 NOVEMBER 2024

## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL

Thank you so much to every parent and carer who has already activated an MCAS account! We believe that it's a great tool for communication between school and home, and we hope that you are finding it easy to navigate. As Ms Kettleborough mentioned in her email earlier in the week, many people find the app a little easier to use than the web version, so if you haven't had a chance to look at it yet, please do head to where you usually download apps from. If you haven't activated you may find that your password will expire quite quickly; in this case please drop us an email ([office@surreymathsschool.com](mailto:office@surreymathsschool.com)) and we will resend you an activation email.

Once you are up and running, we encourage you to use MCAS to easily track your child's attendance at school. You will also see that we are using MCAS to enable you to pay for trips (e.g. the Computer Science trip on 27 November) and programmes like the Duke of Edinburgh. Much more to follow!



## PROGRESS CHECKS

A huge well done to Year 12, who sat their first set of progress checks on Monday and Tuesday. We know that this can be a stressful time for our students and we are so impressed with how well they prepared and the way in which they approached these checks.

Students will each be given two scores, illustrating their 'Progress to Date' and 'Approach to Learning'. They will receive these after school on 28 November, and we will also send parents and carers an update via MCAS with the results after they have been shared with students - another good reason to activate your MCAS account! We will share an explanation of the types of grades with you in advance.

We will use the results of the progress checks to ensure that we are supporting each and every one of our students to achieve their full potential in all of their subjects.



## INSET DAY - FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER



Next Friday, 22 November, is an INSET day for our students. We really encourage them to use the day to rest and recharge, and do things that bring them joy.

The SuMS staff will be heading to a U-Maths networking day, which will be a wonderful opportunity to share the great work happening at SuMS, as well as to learn from our maths school colleagues from across the UK and bring back lots of new ideas to build on our progress so far.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- INSET day - 22 November
- Last Tuesday afternoon sports - 3 December
- Parents' evening - 5 & 6 December
- Pizza for parents & carers - 11 December
- Last day of term - 20 December
- First day of term - 6 January 2025