# Sutton House Academy Newsletter

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**Summer Term 2022** 

# Message from the Head Teacher



We have reached the end of another extraordinary year at Sutton House Academy and in education generally. Year 11's will celebrate their examination outcomes in August and the whole school

will have plenty of opportunities to engage in summer events and activities leading into the holidays.

If we look back at some of the fabulous work that has been achieved including the Easter Fete where £500 was raised for charity, World Book Day, trips to Adventure Island, sports events and animal sanctuaries to name a few...a tremendous ethos and representation of an Academy moving from strength to strength.

Moving into next academic year, we welcome Sophia Shaw to our Maths department, Charmaine Grier to our English department and Keris Newman and Carol Cody to our REACH classes.

In September, the school will look a little different: Our Primary classes will move to the current Victory Park primary rooms, the REACH classes will be based in our current primary corridor and we will be utilising more of the upstairs Quad and therapy/office spaces at the front of the school. Exciting times ahead! We absolutely hope the move of classes and pupils, will even better prepare our young people for adult life and their future careers.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic summer break and see you all on our return on Monday 5th September 2022.

# **Message from the Deputy Head Teacher**



With summer term coming to an end, we would once again like to thank you all for your continued support in making sure that your children, our pupils, have had a successful year. We understand how the Covid circumstances have made

it a difficult year for everyone involved in education and as always, our approach continues to be pupil centred as we move into the new academic year.

On returning from the summer break, we hope that the educational guidelines return to normal and allow us to continue building the strong Sutton House community that we have.

We would like to thank our external practitioners for working with us throughout this academic year, again supporting pupils in their approach to education. SUFC, Southend Combat Academy, PL1 Goal Keeping Academy (Paul and Lee), Alison & Lisa our 121 therapist, Iren SALT therapist, Southend Airport, 60-minute Mentoring, Karen - connexion and careers. We look forward to working with you all again soon.

Moving into the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and grow our Sutton House parenting group, that is able to support and embed an approach to education that can sometimes be difficult to understand. Therefore, if you are interested in having a proactive say on how Sutton House can support such areas as:

- Behaviour and rewards
- Attendance
- Bullying & Discrimination
- Uniform

Please contact Mr O'Connor, via reception, to further discuss this opportunity.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Summer Holiday and please make sure you all stay safe. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you all on the 5th September.

#### Star Class - Mr J Lee

I have recently joined Sutton House and have been getting to know the class. We have been writing poems about wolves in English and in science we have been looking at forces and linking it to the Romans. We will be building an aqueduct over the

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

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The class has a reading and spelling test each week and all the children are making great progress

last weeks of term.

### Rainbow Class – Mrs R Wyatt



The children have been looking at Myths and Legends in English and Art. Making poetry using similes and looking at creating a

poem about a woodpecker which was a character from Romulus & Remus.

In Maths, we are covering geometric shapes and calculating area and perimeter, we have re-capped time telling for digital and analogue clocks.

We have been doing some outdoor learning recently, including Bug Hunts and discussing the bugs from the local park and the school

playground area. We have also have been watching some stick insects growing in class.

# **Springboard**

We have been learning about myths including Romulus and Remus and Icarus. Pupils have written some amazing



poems which have included using expanded noun phrases, similes and fronted adverbials. We look forward to reading their myths!



Springboard enjoyed a day at Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, with the Nurture class, looking at different

animals that had been rescued and reading their stories.

#### Nurture

This term, Nurture have been learning the story of The Gingerbread Man. They have worked hard to sequence, retell and perform the story, as well as make a puppet theatre and hand puppets to act out the story.



In maths we have learnt place value, addition and subtraction using money and telling the time.



Some pupils are now confident in telling the time to 5-minute intervals and can match digital and analogue time!

We have enjoyed trips to Stubbers, Hopefield Animal Sanctuary and Adventure

Island and it was great to see pupils interact in various activities with their peers.

#### **Maths**

KS3 and KS4 have been enjoying games related to

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multiplication tables and looking at place vale to calculate large numbers. Some pupils have then progressed onto GCSE Grade 1-2 topics,

working hard on their knowledge for their exams next year.

# **Food Technology**

**Primary** The pupils have been mixing and then making shapes out of their own gingerbread, baking and then decorating them with cherries, marshmallows and icing. This has linked with the learning in Nurture.



**Year 7 & 8** Have been learning about meat pies and how foods are grown, reared, caught or

processed. Processed food meaning how wheat is harvested and turned into wheat for bread or how milk is taken from a cow and used for milk or turned into cheese.

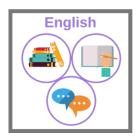
**KS4** Our Year 11s have outshone themselves by all cooking a three-course meal: Garlic bread,



followed by a roast dinner and a pudding of apple crumble and custard. They were delicious!

# **KS3 English**

The pupils have been enjoying getting to know their new classmates along with creative writing.



Dream Meal, where learning lots of new grammar along with daily spellings and then making them into funny sentences, has kept them very busy.

# **KS4** English

Recently pupils have completed their English Language GSCE mock paper and also completed their Speaking and Listening Functional Skills exams.

# **Primary PE**

Pupils have been developing their basic movement skills and abilities through athletic games and fitness activities. We have been working hard ready for Sports Day.

# Secondary PE

Have been continuing their journey through athletics, by learning the basics of cricket. Including the rules, tactics and playing an easy version of the



game, developing their team skills.

## **RSHE**

**Year 7** Have been focussing on conflict and compromises within relationships.

**Year 8** Have been looking into Human Rights and Civil Rights and learning about general rights and activists.

**Year 9-10** We have been discussing different careers and we sent pupils to Southend Airport to look at different job options.

**Year 11 H** have completed their English and Math GCSEs and we have submitted, all coursework.

#### **Kitchen Staff**

We have recently changed the three-week menu to include, new tastes and variety, this was approved by taste testing sessions with some of the pupils. We have included Meat Free Mondays for pupils to try different foods.

Not only do we provide the usual meals at lunchtime but we recently celebrated Chinese

New Year with a completely different menu which was appreciated and enjoyed by pupils and staff. We organised a 4th July celebration meal which was enjoyed by all.

# Counselling

Hello,

I am one of two counsellors in Sutton House Academy that provide one-to-one sessions for the students, offering a safe place to talk, working in a variety of ways according to the student's interests or needs. This has been my first year at SHA and it has been a successful one, working with many students and others. I am part of the school team that offers support to the students in many ways and I'm very much looking forward to another successful year from September. If you would like to know any more about counselling at the school, be sure to speak with your child's class teacher.

Best wishes Alison

# Message from Designated Safeguarding Lead



We are sad to say goodbye to another year 11 group, but excited to meet lots of new faces in our new Academic year.

Sutton House would like all students and family to have an amazing safe summer. We hope

you get to try lots of exciting new things and enjoy a bit more freedom than what we had last year. Remember should you find yourself in need of support, there are many useful links on our website. Until September, stay safe and have fun.



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www.familylives.co.uk

0808 8002222



CHILDLINE
www.childline.org.uk
0800 1111



FRANK (counselling)

www.talktofrank.com 0300 1236600



SAMARITANS (counselling)

www.samaritans.org.uk



MIND (counselling)

www.mind.org.uk 0300 1233393



**ANXIETY UK (anxiety issues)** 

www.anxietyuk.org.uk 03444775774

# **Key Dates**

### Summer Holidays

Wednesday 20th July 2022

#### Return in September 2022

Monday 5th September 2022

#### Half Term Break

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Return 7<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Christmas Break**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Return 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023