



# Sutton House Academy

July 2021

## School Summer Newsletter



### Message from our Head Teacher...

What a momentous year! We hope that 'normality' comes swiftly and our community can join us soon for lots of great achievements and displays of excellent work! Notwithstanding, our pupils have been tremendous; the commitment and energy they bring to Sutton House Academy never ceases to amaze me! A huge well done to our Year 11 cohort who leave this year with a wealth of qualifications and certificates. We wish them every success in the future!

Congratulations to our Primary and Nurture groups for excellent progress in English and Maths and fantastic to see such creative art coming from the Arts Award team!

Our Key Stage 3 pupils have made outstanding progress across all subjects and our Key Stage 4 pupils are rapidly completing qualifications to better support their applications for college and further education (including attending careers events and participating positively in our drop down days) Many pupils have made their own bikes this year and those who participate in Lego therapy have made quite complex structures. Those who have enjoyed their class pets have really taken their responsibility of care very seriously which is wonderful to watch.

All pupils have achieved well in our rewards ceremonies and the number of 100% attendance certificates has increased! Great stuff!

You will see from this newsletter Sutton House Academy has worked diligently through a very unusual year; I thank all our pupils, staff and parents/carers for their continued and very valued support. Wishing you all a safe and restful summer holidays!

**Alexis Bull, Headteacher**



### Supra-Curricular Curriculum Offer

At Sutton House Academy we have always been and will continue to be a child focused academy that puts the needs of the pupil first. As many of you are aware Sutton House academy have designed a timetable that begins to really target the EHCP needs required for a pupil to successfully develop as an individual while making sure that their academic entitlement is still met. The supra curricular offer had to be put on hold while Sutton House and the rest of the educational system dealt with the concerns of Covid 19. With the ease of Covid approaching and the new 21.22 academic year around the corner Sutton House are delighted to offer a range of supra curricular activities from September. Opportunities will begin to include boxing club, Southend United FC, One to One therapy, DOG Therapy, Speech and Language, Life Skills, Lego Therapy and Build a Bike. Moving forward Sutton House will continue to develop their supra curricular offer and we would welcome further suggestions from parents/carers. We wish you all a very happy and safe summer break and look forward to seeing you return on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

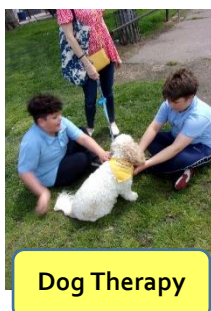
**Jack O'Connor, Deputy Head teacher**



**Kickboxing**



**Build a bike**



**Dog Therapy**



**Life Skills-  
Cooking Club**



**SUFC-  
Football**

### SHA's Twitter

If you don't already follow us, please do! There are regular posts with photos to show what all of the pupils have been getting up to each week!

Our username is [@\\_SuttonHouse\\_](#)

**Sally Roche & Janine Willett**  
Social Media Co-Ordinators



## A Message from our English Co-ordinator...

### Key stage 3

This term, Year 7 and 8s have explored a variety of stories encountering emotive ideas.

From the tragic events of friendship and loss in 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne, to the must-read whodunit 'The Case of the Caretaker's Keys', by Chris Martin, our students have engaged with character and theme and have been transported to these story worlds. Their work has also been recognised at the World Book Day event and in our celebrations assemblies.

We have ended the year on a high with the year 9s giving them a taste of what is to come in key stage 4. Year 9 have been exploring descriptive writing and learning to write analytical essays.

### Key Stage 4

We waved goodbye to our year 11 students and are eagerly awaiting their exam results.

Year 10s have had an exciting summer term looking at classic 'To Kill a Mockingbird', a coming-of-age story, an anti-racist novel and historical drama of the Great Depression. They have been tackling themes that explore power, courage and social inequality. Alongside extensive writing pieces, year 10s have had to perform speaking and listening presentations to their class which we recorded for their upcoming Functional Skills exams. We are pleased with the confidence, maturity and professionalism our students showed in this task. A huge achievement by all.

**Simon, Secondary English Lead**

## A Message from our Maths Co-ordinator...

Students have done amazingly well in maths this school year and many achieved their end of year target early and have been extended. I am absolutely blown away with the achievements that have been made. Maths hasn't all been easy this year with Covid interrupting lessons and many having to turn to online learning in order to continue. Thank you to all of you who logged in to Google Classroom and attended the live lessons. I can honestly say there is not a single student who has not seriously upped their game and producing some outstanding work. This is something you should all be very proud of.

Year 11 were not given the opportunity to take formal GCSE exams this year, however they did all do practise exams and the standard of work in those is totally outstanding. I know that you all put in 100% and I really hope that you are happy with your achievements.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all that attend maths sessions, for all their dedication and hard work. I know it can be a struggle for some of you but it will pay off for your futures. As I have said many times maths is the key to opening up your futures. You will always need it no matter what you strive to do.

**Michelle**  
**Secondary Maths Lead**

### Creative Drop Down Session

May 2021

*Our pupils absolutely loved our Creative Drop Down sessions where they participated in a range of creative activities. They were able to socialise and share creative ideas with children in other classes across the school!*



### Summer Term Drop Down Sessions

#### Literacy & Numeracy Drop Down Session- June 2021

*All Primary and Secondary pupils engaged in a range of activities around speaking and listening and times tables! It was great to see everyone getting involved and eager to practice their key skills through engaging games and adult led tasks!*

#### RHSE Drop Down Session- Relationships- July 2021

*This month, our creative drop down sessions for RHSE were linked to our SIS theme of Relationships. Across all year groups, pupils participated in activities around healthy relationships, friendships and different types of relationships!*

## Food Technology

As the year 11 are ready and armed to take their next step in furthering their education, we would like to take the opportunity to congratulate them all on the hard work and effort they have put in to the course work that will secure them a Level 2 in Food and Cookery. This term we have met with our new cohort of Year 7's who have enjoyed a taster day in the Sutton House kitchen, where they made some amazing cupcakes and met with peers and staff ahead of their September start.

Lots of fantastic cookery lesson to come and I am sure staff will be inundated with an endless supply of treats. Well done to all year groups that have enjoyed cooking lessons and also extended that joy into our Cooking club life skills keep up the hard work.

**Anne & Ivich, Cooking Teachers**



## PE

During the summer term our pupils have been developing their physical skills in athletics. We have really been working hard on our running and throwing events preparing for our Sports day at Garons Sports Centre on the 16<sup>th</sup> July!

**Blase**  
**PE Instructor**



## Primary News (KS1 & KS2)



### Literacy

Our theme for this half term has been Robin Hood. We have based our writing on this and covered comic strips, story writing and descriptive writing. We have also focused on adding speech marks, apostrophes for possession and contractions and past and present tense. We have enjoyed reading the book by Marcia Williams and watching the Disney movie. Pupils also enjoyed making masks for the characters and taking part in a hot seating activity.

### Numeracy

We have learned lots of new things in our Maths lessons this half term as well as building on what we already know. Our focus has been **time** so we have completed lots of time related tasks and many pupils can now tell the exact time accurately!



### Science & History

Our science topic has been electricity this half term. We have learnt a lot about where electricity comes from and how it travels around circuits. We also looked at the history of electricity and other famous inventors and their inventions.



Our Primary pupils have worked extremely hard this year in very difficult circumstances at times, well done to all of you! We will be losing our Year 6's who are all moving into SHA secondary from September, we will be very sad to see them leave our part of the school and wish you all the best for your next adventure!

**Rachael, Shelby, Christie & Helen**  
Primary Teachers

## Nurture Class

Nurture Class have engaged really well in Lego therapy this term, where they have worked on their Social Skills to build different models and taking turns to be the Architect, supplier and builder. Pupils also created their favourite character or scene from a film.



Our reading skills have come on in leaps and bounds this term as we have been focusing on our fluency, tone and expression when reading aloud. Finally we would like to introduce the two new additions to Nurture, Bear and Wilson our class Guinea pigs, we have been responsible for cleaning out their cage, making sure they always have food and water and playing with them so that they can be handled.



**Sarah**  
Secondary Nurture Class Teacher

## Springboard Class

Springboard have enjoyed drawing, reading and interpreting data. They have conducted surveys to find out SHA favourite Euro England football player. They then transferred this data into a bar chart and were able to explain that Sterling was the favourite followed by Kane.



In English we have been working on Fiction stories and poems about 'Our world'. They created their work and presented it in a book, which included a contents page and blurb and all pupils took a copy home to share with their families.

**Paula & Janine**  
Springboard Class Teachers

## RHSE (Relationships, Health, Sex Education)

### 'Relationships & Growing Up'

#### RHSE in KS1, KS2 & KS3

Over the Summer term, all pupils have participated in a range of discussions and activities based around growing up, puberty, relationships and sex education (Years 6-11). As children and teenagers, these conversations can be difficult, however it is more important now than ever to emphasise the importance of knowing correct information around body changes which children and teenagers go through, understand true facts relating to sex education, consent and understanding the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships. As a school, we are here to support all of our pupils during these discussions, however it is important that these topics can be openly discussed at home too. If you do require any support around sensitive topics relating to Relationships or Sex Education, please visit <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents/> there are reasons behind why pupils need to be aware of various topics whilst they are at school and the expectations are explained here. Alternatively, if you require specific support, please speak to your child's tutor/teacher. I hope you have a lovely summer holiday and positive relationships are continued to be promoted throughout!

**Sally Roche**  
RHSE Co-Ordinator

#### Personal Well-Being in KS4

Years 10 and 11 have been continuing to progress through their coursework this half term in order to gather knowledge and evidence towards gaining their NOCN Level 1 Award in Personal Well-Being. The units they have been working through are Beliefs and Values, Developing Assertiveness, Drugs and Substance Misuse, Recognising and Dealing with Bullying and Understanding Risk. I would like to wish the Year 11's the best of luck in their future and look forward to welcoming Years 7-11 in September.

**Nicola**, Secondary RHSE & Personal-Well-Being



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## Message from our SENCO

It has been a real pleasure sourcing our pupils' quality therapists, speech therapy assistants, Lego therapy and dog therapy. I hope all pupils continue to access these provisions as part of their EHCP plans.

ISP targets have been successfully achieved for many pupils and these will continue to be reviewed every term. Please continue to support your child with these at home.

Thank you to everyone who attended their Annual Review this year, it was great to see so many pupils join in also! The Hub seems to have been a success and most of you have been able to log on and see your child's EHCP.

We have continued to welcome some new pupils this term and look forward to welcoming our new starters in September.

Have a happy and safe summer!

**Sally C, SENCO**

## Message from one of our Safeguarding Leads

I would like to take the time to wish you all a lovely summer of fun and happiness.

This year has not been an easy one and I would like to say how proud I am of the Sutton House Academy students for always trying their best and continuing to support each other.

I would like everyone to try their best to stay safe over the holidays and know that Sutton House will always have its doors open to anyone needing support. Should you need additional help, I have attached some numbers that you can reach out to should it be needed....

Call or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).

**Jessica S, Designated Safeguarding Lead**



## Southend Food Bank

Please call 01702 456352 or 01702 456354 to speak to Citizens Advice Southend, a referral agency partner of Southend Foodbank, who will be able to issue you with a food voucher if necessary.

You can also email Citizens Advice Southend at: [southendinfo@citizensadvice-southend.org.uk](mailto:southendinfo@citizensadvice-southend.org.uk)

## Hellos & Goodbyes...

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Sally R (Rainbow Class Teacher), Michelle G (Secondary Maths), Tracey G (SEN Teacher) and Sally C (SENCO). We would like to wish them all the best of luck in their new adventures!

A warm hello to Kristal (Star Class) and Sophia (Rainbow Class) who will be joining as a Primary Teacher and Neve who will be teaching Secondary RHSE, Personal Development & Careers!

## Useful Links

### Family Lives

(All aspects of parenting)

[www.familylives.co.uk](http://www.familylives.co.uk)

0808 800 222

### Child Line

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

0800 1111

### Frank

(Counselling- *Drugs/Alcohol*)

[www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

0300 123 6600

### Samaritans

(Counselling- *Mental health support*)

[www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)

116123

### MIND

(Counselling- *Mental health support*)

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

0300 123 3393

### Anxiety UK

(Anxiety issues)

[www.anxietyuk.org.uk](http://www.anxietyuk.org.uk)

0344 477 5774

### Essex Coronavirus Action

(Coronavirus support- *on Facebook*)

## SHA's Contact Details

**Open Monday-Friday, 8-4pm**

**Wentworth Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS2 5LG**

**Contact number: 01702 904633**

## Arts Awards

Arts Award has been a great success this year at Sutton House Academy. Pupils have taken part in a broad range of activities and shown high levels of creativity and artistic skill. Pupils have taken part in abstract art, photography and sculpture as well as many other creative experiences. Pupils have learnt about different artists and have shared with others the amazing art work they have created. Thanks to all the pupils who have worked so hard this strange year and hope you continue to be creative and imaginative forever.

**Adam Packer, Arts Award Teacher**



## 2021/22 Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021 INSET Day Non-Pupil Day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Roald Dahl Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 National Poetry Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 Pupils return to school	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Jeans for Genes Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 RHSE Drop Down Sessions
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Youth Mental Health Day	W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Recycling Week	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 Last Day of Autumn 1
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September Creative Drop Down Sessions	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021 Literacy Drop Down Sessions	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021 Pupils return to school for Autumn 2