

# NEWSLETTER

24 JANUARY 2025

## PSHEE AND FUTURE PATHWAYS

This term our focus is very much on Careers and our Year 12s are looking at financial skills to complement their Future Pathways work.

Mrs Ryzak-McGhee has offered the students an opportunity for additional learning through a course on corporate finance; she is currently gauging interest so please encourage your young person to let her know if they'd like to participate. This will comprise approximately 12x 30-minute sessions, covering topics including saving and borrowing, banking, equities, bonds, derivatives, markets, fund management, foreign exchange and insurance, among others. It will be based on a course offered by the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment and the students will be able, if they wish, to sit an exam on Introduction to Corporate Finance afterwards.

**Have you seen your student's UniFrog account yet?** This is a fantastic destination platform that we are using; if you haven't, do ask them to show you. UniFrog helps our students compare every university course, apprenticeship, and Further Education course, both in the UK and internationally. It is also a platform on which they can record the activities they have done to support a job or university application as well as supporting with their CV writing and interview skills. So far this term, they completed skills and personality profiles so that Unifrog can tailor the platform to their interests. They have also spent time researching the various scholarships, bursaries and academic competitions that businesses and universities offer.

## CLUBS ASSEMBLY

We encourage our students to take the lead on clubs at SuMS, from establishing interest in them, to gathering sign-ups, to making them happen! Yesterday in our Assembly we heard from Basketball and Netball first, where students were encouraged to join the teams and get their daily quota of fresh air and exercise during the school day. Robotics clubs showed us some of the devices they've been making, and Tyler won a game of Pong which had been coded by Oliver. Oliver doesn't study computer science so it is great to see coding skills being developed beyond core studies.



## INSET DAYS

We have two INSET days coming up; Wednesday 29 January and Monday 3 February. On both days we will be involved in interviewing some of our applicants for September 2025 - this is very exciting indeed! Also, those students who are participating in their DofE Award at SuMS will be at school undertaking their Expedition Training Day with School of Outdoors - also very exciting! We strongly encourage our students to use their INSET days to rest and recover. They are all working very hard and we hope that they will choose to use these days as time to do something that brings them joy and gather their energy.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- DofE training day (SILVER & GOLD) - 29 Jan
- INSET day - 29 January
- DofE Expedition - 2nd instalment due - 31 Jan
- INSET day - 3 February
- Managing Needs event - 6 February
- Half-term break - 17-21 February
- Progress Check 2 - 24-27 February
- DofE Expedition - 3rd instalment due - 28 Feb