

NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

4 JULY 2025

On Tuesday we all enjoyed a very warm **Sports Day** (well, afternoon!) at Surrey Sports Park. Our students threw themselves with gusto into inter-house rounders games, cheered one another on and celebrated the winning house - Hamilton!

Hamilton continued their winning streak on Thursday by running an excellent **house assembly** for the whole school. The theme was "the origins of mathematics" and their presentation covered some very wide-ranging topics. Thank you to Oscar, Santi, Jayson, Dila, Ben and Josh for teaching us all some new and interesting facts.

On Wednesday and Friday this week we hugely enjoyed hosting our **offer holders at Wild Wood** in Stoke Park. It was really lovely to see them challenging themselves, building new friendships and having fun - in both rain and shine. We are excited for them to join SuMS in September and we know already that our wonderful students (our new Y13s!) will make them very welcome.



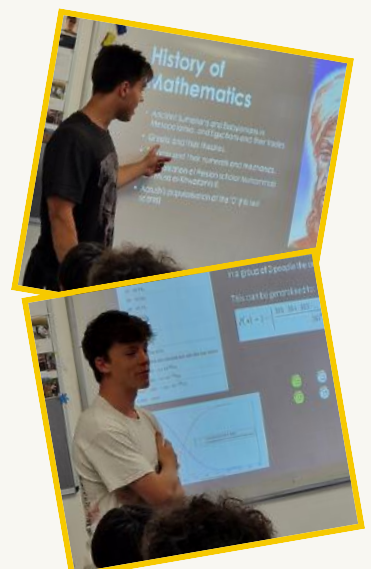
We promised you that we would share lots of photos from our fabulous **SPQ Presentations Event** and you can now [find them here](#). You will also find some of the brilliant literature reviews that our students produced. We are immensely proud of the standard of their work, as we know you are too.

We've also added another feature to the website this week that we hope you will find helpful; the [newsletters page](#). Here you will always find the most recent newsletter as well as all of the current academic year's back copies. We hope that this will enable you to quickly refer back to any previous information that we have shared with you, as part of our commitment to building and maintaining strong relationships with all of our parents/carers.

COMING SOON

On **Tuesday 8 July**, SuMS students will join Y12s from the Imperial, Lancaster and Kings Maths Schools for a **bespoke day of futures-focused events based at Kings Maths School**. Our students have the option to travel together with a member of staff from Guildford station and be returned by the same route, or to meet at Waterloo station and be dismissed at the end of the event to make their own way home. Please check with your young person which option they have chosen and let us know if you would prefer that they change this.

They will spend the morning attending careers workshops specifically aimed at maths school students and hearing a key note lecture from [Dr Nira Chamberlain OBE](#) on "The mathematics that can stop an AI apocalypse". Students have chosen whether they would like to be accompanied over lunch or have free time.



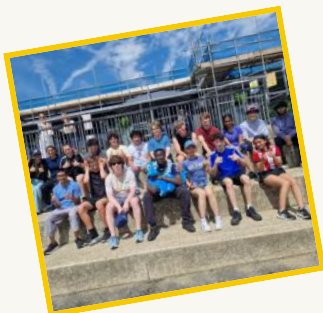


The afternoon is comprised of workshops run by staff across the various schools which our students have signed up for and will be allocated in advance. These are designed to support students mingling and learning new skills, focussing on a calming activity or, in the case of inter-school sport, having some healthy competition! They need only bring water and something to make notes, and a packed lunch if they do not intend to buy it independently when there. **Any student who would like financial support from the school in arranging travel for the event should speak to Ms Kettleborough in advance.**

On **Thursday 10 July** we are taking our students to the Woking Superbowl for an **end-of-term celebration event**. Students will be transported there by our usual coach company and accompanied throughout the event by staff. Most students will participate in a game of laser tag and we have given the option to go bowling instead for anyone who would prefer that. Afterwards we will all head to Pizza Express to enjoy some food together. The students have been asked to select their choice of meal already and we will also provide a soft drink. There is no charge for this; it is our way of thanking them for a year of tremendously good work, community building and SuMS spirit. Afterwards they will be dismissed to make their own way home; we will accompany any students back to Woking station who would benefit from a little extra support.



On **Friday 11 July** please note that we will have normal lessons until lunchtime and **term will finish at 13.15**, with coaches returning the students to Guildford station as usual.



This week you received an email from Ms Kettleborough inviting you to respond to our parent/carer survey. It is very important to us that we hear your views on SuMS; what is working well and any areas in which we could improve. We would be grateful if you could please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by Friday 11 July please.

AND FINALLY...

We are delighted to announce that **Dr Kirby** will be taking on additional responsibility in September, in the role of **Teacher of Projects (SPQ and EPQ)**. We know he will be wonderful in this important role and will add enormous value to the "Future Pathways" stream of work here at SuMS.

We are also excited to **congratulate two of our colleagues** who are moving on to fresh challenges in September; Mr George and Mr Roach. **Mr George** is heading off to pastures new and joining a school in Thailand in September. We wish him the very best with his new role.

Mr Roach is retiring from the Education sector after a long and very successful career. Not only has he worked as a teacher, senior leader and Director of Education within the trust, he launched the "Maths School project" and was responsible for taking it from being a concept, to gaining full DofE approval and funding, to opening day in September 2024. SuMS would almost certainly not exist were it not for him and we will miss him enormously. His sense of aspiration, his authenticity and his love for educating young people are truly woven into the DNA of SuMS.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Careers Fair visit - 8 July - mandatory for all students
- End of term trip - 10 July
- Last day of term for students - 11 July (13.15)
- Parent/carer survey deadline - 11 July
- Term starts for Y13 - FRIDAY 5 SEP

- **Planned absence:** please request via MCAS - *min. 48 hours notice*
- **Unplanned absence:** please report via office@surreymathsschool.co.uk by 8.30am - *every day of absence*