

# NEWSLETTER

21 MARCH 2025

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

There have been so many really positive initiatives taking place over the last week! Here is a taster of what's been happening...

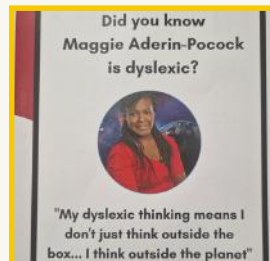
Last Friday, Mr George set up some group interview practice sessions during Future Pathways. Many students find group interviews quite daunting, so learning and practising the skills involved is invaluable to them. The session was designed to get them talking, then reflecting on what interviewers will be looking for.



The Mental Health Foundation is a UK-based charity dedicated to promoting good mental health and addressing mental health issues. Last week, they ran a training session for six of our students to become Wellbeing Advocates for our school. Their role will be to lead wellbeing and mental health initiatives for SuMS and act as a bridge between staff and students concerning mental health initiatives. The workshop included information and activities surrounding knowledge of mental health,

safeguarding and how to open conversations with their peers to talk about these sensitive issues. They also discussed how to run events and initiatives to support positive mental health and wellbeing at SuMS. We were very impressed with how thoughtful, reflective and collaborative the team were during the workshop and we look forward to working with them to support our SuMS community.

At assembly on Monday we celebrated Neurodiversity Week, a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences, and celebrates the many skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals. We are very proud of our inclusive culture at SuMS, and this is something that will always be a part of who we are.



Outreach is an integral part of our work at SuMS. Alongside the amazing volunteering taking place at Guildford Grove there are a number of programs taking place, including Year 8 Maths Circles, Year 12 Problem Solving at Guildford County and our Royal Institute Primary Masterclass investigating the scale of the moon. Watch this space for more outreach updates, as we strive to raise the profile of STEM in Surrey.

Excitingly, tomorrow sees the first of our offer-holder events for next year's cohort. We are very grateful to our Year 12 students who have volunteered to support the event and we know that they will add an invaluable perspective on life at SuMS for our new joiners. Thank you!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Offer Holders social event - 22 Mar
- Hampton Court Half Marathon - 23 Mar
- Parent/carer subject meetings - 28 Mar
- Gold DofE Practical training - 30 Mar
- End of term - 4 Apr (13.00)
- First day of term - Tuesday 22 Apr

Please note that the term dates for next year (2025-26) are now published [on the website, here](#).