

NEWSLETTER

17 JANUARY 2025

CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to Nora and Sahar on their appointment as Visiting Teaching Fellows in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences at the University of Surrey. The partnership between the University and SuMS is a significant feature of the school's work and formalising this relationship through these two appointments is a great achievement. We are immensely proud of our wonderful Co-Headteachers!



FUTURE PATHWAYS ACTIVITIES



We are delighted that some of our students have already started visiting universities to think about their next steps. On Wednesday, 9 of our girls headed off to "It All Adds Up", an open day at Oxford University. Please remember that we will grant each student up to 2 days out of school for Future Pathways activities. Because we are expecting students to arrange these trips themselves, according to the research that they each want to do, we would ask you to please submit the Approved Absence Request form each time; getting these absences authorised remains the responsibility of parents and carers. [You can find the form here](#), and if you have any questions about this please drop us an email on office@surreymathsschool.co.uk.

ADMISSIONS

We are thrilled to have had almost 200 applicants sit our aptitude test in the last week. This bodes very well for our next cohort - when your young person will be in Year 13! - and we want to say a big thank you to the students that supported our aptitude test at the University of Surrey last Saturday. It makes a real difference to applicants to be able to speak to students who are already at SuMS, and we have received several emails complimenting them on their helpful, proactive and enthusiastic support. We think they are pretty special!



SUPER-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



As you may know already our students are getting actively involved in lots of super-curricular activities; not least the Chemistry Olympiad that is coming up soon, and the Physics Olympiad in March. We also have two teams entering the Oxford Union Schools' Debating Competition. It is very exciting to see your young people representing SuMS in so many varied ways!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Many of the students doing their DofE Awards with us have made a good start on their sectional activities but some still need to get them uploaded into eDofE and approved. If your young person is doing their Award, please chat to them about it - find out what they are planning and ask if they need support! We are here to help and Mrs Stapledon is busy finding opportunities for Skills and Volunteering to ensure that everyone has something interesting and meaningful to get involved with.

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