

NEWSLETTER

2 MAY 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This week we have enjoyed several very positive events (as well as the glorious sunshine!), ranging from outreach sessions to a future-focussed talk for our Year 12s.

- ★ **On Wednesday** we hosted the next event in our offer holders programme; an **online information session**. It was exciting to share more about life at SuMS (including excellent inputs from Daniya and Jayson) and to hear everyone's questions. We are thrilled to continue building the SuMS community with these wonderful young people and their families. Please note that we will share the slides and recording from this event early next week.
- ★ **During yesterday's assembly** we had a **presentation from UCL**, to hear all about university living in central London, from the application process, to student accommodation, to the hundreds of student clubs and societies they have on offer. In sport students had their first session of the new term, which saw many students trying out a new option - see photos!
- ★ **Today** we welcomed around 40 Year 8 and Year 9 pupils from local schools to a day of **Maths Team Challenges** at the University of Surrey. We tested their ability to problem solve and think creatively under pressure. Mr Tizard hosted this event to inspire and engage younger pupils and we've already had brilliant feedback from the pupils and the teachers who accompanied them. It was great to meet some future SuMS students and give out prizes!
- ★ **Finally**, we have a very exciting, **ongoing outreach project** in which Ms Cameron is working with Year 6 pupils at Guildford Grove. They are looking at the Maths of the built environment, using plans and models to construct a mini University. We are loving supporting this wonderful local school.



COMING SOON!

On the 13 May we will host an **online UCAS information session** for parents/carers. Your young person will already have been taken through this information as part of our Future Pathways programme and we are keen to enable you to support them with their applications. The session will run from 18.45-19.30, and you don't need to book in advance to attend; just [click this link](#) to join the session.

Yesterday Mrs Stapledon emailed you about our **SPQ Presentations Event** on the 19 June. We would love to welcome as many parents/carers as possible to this exciting event which gives our Year 12s the opportunity to showcase the fantastic work that they have been doing in the prestigious surroundings of the University of Surrey. Please [RSVP by 5 June](#) to tell us if you are able to join us!

We are tremendously excited to announce our **Helen Sharman lecture** on the 23 June. Helen became the first British Astronaut in May 1991, aged 27, when she spent 8 days orbiting the Earth. Helen will enthuse our students about space, STEM and the wonders of science as she takes them on her journey, describing the meticulous training, preparation, launch and landing, how weightlessness feels, her science experiments, the team spirit and readjusting to life back on Earth. All current SuMS students will be attending, as will many offer holders and students from other local and U-Maths schools.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Bank Holiday - Mon 5 May
- End of year exams - w/c Mon 19 May
- Half-term - w/c Mon 26 May
- DofE practice expeditions - 2-4 June
- Mock SPQ presentations - 10 Jun
- SPQ presentations - 19 Jun
- INSET day - 30 June