

NEWSLETTER

7 FEBRUARY 2025

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome Margareth Mayersbeth 'officially' this week as our Admissions and Attendance Officer. She has been working with us at SuMS for a good few weeks already, in the late afternoons, and is now with us full-time. She will be leading on attendance management (so you will see her name frequently when you contact us via office@surreymathsschool.co.uk) and driving the admissions process for our incoming cohort. Mrs Mayersbeth has lots of invaluable experience of working in schools, and is also mum to two teenagers, so she is already enjoying getting to know our wonderful students. We are thrilled to have her on the team and know that you will make her very welcome.



Managing Needs Event

We are looking forward to welcoming you to this afternoon's online session. In this event led by Sarah Bourne, our school SEND Co-Ordinator (SENDCo), we will discuss the concept of Neurodiversity, specifically thinking about how we may recognise neurodivergent traits in our young people - including their significant strengths as well as areas that may pose challenge. We will consider how to discuss these ideas with young people, explore the different support avenues available and consider what a diagnostic pathway may look like.



This session will run **today at 1600-1645**. There will be a short presentation followed by Q&A. If you would like to ask a question anonymously beforehand, please submit it using [this form](#). You don't need to register to attend, you can just join the conversation by clicking here: [Join the meeting](#). If you are unable to join us, please look out for a recording of the session that we will share.

Student-led activities

This week has seen many wonderful student-led activities taking place. FemSoc had a successful first meeting, the students thoroughly enjoyed a lunchtime treasure hunt and today our House Chess competition was closely fought at lunchtime! Congratulations to Hamilton, the worthy winners, closely followed by Murphy in second place, Burnell in third and Birkar in fourth. The Student Council has also organised a fabulous fundraiser themed around Valentine's Day - you will hear more about this next week!



PROGRESS CHECKS



Our next set of Progress Checks will take place in the first week back after the half-term break. This week we have shared lots of revision resources with the students, as well as an outline of what each subject's assessment will look like. Please do talk to your young person about this, to make sure that they are comfortable with how the Progress Checks will run and what revision they need to do to gain the result that they would like. As always, their teachers and tutors are here to support them, so if they have any questions or concerns please encourage them to talk to someone early next week.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Managing Needs event - 7 February
- Half-term break - 17-21 February
- Progress Check 2 - 24-27 February
- DofE Expedition - 3rd instalment due - 28 February
- UK University & Apprenticeship Search - 4 March
- Speaker event - New Orbit Space Ltd - 6 March