

THE HOOT

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Wise Words

There is a magic about Sutton Grammar School that is clearly on display in this edition of *The Hoot*. But this magic is a product of the fulsome participation of the students, leadership and role-modelling of Sixth Formers and the hard work and dedication of amazing staff, and the support of our families. Thank you all.

The culmination of all our House competitions has been totted up today and the House Shield will be presented in assembly. Manor scored 187, Lenham 200, joint second are Throwley and Greyhound, both on 203, and the winners on 220 points are Warwick. Congratulations!

Can I take this opportunity to thank Marie Brass and Alanna Talats for all their creativity and endeavour producing *The Hoot* over this year. I know you'll agree it's a very welcome addition to our communications with you.

Have a happy, healthy and restful summer break. Good luck to all those receiving public exam results over the holidays.

Keep Faith.

Ben Cloves
Headmaster



A note from Music



(Pictured above) Students from 7W in the Indonesian Gamelan Workshop

The Music department has welcomed Inspire-works this week to deliver World Music workshops to our key stage 3 classes. Year 8 explored West and South African drumming from Zimbabwe to Ghana during Activities Week, Year 7 participated in an Indonesian gamelan workshop and Year 9 had sessions in Brazilian samba music. It has been fantastic for the students to get an authentic experience of music from different cultures and to appreciate the importance of music and its universality.

SGS wins U12 Surrey Plate

By Sachin Mankertz (7T)



(Pictured above & below) Year 7 Cricket team with the Surrey Schools Cricket Association U12 Plate

We lost the toss and the Rutlish school team chose to bat. They had an excellent start, with their openers reaching 30-0 after just 3 overs. We then fought back strongly and picked up both their openers, one for 6 and one for 32. Although they continued to pick up some quick runs, we chipped in regularly with wickets and managed to get them 52-8 after 10 overs at drinks. After 2 more wickets, they were bowled out for 63. Everyone chipped in with wickets, however the standout performer was Thomas, whose figures were an amazing 5-3 in 4 overs. Rayyan got 2-7 and Rohit got 1-5 and it was a great team performance.

We then began our innings and we started off steadily with myself and Ali opening. We were 6-0 before 3 quick wickets fell. We were always up with the rate, the only problem could be the wickets but when I fell for 41 we were 57-4, well in control. We did then get a little bit stuck and were 61-4 after 12 overs. Worryingly 2 more wickets fell leaving us at 62-6, just 2 runs away. It took a bit of time but then Tanay played a beautiful cover drive for 4 to crown SGS as champions!



Heads of Year messages

As we come to the end of this academic year it's a perfect time to reflect on the achievements of our students. Our Heads of Year would like to share their thoughts and highlights from this year in the messages below.



Year 7 - Ms Adil

Year 7 have done absolutely brilliantly with their first year of secondary school and it has been an absolute pleasure to be their Head of Year and to teach Manor and Lenham Geography. We have had a full and busy but enjoyable year, with the Challenge Day where the boys impressed with their cooking skills and sports day where everyone got involved and demonstrated some impressive feats of athleticism! We had Activities Week where the students enjoyed different days in the UK, and the France trip which I had the pleasure of accompanying and seeing the boys experience so many different things. The students have done so well with their end-of-year exams and over the year I have had the pleasure of seeing them mature, flourish and thrive at Sutton Grammar. They are becoming more independent and turning into role models for the younger students as they go higher up in the school. They have all thrown themselves into wider school life and it has been lovely to see them enjoying various clubs and activities, and achieving in sports, music and more.

I am very much looking forward to seeing them grow in Year 8 and to continue teaching some of them Geography, and will miss being their Head of Year.

Year 8 - Mr Robson

Year 8 have had an extremely positive attitude around the school this year. They entertained greatly in 'Treasure Island', have cared for the planet with the 'Green Team' and have bolstered their literacy with the Graphic Novel Club and outstanding House Poetry entries. Their flair for art continues with the Fourth Plinth Awards and Royal Academy Art selection. On the field they have excelled in Borough Athletics and every form produced creative First Give Campaigns with Karaoke and many cake sales enjoyed by the whole SGS community. What a fantastic year.

Year 9 - Mr Robson

Year 9 have performed extremely well this year, impressing with their overall punctuality and effort. They have embraced the full range of SGS activities, with successes in the Chess Club, Sutton Arts Council, Fantasy Wings Programme and producing #ICanEngineer winners. They were super on the ski trip to Italy, with many mastering skiing for the first time and we have record numbers running DofE expeditions. CCF camps have been full and with the first ever Year 9 ball boys at Wimbledon it has been a bumper year. They certainly need a rest before starting their GCSE courses in September.

Year 10 - Mr Marsh

Year 10 have excelled in all areas this year and managed to run a successful campaign through the Student Voice. Work Experience went down a treat and they were fantastic at Wimbledon as ball boys as well. Some excellent sporting success was also had with progression in the Track and Field Cup and they also won the Borough Cup for Football. They were excellent stand-in prefects and were also brilliant school representatives at Borough Sports. I hope they all have a restful summer ahead of the busy GCSE year.

Year 11 - Mr Marsh

Year 11 have battled through what has been a very intense year. With contingency TAGs and the threat of cancelled exams hanging over them, they have gone through the whole process with very little complaint and taken it all in their stride. After being their Head of Year for three of their five school years so far, it has been a pleasure to watch them grow into mature young adults. We wish them the best of luck in the results in the summer and look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Year 12 - Ms Kemp-Gee

Well done Year 12, on the flair and determination you have shown in stepping up to Sixth Form study this year. You have embarked upon ambitious and challenging programmes of study which reflect your ability and potential. And your industriousness in developing your extra- and supercurricular interests has been truly impressive. It has been fabulous getting to know you all, whilst navigating the exciting parts of Sixth Form life (such as the introduction to UCAS and post-18 choices) as well as the more taxing aspects (namely end of Year 12 exams!); I think you are a fantastic year group. I look forward to welcoming you back in September, when you will enter your final, and arguably busiest, year at Sutton Grammar School. Before that though I wish you a long and restful summer!

Year 13 - Mrs McDonald

Many thanks for sharing your Sixth Form journey with me. It has been a joy to see how you overcame the challenges of the last two years, and I am proud of your many successes. You coped magnificently with not sitting your GCSEs, multiple lockdowns, TAGS 1 + 2 and still came out smiling! You are stoic, epic and amazing. The Leavers' Dinner was a very special evening – you all looked stunning, so happy, and more than ready to go out into the big, wide world. Do keep in touch and remember we are still here for you whenever you need us. I wish you all the magical summer you deserve and will see you in August.

Out-of-school support

We recognise that the school holidays can be difficult for some. If you are feeling low or unsafe, it is important you talk to someone and let them know how you feel.

Sometimes it can be difficult to talk to friends and family so here are some other contacts and the link to our school signposting page.

<https://sites.google.com/suttongrammar.london/sgs-signposting/home>

School Nurse Duty Line - 020 8770 5409

Childline – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123

Hopeline – 0800 068 4141

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

CAMHS – 0203 513 3800

www.talkofftherecordonline.org

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.kooth.com

www.papyrus-uk.org



Sports Day 2022

On Thursday, 7 July and under a sometimes cloudless sky we saw the return of a normal Sports Day. Following the last few years of Covid restrictions, it was fantastic to see so many parents back at our annual sporting event. The participation from the students was excellent from all year groups. Every competitor was amazing and all students gave their all, showing amazing sportsmanship during the day's events and the atmosphere was buzzing throughout. Congratulations to Warwick, who were the winning house of Sports Day 2022.



News from SGS PTA

PTA activities have continued right up to the end of term, with the Summer Raffle draw held last Friday and second-hand uniform and refreshments teams present at one or both of Sports Day and the BBQ for incoming Year 7s and their families.



The Mock Tests car parking team are still looking for a few extra volunteers to support Mock 11+ Tests sessions on 30 July, 1 & 5 August. If you can spare a couple of hours on any of these days, please indicate your availability on the Doodle poll here: <https://doodle.com/meeting/organize/id/elOglRld>

The PTA Committee is keen to recruit some new members to help support our social and fundraising events next academic year. If you are interested in finding out more (without commitment), please contact chair@sgspta.com.

Canteen news

We have been advised by Harrisons, our canteen caterers, that the price of a school meal will be changing in September. A main meal will be increasing from £2.05 to £2.19 and the meal deal, which includes dessert, will increase from £2.70 to £2.89. Please ensure that your child has sufficient funds on their Parent Pay account to cover the cost rise.

Higher Education Fair

By Chris Gebka (12A)



On Friday, 24 June, Year 12 spent the better half of the day at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, although rather than watching an exhilarating game of football, we were invited to the Higher Education Fair. The fair hosted various universities from across the country, some large and some small but all eager to persuade students onto their courses; verbally or with the aid of freebies. Free seminars also took place throughout the day, covering topics ranging from writing your personal statement to life at a Russell Group university to doing an apprenticeship.

Personally, my favourite part of the day wasn't discussing university options or balancing the hundreds of prospectuses on my aching arms or even stashing as many free pens as possible into give-away tote bags, but it was discovering the numerous career possibilities out there. As a STEM student, it seemed almost counter-intuitive to talk to a university which is centered around fashion. However, after a short conversation with them, I was able to find out about career paths in the dye and textiles industry, bridging the gap between science and art. And in my opinion that was what the fair was about. To me it wasn't just a day of trying to hunt down your top five universities and extract as much information as you could on how to get in, but it was a real opportunity to broaden one's horizons beyond what they would expect.

Year 8 House Physics

As the sun beat down on SGS, five teams of Year 8s were furiously building their boats for the final round of House Physics 2022. With Lenham holding a precarious lead and Greyhound and Warwick desperate for victory, it was always going to be a hard-fought round. Sadly for the Year 8s sweltering in heat, construction involved using hot-melt glue guns and soldering irons, so temperatures soared. Despite that difficulty (and several teams being stuck in Spain for a few days), the boats were finished and the first round judging took place. Warwick won the best design, Lenham took aesthetics, Throwley won on budget, with Greyhound taking the prize for team work. However, the most important question is 'Does the boat work?'



In the pool looks don't count; only performance. Over a one-metre distance, the quickest boat was easily Throwley, which was judged the ugliest boat, with Lenham's capsizing as soon as it was put in the water and chugging in with the worst time. The 'furthest distance travelled down the pool' round was a nail-biter. All boats were released simultaneously (pictured above). Warwick stormed into the lead, with most others twirling in circles and getting jammed against the side-rails. Lenham, still upside down, slowly plodded onwards, eventually overtaking Warwick, which had decided that they wanted to turn around in circles too. Throwley, caught against the rails, were suddenly freed when their propeller finally got fed up of being repeatedly beaten into the metal rail and half of it snapped off. Released from the grip of the rail, they shot off with their half-propeller, finally dying in second place, much to the annoyance of Warwick. Adding all the points up puts Throwley in 1st, Warwick and Lenham in joint 2nd, Manor in 4th and Greyhound last in 5th.

Adding their points to the overall scoreboard gives us:

1st	Lenham	21.5
2nd	Warwick	19.5
2nd	Greyhound	17
3rd	Throwley	16.5
4th	Manor	15.5

Lenham are victorious, despite an embarrassing performance in Year 7, with the other houses either proud of their achievements or rueing their apathy earlier in the year. Throwley managed to avoid the wooden spoon by sneaking past Manor. Lenham's prize is maximum points towards the House Shield. Congratulations to all who took part; you've thoroughly impressed me.

Move Up Day

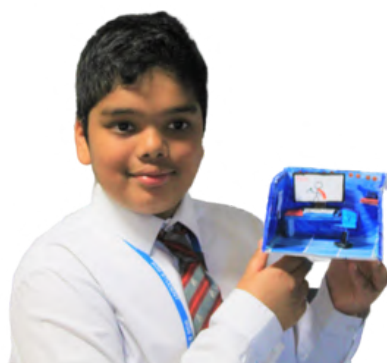
It was lovely to welcome back our Year 11 students for Move Up Day last week. They enjoyed taster lessons in their A Level option subjects and a session with Mr Humphries regarding Personal Development in the Sixth Form. There was also an opportunity for Year 11 students to ask questions of Year 12 students in their subject specialisms. We hope they picked up some pearls of wisdom. We had a great turnout with all students enjoying the day and feeling fully prepared for A Level study.

Young Artists' Summer Show - Royal Academy

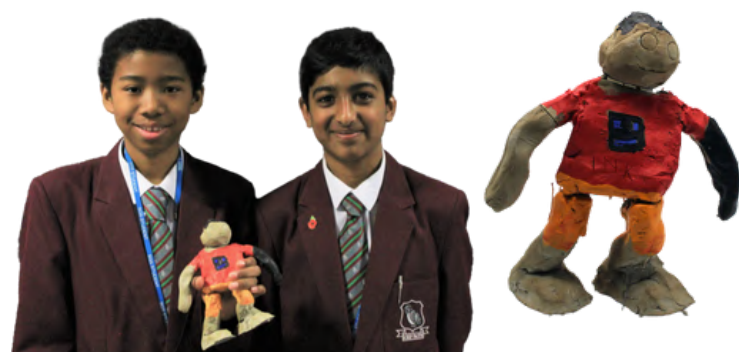
Huge congratulations to our students (pictured right and below) who were chosen from 21,000 art submissions to appear in the Royal Academy's Young Artists' Live Summer Show.

The judges were overwhelmed by the passion, insight and skill in the artworks they saw, and all expressed how difficult it was selecting the 519 artworks now exhibited online. Rebecca Salter, President of the RA, has awarded a variety of prizes to this year's artists and you can vote for your favourite artworks in the annual People's Choice Award.

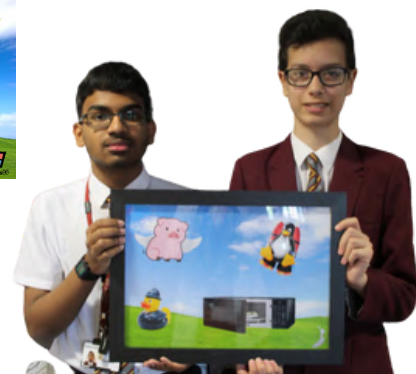
This exhibition is a showcase and celebration of the imagination and creativity of young artists. Please click [here](#) to take a look at the online exhibition.



My Gaming Room by Venkat Vikrant Maddu (Y7)
Styrofoam, markers, clay and sequins



Football Player by Marcus Nyirend & Mubashir Arshad (Y7)
Painted Clay Sculpture



Inside the mind of a genius by Sej Kajan and Ethan Chaffer (Y9)
Digital piece



Climate Change by James Damiral (Y8)
Sugar-paper and charcoal

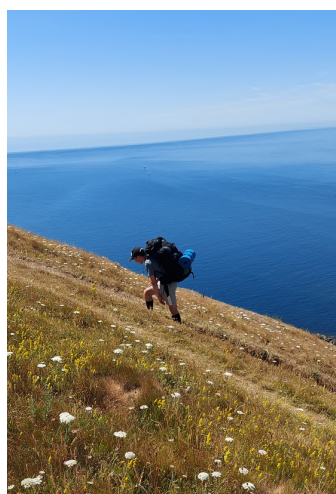


3D time by Oscar Waudby (Y9)
Cardboard cut out and markers

DofE final expedition

On the hottest weekend of the year so far, Year 9 boys in Wave 3 completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition programme, walking nearly 30km along the stunning Jurassic Coast Path and around Corfe Castle. Despite the heat, the boys remained positive and good-humoured, finding the energy for a football game at their campsite on Saturday night and only occasionally suffering navigational errors that added kilometres to their walks but worked really well to support each other along the hilly route.

They are all to be commended for their efforts and all passed the qualifying expedition. This marks the end of a two-month expedition programme, starting with their training at the end of May and a practice expedition in the New Forest at the end of June before Activities Week. All teams have done exceptionally well and many are looking forward to starting their Silver Award in Year 10. Many thanks to Mr Marshall, Mr Turner and Mr Denton for running this weekend.



(Pictured above left to right) Walking the hilly route but with spectacular views, and some of the Year 9 students setting off.

First Give winners



On Monday 4 July, Year 8 pupils took part in the First Give project final. A group from each form had the chance to win £1000 for their chosen charity, if their presentation on the relevant issues and social action caught the judges' eyes. In the end it was the 8W group (pictured above) who won the prize for their charity. A special mention also to Roddy Douglas, who was commended for his excellent presenting skills. Well done to all Year 8s and we look forward to running the project again next year.

House Swimming Gala

It has been the perfect weather for our House Swimming Gala and by levels of cheering that could be heard from the pool, it was enjoyed by everyone taking part. All swimmers gave an excellent account of themselves, not just in their swimming performance but also in the support they gave their teammates and the applause for everyone taking part.



Chessington trip

By Jack Jenkins (7L)

On Friday, 1 July, our final day of Activities Week, we headed to Chessington for opening time. We spent lots of time with our friends and we all loved the rides. The teachers were very scared on some of the rides! My favourite ride was Dragon's Dury. It was great.



(Pictured above from left to right) A very relaxed looking Ms Corkery, Mr Pletts, Mr Humphries and Mr Robson looking rather scared and a terrified-looking Mr Turner.

SEND newsletter



Please click [here](#) to read the latest summer edition of the local area *Ambitious for SEND* parents' newsletter from Sutton Council. If these newsletters are of interest please [register](#) here to receive the colourfully formatted version automatically to your inbox.

Greenpower

By Oscar Miller (8W)

As part of Activities Week, some Year 8s were allowed to drive the Greenpower race car, built by the Sixth Form Greenpower team, around the playground. We also acted as safety marshals and pit crew for the car.

The car itself is built from a steel-framed kit car and uses a single electric motor and a pair of batteries to power the rear left wheel. Bicycle brakes are connected to the front wheels and are controlled by a lever on the left of the steering wheel. A red button on the right side of the wheel controls the cars acceleration. The single motor is linked to an axle via a 1:4 ratio pair of gears linked by a chain but other ratios are available to change the acceleration and top speed characteristics of the car.

After going through an explanation of how the car worked and watching one of the Sixth Form drivers take the car around the playground, we each had a turn in the car, driving four laps before pulling into the pits for the motor temperature and battery voltage to be checked. The track was a simple oval and was sectioned off from the rest of the playground with marshals dotted behind the cones and fences.

Drivers wore racing helmets, gloves, and racing suits for those wearing shorts (to protect their legs from steering rack movement) and were held in the car by a four-point racing harness. Marshals wore high-visibility jackets and the pit crew held either a thermometer or voltmeter to record either the temperature or voltage from the car.



When inside the car, we sat close to the ground and used only the steering wheel, accelerator and brake to drive the car. The ride was very bumpy but this helped to make it feel like a race car. Over a lap, we accelerated hard on the two straights before braking and turning into the 180-degree corners. After hitting the apex of the line we had taken, we accelerated out of the corner and onto the straight. The car was incredibly fun to drive and from behind the wheel it felt extremely fast.

The whole group enjoyed our afternoon in the Greenpower car and, other than a pause to let the motor cool down and a very minor incident where one wheel hit one of the cones and knocked it aside, the afternoon went without a hitch.

On behalf of all the students who drove the car, I would like to thank the SGS Greenpower team of Sixth Formers and Mr Burton for organising and running the amazing afternoon.

Activities Week

We are taking this opportunity to share some photos with you that hopefully show the enjoyment that everyone had during this year's Activities Week. From the two foreign language trips, to a whole timetable of theme parks, museums and sporting activities, it was an action-packed week for everyone. A massive thank you to all the staff, including our finance team, who put a great deal of work into making it a fantastic week. Thanks to the teachers who led or supported days and especially to Mr Blunt for bringing it all together. And thank you to all the students who took part whole-heartedly. It was a week that put a lot of smiles on a lot of faces.



Cartoon Museum

By Sean Martin (7T)



During Activities Week, my class went to the Cartoon Museum. In the Cartoon Museum, we were able to view many cartoons from many different generations. In these cartoons there were both many familiar faces, such as Boris Johnson, and many unfamiliar and original characters as well. A lot of these cartoons certainly brought great smiles to my face, and barely any went unnoticed. After we viewed many examples, we were also able to make our own cartoons with our own original characters. Before we did that though, first we had to learn how to draw some simple cartoon characters (pictured above), so we were supported by an employee who taught us just that. The way you would do it would be to first draw some incredibly simple shapes like ovals and rectangles and even just some simple lines, but then you would gradually improve the shape and details by adding to those first shapes. Overall, it was an incredible and really fun experience and I would recommend this place to everyone, as no matter what interests you have, anyone will love it.

German rap

By Vishwajeet Singh (7L)

I found doing the German rap during Activities Week quite exhilarating as I found rapping on stage fun. I really enjoyed the fact that we got to do our own rap tunes and lyrics. This was also a good learning experience as we experimented with new German words. We also made our own dance moves.



(Pictured above) Year 7 students performing their German rap with dance moves

CCF Main Camp 2022

By Liam Sahai (9T)

Main camp this year was at West Tofts Defence Training Estate. The first day was just arriving and settling in. By settling in, I mean: unpacking your bags; being told what water is drinkable; where the toilets are; and most importantly, testing how breakable the lights are. After a tiring day of travel and making ourselves at home, I got possibly the worst night of sleep of my life. Lights out was at 10.30pm but some members of my room thought it would be a good idea to stay up until 1am. On top of that, someone had an alarm set for 4.30am because they needed 'time for a shower' – bear in mind breakfast isn't until 6.50am.

The first two days were spent refining and practising skills we had learnt at school over the course of the year. During the first proper day my group were doing field craft. This was a very fun day filled with many blank firing activities like ambushes, section attacks, and Fighting in Wooded Areas and Forests (FIWAF) (pictured below). The next day was bushcraft-based activities like basher building, skinning animals – they were particularly smelly and unpleasant but still tasted nice – axe throwing and fire building. My favourite activity from these days was FIWAF because it just felt more exciting than the others because of the trees obstructing movement and visibility. All the skills we practised over these two days were going to be put to good use in the 36-hour exercise.



The next two days were spent on the 36-hour exercise, in which we attacked and spied on and defeated the enemy for this camp – Tai Lung from Kung Fu Panda. We carried out many activities like: vehicle checkpoints, casualty evacuation, FIWAF, ambushes, section attacks, patrolling, sentry duty and spying. The activities were great, but the standard of living was not. We slept in bashers and ate food from ration packs. These ration packs contained water purification tablets which may have been helpful earlier in the week because we had just found out we had been drinking the dirty water that sits in an open-air tank exposed to whatever the birds may drop in it. The 36-hour exercise was completed with a very large night ambush that became the downfall of Tai Lung.

The afternoon after the 36-hour exercise was spent rifle cleaning. For those who haven't cleaned rifles, it's not fun, not fun at all. Fortunately, the activities only got better with live firing the next day and a trip to a water park with laser tag the day after that. The water park was a fun way to spend the final day of camp, with the actual obstacle course becoming ignored and a full scrum being seen left, right and centre.

On the last night, a leaving ceremony was held for the 102nd year of CCF recruits (the Year 13s) and the next day we went home and we were dismissed by the 102nds for one final time.

Year 7 French trip

By Stefan Ciutac (7M)



Near the end of June, 7M, 7L and 7W set off on a 13-hour voyage over the English Channel. Travelling by coach and by ferry, we arrived in the small town of St Malo (Normandy) around midday – exhausted by the long trip but keen to begin activities. The evening was spent relaxing on the sandy shores of St Malo's beach, which was a mere 5-minute walk from our hotel.

On Tuesday, our first stop was at La Ferme Marine de Cancale – an oyster farm iconic to the waters of Mont Saint-Michel (pictured below). The tasting provided mixed opinions, however, and led to some rather green faces on the way to our next attraction: Le Mont Saint-Michel. Towering over the surrounding landscape, this stunning 8th century fortress was perhaps one of the most memorable visits of our trip; wandering along its cobbled streets and climbing its age-old staircases was a truly unforgettable experience. The next two-and-a-half days were chock-full with exhilarating activities and included playing aero ball at the Chateau de la Baudonniere, making Mr Green a questionable (to say the least) array of baguettes, and visiting a French market square – complete with its mass of bustling people and multitude of aromas.

Finally, as we arrived in England in the late hours of the 1 July, greeted by a familiar cold, many of us couldn't help wishing that we were right back at the beginning of the trip – with one of the best weeks of our lives ahead of us.



Year 8 trip to Spain

By James Moreira (8M)

Going to Gredos (a city in Spain) was one of the best school activities we had done. It was a completely new atmosphere and environment compared to school and there were lots of adventures happening. We learnt: how to cook a Spanish tortilla, how to mountain bike (and trekking through the beautiful scenery), and how to use a bow and arrow.



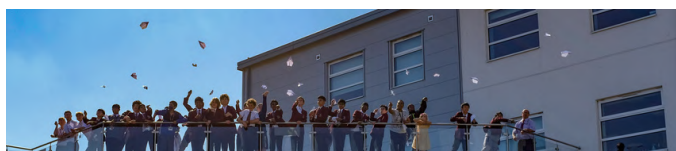
Other activities included compass work, a multi-adventuring park, and sport Olympics. In my opinion, one of the best things we did was the multi-adventuring park. It puts our scale of fitness to the test while ensuring safety at all times. At the park, we learnt how to use a harness correctly in Spanish. We got to go on a multitude of zip lines and parkour sections which was quite exhilarating (pictured below). This was definitely a new and different experience to our school lives along with the variety of other activities. The accommodation there was in tents with mattresses and airbeds. The tents were very spacious and fit five friends perfectly.



The plane journey was short and comfortable and the coaches gave beautiful views of the mountains. We also hiked up into the glorious mountains and to a stunning river with a waterfall. All the scenery in Avila was absolutely astonishing and it is a sight that you would never forget. As a conclusion, the trip to Spain was a wonder with the kind staff, the various fun activities and lots of Spanish. Gracias Gredos.

Sutton Science Festival

As you can see from the pictures below, the Sutton Science Festival, hosted at SGS on Friday, 8 July, was a huge success. We had over 40 local schools visit, over 20 exhibitors running interactive workshops and the Mayor of Sutton opened the event and awarded prizes at the end of the day. We would like to thank Mr Zakrzewski for all his hard work organising the festival and to Successful Sutton for all their support and help.



Life magazine

This is the Biology Society's second edition of the Life Magazine this year. From endemics to pandemics, disorders to pioneering cures for the future, all of these articles are tied to the word 'disease'.

Inspiration for this theme comes from many different places and can be seen reflected through each article, for example: the Covid-19 pandemic has changed each one of our lives dramatically and so inevitably its presence in this magazine was drawn upon by many, or from those aspiring doctors and dentists within the society. We can see the structure of their articles (from cause to treatment) vividly reflect a medical approach to this theme, and we can even see those inspired by certain elements of our A level syllabus who wanted to pursue their learning further. Please click [here](#) to view the magazine.



Coin Club



The first meeting of Coin Club drew some 70 pupils keen to help themselves to the free coins, many of which were British pre-decimal pennies and halfpennies. A selection of rarer coins was on show, with explanations, and lots of questions were asked relating to geography and history. A second meeting has since taken place, at which catalogues could additionally be browsed. We hope to see the club return next term.

Summer opening hours

The school office will be open from 8am to 4pm on 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 July and 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 31 August. Please email your general school query to email: office@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk



Chess Club

Congratulations for all those who took part in chess fixtures this year. Fixtures for next year have been published on the SGS individual chess team pages. For those of you who are anxious to join a team, trials will reopen for new players in the first few weeks of next year.



In the meantime, a reminder that all students can take part in our online chess team battles on [Lichess](#). We will be check-ing back next academic year.

Message from The Hoot

We hope you have enjoyed reading all our school news this year. We will be back in September with more stories and information for the coming year at SGS. If you have anything you would like to share with us, please email us at erc@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk. Have a lovely summer break.

Summer reading

library

Summer break reading resources

Reading Cloud: www.readingcloud.net
sign using your **email.319** and **email password**

SORA: <http://soraapp.com>
setup code: **uksecondary** and select **SGS**
sign in using: **email.319@suttongrammar.london**
using your **email password**

The library staff would like to wish you a great summer holiday and remind students that all year groups have had the opportunity to take books out for the summer. We are running a competition for the best book review by a student posted onto the 'Reading Cloud' platform. Winners will be announced when we are back in September. All students should know how to log in to our 'Reading Cloud' and 'SORA', our E-book resource (above is a reminder if they need help at home).

Don't forget to check out our [library blog](#) for the latest book releases, including our new 'Myths & Legends' books, which Years 7 and 8 have been learning about this term.

Music competition winner

Huge congratulations to Alex Springate (9G) who won the Trinity Music Academy Junior Competition recently. He also had the opportunity to play in a masterclass at Trinity Music Academy with Chinese pianist, MengYang Pan (pictured below), who is a world-renowned pianist and piano professor at the Royal College of Music.



Important Dates

2 September	Year 7 & Year 12 Induction day
5 September	Autumn term start
24 October - 4 November	Half-term holiday
16 December	Autumn term end