

THE HOOT

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Wise Words

Year 13 left for examination leave yesterday with a celebration breakfast, a valedictory assembly and an inter-house water-balloon battle. The videos that they had compiled of teachers' advice and student memories were both amusing and heart-warming. My message to them was to take more than their (what are bound to be excellent) exam results from Sutton Grammar School; to take with them their growth through the opportunities that they have had and to take with them the friendships they had made. And to stay in touch and continue to be role models for students that follow them. Best of luck class of 2023.

It is also the last day before examination leave for Year 11, and the vast majority will return to complete their education journey at SGS, so our message to them is that we believe that they should be confident that they have been well prepared and that if they give the GCSEs their best shot they will make themselves proud and the School proud. Time to shine Year 11.

Thank you to all the volunteer parents involved in the PTA Mock Tests that start this weekend, the sums of money raised are particularly appreciated in this current economic climate for schools.

Keep Faith.

Ben Cloves
Headmaster

Law Society Students

Congratulations to those members of the school's Law Society who have obtained offers to study law, all at Russell Group universities, commencing this September, subject to acquiring the necessary A-level grades.

Pictured right on the top row from left to right are Aadam Sheikh (Cardiff), Efan Macmillan (Jesus College, Cambridge) and Harel Brock (Leeds).

Pictured right on the bottom row from left to right are Zephah Ahmed (QMUL), Hussain Zaidi (Exeter), Dhart Man Ahmed (UCL) and Jayan Thiru (LSE).

Additionally, Charlotte Jeyarajah has received an offer to study law at the University of Warwick.

This achievement recognises all the hard work the students have put in to preparing their university applications, including successfully sitting the National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT).

Jack Petchey Public Speaking Competition



(Pictured above) Didi Gao in the Sutton Borough Final of the Jack Petchey Public Speaking Competition.

Speaking under the title of The Road to Success Didi Gao (10L) was an incredibly confident speaker, explaining how important it is to not be put off by obstacles, large and small, that may find themselves between you and your ambitions. All students in Year 10 have been trained by professional speech trainers in these very important life skills. Didi, a reserved person by nature, learnt a great deal from the training day and was elected by the year group to go forward to the Borough Final.



Message to Year 13 students from Ms Kemp-Gee

I wish the very best of luck to all our Year 13 students for the forthcoming A-levels exams. You have some exciting and impressive courses and apprenticeships lined up for your next steps and I have every confidence in you that you will get there. Keep up the hard work and focus with your revision, and remember that we are here for help and advice if you need us.

Youth Arts exhibition

We were delighted that many of our Art students had the opportunity to participate in the Sutton Youth Arts competition this year. This fantastic competition is a celebration of youth art from around the borough. It was wonderful to see so many of our artist's work on show. The organisers said that the stereoscopic work submitted by our students was an interesting idea, and that they had not seen that done before now.



(Pictured above) Head of Art, Ms Trentinella and Hector D (7T), who had work on display at the exhibition

Want to train as a Teacher?

Sutton Grammar School are part of the Sutton School's Teaching Alliance and are active participants in the training of new teachers through Sutton SCITT led by Glenthorne High School. SCITT are holding an opening morning in May, where you can find out more about the training programme.

Primary & Secondary Open Mornings

Thursday 18th May 2023

9am - 11am

A great opportunity to come and talk to us about how you can train to teach with an Ofsted outstanding provider.



Book your place by emailing: info@suttonscitt.org.uk



Message to Year 11 students from Mr Marsh

I would like to wish the best of luck to all of our Year 11s over the exam period. You have been excellent this year and have really applied yourselves with your studies. Make sure you get plenty of sleep alongside your revision and find time to do things you enjoy. We are still here if you have any worries whilst off for the exams.

PE Department dedication



Above is a recent picture of our dedicated staff cleaning footballs, showing the lengths our PE teachers go to to make sure football is ongoing at the school.

History competitions 2023



The History department are running two competitions this year. These are both run by the Historical Association, and you will find all the details below.

1) Write your own Historical Fiction Competition 2023

Please click [here](#) for full details of rules to the competition. We shall be selecting winners from each year group, with the five best entries being submitted to the full competition.

All entries must be sent by email to Mr Burke and Mr Marshall by Friday, 19 May.

2) Young Historians Prizes 2023

There are a series of competitions running and all the details can be found [here](#), and you are welcome to enter more than one competition.

The closing date for entries is Friday, 21 July. Please note: entries supplied by under 16s must be sent by a parent or teacher. Please forward any entries to Mr Burke and Mr Marshall.

Please remember to email Mr Burke - nburke14@suttonmail.org and Mr Marshall - gmarshall@suttonmail.org with your entries.

Good luck

Root of the Hoot

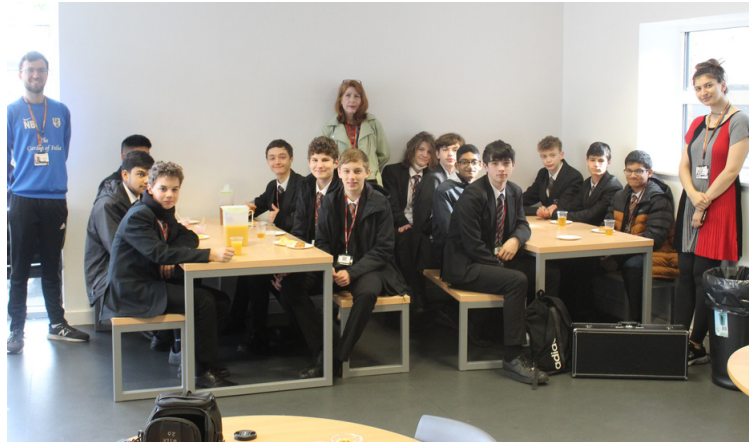
Where our words come from

Geography - from the Latin word 'geographia' and the similar Greek word 'geographia', which essentially mean to describe the earth's surface..



Year 10 rewards breakfast

On Friday, 5 May a number of Year 10 students (pictured below) were selected by their subject teachers for making excellent progress. They were rewarded with breakfast for their efforts. Keep up the great work.



Achievement points for Year 7 book reviews



Our Year 7 students are being given the opportunity to write a book review to share with their peers during form time.

If your child would like to take part, all they have to do is write a book review about one of our library books in two or three paragraphs (no spoilers please). Then, bring their book review into the library and a member of the library staff will show them how to upload it to the Reading Cloud.

Each student who writes a review will get an achievement point, which contributes towards points for their houses. At the end of term the Houses with the most written reviews posted on our school Reading Cloud will be awarded house points, so the competition is on.

Secondhand uniform

We have a large selection of secondhand uniform available for parents to purchase. Please send us an email with the item and size you require and we will let you know whether we have it in stock - secondhanduniform@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk. Payments can be made by cash or card.

If you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown and is in good condition, please drop it to the school office.

Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad success



A special congratulations to the following students (pictured above) on their success in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad Challenge.

- Hugh Bacon - Distinction & Bronze Medal in Cayley Olympiad
- Youming Shi - Merit in Cayley Olympiad
- Alexandru Bucur - Distinction, & Silver medal in Hamilton Olympiad
- Adam Wiechecki - Distinction & Silver medal in Hamilton Olympiad
- Boaz Ting - Distinction & Bronze medal in Maclaurin Olympiad
- Connor McCullagh - Merit in Maclaurin Olympiad

News from SGS PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24 May at 7.30pm in the school hall and everyone is welcome to attend. Items to be discussed will include the PTA update, upcoming events, parent survey update from the Head, school uniform survey and funding requests from the school.

How can you help?

The PTA can't raise money without the help of parents to serve refreshments, assist with secondhand uniform sales, and help with Mock Tests car parking. If you can offer even an hour of your time, please let us know by contacting one or more of the following:

- [Refreshments team](#)
- [Secondhand uniform team](#)
- [Mock Tests parking team](#)

If you have any questions or ideas, we would love to hear from you. Please email erc@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk.

Contact The Hoot

The Hoot editorial team welcome comments, feedback and contributions. If a student has some news you would like to share, please get in touch at erc@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk

Important Dates

15 May	GCSE & A-level exams begin
26 May	Inset Day
29 May	Half-term holiday begins
26 - 30 June	Activities week
6 July	Sports Day
21 July	End of term