

THE HOOT

THE SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Note from the Head

What a half-term. The achievements of teams and individuals celebrated in this edition of The Hoot are just the tip of the iceberg.

See our Extracurricular Clubs & Enrichment [brochure](#) for all the other things that add to SGS life, not to mention the trips, visits and DofE that have already taken place; Inter-house Football and umpteen fixtures in a multitude of sports. All of this on top of seven weeks of hard work and study in class. As ever, this is only possible with the dedication and commitment of all staff at SGS.

Everyone deserves a rest and recharge - although Year 11 and Year 13 should keep their engines ticking over with daily recall and practice, and the start of revision for mocks!

And thank you all, I have sent well over £1,300 off to the Palace for Life Foundation after completing my marathon march on Saturday, 14 October.

I would also like to wish our Hindu, Jain and Sikh school community a very Happy Diwali for Sunday, 12 November.

Keep Faith.

Ben Cloves
Headmaster

Congratulations Luke

During the Summer Break, Luke (12A) competed in the English National Swimming Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield.

His best swim came in the 400m Freestyle, when he swam a huge personal best to make the final and then improved again in the final to finish third and win his first National medal.

Due to his results and rankings this year, Luke has also been selected to take part in the Diploma in Sporting Excellence Programme for Swimming at Loughborough College over the next two years.



Inset day reminder

The school will be closed to all students on Wednesday, 22 November for a staff Inset day.



The school will reopen as normal on Thursday, 23 November.

Borough Cross Country

On Wednesday, 11 October we hosted the Primary and Secondary Schools Borough Cross Country Competition. SGS had runners from every year group and they all ran brilliantly. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



(Above) Sixth Form girls Cross Country team.

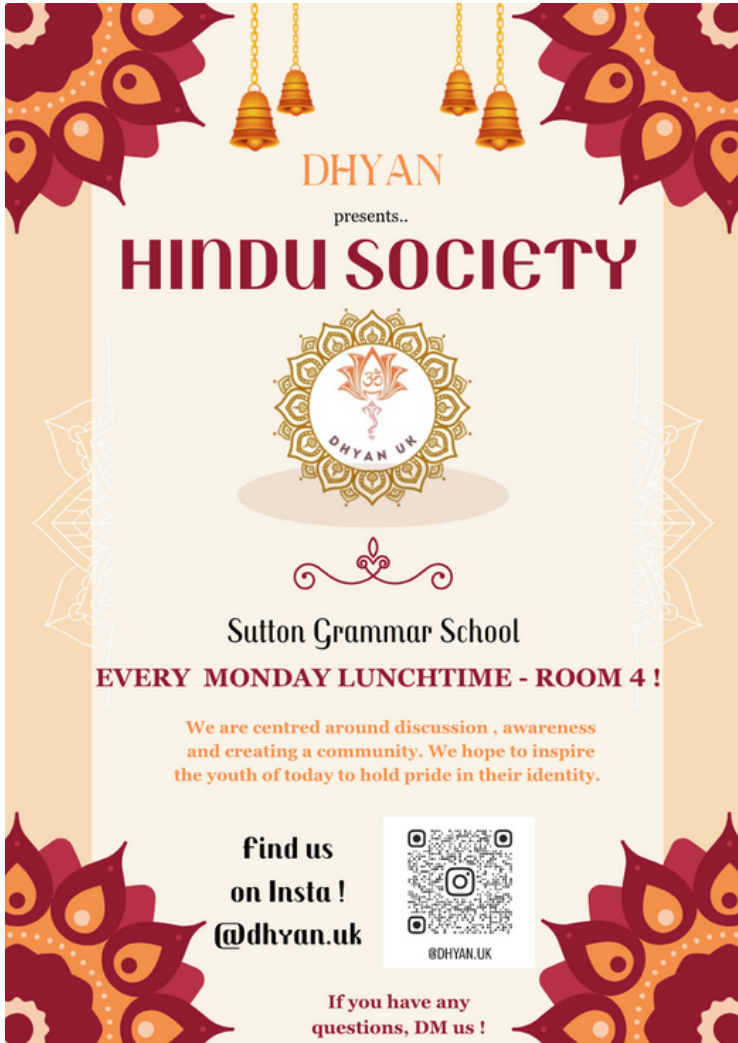


(Above) Years 8 & 9 Cross Country team.



(Above) Year 7 Cross Country team.


Greetings from the Hindu Society



DHYAN

presents..

HINDU SOCIETY




Sutton Grammar School

EVERY MONDAY LUNCHTIME - ROOM 4 !

We are centred around discussion , awareness and creating a community. We hope to inspire the youth of today to hold pride in their identity.

Find us on Insta !

@dhyan.uk



@DHYAN.UK

If you have any questions, DM us !

Firstly we would like to say Happy Navaratri everyone! We wish all students and their families a prosperous year ahead, and hope those who celebrated had an enjoyable festival period.

Our new Hindu Society will be meeting every Monday lunchtime in Room 4. We hope to provide an insight into the Hindu religion and aim to tackle any common misconceptions about Hinduism. People of all backgrounds and religions are more than welcome to come, even if it's for just one session.

Reading Challenge

Books can teach you all there is to know about "life, love and laughter". In the student planner there is a reading log and reading challenge page. The reading challenge includes trying to borrow and read as many books from the library as possible. When you have borrowed and read your first five books, approach a librarian for your special sticker and achievement point. Students who borrow the most books in form groups and year groups are given extra commendation in end of term/year assemblies. Happy reading!

Complete the Reading Task Challenge	
Complete	The challenge...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Borrow five books from the library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Borrow ten books from the library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Borrow twenty-five books from the library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Borrow fifty books from the library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that's been made into a movie
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that is recommended on the display board or by a friend
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book by a new author
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that a teacher recommends
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that has won an award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit a book review to Reading Cloud
<input type="checkbox"/>	Borrow a book from SORA

5 book challenge complete

10 book challenge complete

25 book challenge complete

50 book challenge complete

Senior Maths Challenge



On Tuesday, 3 October, around 150 students from Years 12 and 13 took part in this year's UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge. This year, 37 students qualified for the follow-on round. The UKMT awards the top-scoring 66% of participants Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1. Congratulations to all participants from SGS. We achieved 37 golds, 64 silvers and 32 bronzes.

Four students qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 and the 'Best in School' or 'Best in Year' certificates have been awarded to two students:

- Lincoln Chow 12 A – BMO1, Best in School
- Govan Tompkins 13Z – BMO1, Best in Year
- Anuraag Datta 13 Z – BMO1
- Boaz Ting 12 ET – BMO1

33 students qualified for the follow-on Senior Kangaroo round. The British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 and the Senior Kangaroo challenges will be taking place on Wednesday, 15 November.

European Springs & Pressings visit review

By Rick Obadi (13Z)

Before my visit to European Springs & Pressings in Beckenham, I mistakenly believed that factories were primarily characterised by conveyor belts and a workforce. However, I soon realised that this perception was overly simplistic; European Springs revealed the divisions and roles that coexist within a factory environment. Touring European Springs deepened my understanding of the operational and business aspects within factory environments, including the specialised areas where human craftsmanship was indispensable due to product intricacy, as well as those dealing with computer-aided design, logistics, storage, and automation. This was an enlightening experience, making it a fascinating and educational outing for anyone interested in the world of engineering, business and production.



(Above) Year 13 Business Studies trip to European Springs & Pressings Ltd

Law Society News



SGS Law Society member, Joseph Dean 12E, is already a keen advocate championing the concerns of other young people across the borough. His sustained commitment to his work as a Young Commissioner, including both his active participation in last year's successful Youth Summit and his ongoing liaising with the police, NHS and other professionals, was recently recognised with Joseph being the first ever recipient of a Jack Petchey Award for Young Commissioners.

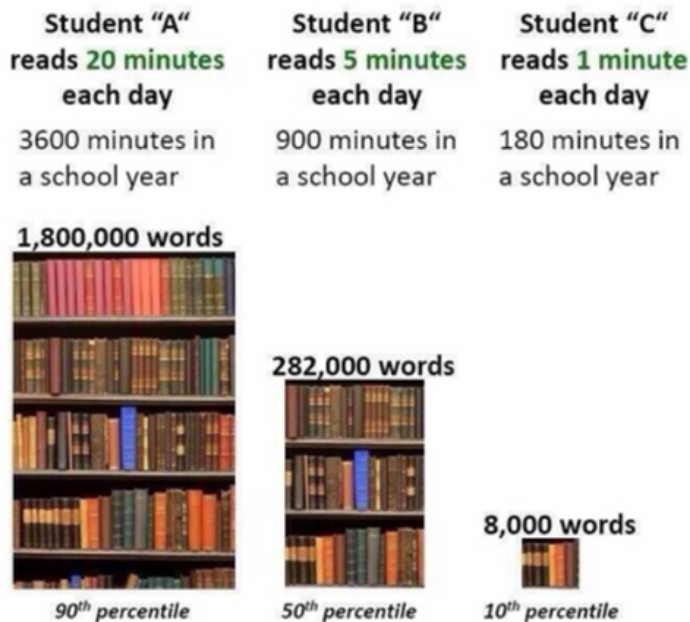
(Above) Joseph receiving his award from local MP, Mr Paul Scully.

New reading scheme

As part of the school's new reading drive, please ensure your child comes to school equipped with a reading book. Numerous studies have shown how reading affects not just pupils' achievement in English, but also their ability to access all elements of the curriculum. If a student reads for 20 minutes every day, they will read 3,600 minutes in a school year and will have experienced the equivalent of 60 whole school days. They will be exposed to over 1,800,000 new words.

The school is setting up a new scheme to support students who struggle with reading, so if your child falls into this category please do get in contact with Ms Roberts.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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

Chess News

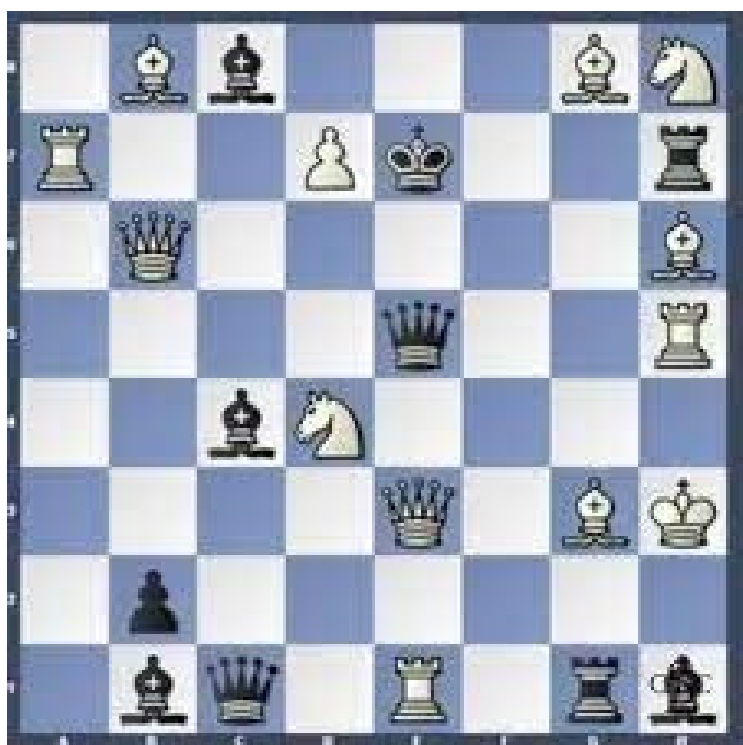
On first appearances, it seems to be a mixed performance for the Chess Team so far this term.

SGS A has won one (Trinity A) and lost one (KCS A); SGS B has won two fixtures (Hampton and SGS) and SGS C has lost two fixtures.

However, devastated by departing Year 13 students and clashing Oxbridge entrance exams, I would say that this represents a very positive start to SGS Chess this year. We have a spate of new and inexperienced players who are really looking like they might develop into our new formidable players so, as always, watch this space.

A reminder to all students that Chess Club runs daily in Room 8 during lunch. We also have an online Lichess Chess Team for experienced and new players. If you are interested in getting into the Chess Team, please contact Ms Roberts.

Here's a nice and easy for the chess puzzle for this term: White to move; checkmate in one.



Word of the Hoot

Debilitating (adj) - of a disease or condition making someone very weak and infirm e.g. Her friend had debilitating back pain



Important Dates

23 October - 3 November	Half-term Holiday
15 November	Sixth Form Open Evening
22 November	Inset Day
1 December	Christmas Concert
19 December	Prize Giving
20 December	Christmas Jumper Mufti Day
21 December	End of Term

WELLBEING

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL PASTORAL TEAM



Good mental health and wellbeing is essential for school students. It helps them to learn effectively, cope with day-to-day challenges and develop into resilient young adults.



Education Wellbeing Service

We have been working closely with the Education Wellbeing Service, who support us to deliver workshops to students across the school. Our new Year 7s have just completed a workshop on the transition to secondary school and Year 8 students have attended a workshop to support them to build friendships. We are now looking forward to the exam stress workshops for students in Year 11 and 13 in the coming months.

Kooth and the Educational Wellbeing Service continue to offer a variety of webinars for parents that you may be interested in accessing. Kooth is offering a free webinar about online safety. Please click on the links to book a place -

- Mon 13 Nov, [10-10.30am](#) or [2-2.30pm](#)
- Fri 17 Nov, [10-10.30am](#) or [2-2.30pm](#)

The Educational Wellbeing Service is also running webinars for parents & carers on how to support your teenager's mental health. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Out-of-school support

We recognise that the half-term holidays can be difficult for some. If you are feeling low or unsafe, it is important that 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.

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



Sutton Grammar School's Pastoral Team

If you are concerned that your son or daughter is feeling stressed, worried or overwhelmed, please contact their Head of Year or someone from our Pastoral Team. You can find our contact emails on our website [here](#).



Mrs Ross
Deputy Head
Pastoral Lead



Mr Marris
Head of Sixth
Form



Mrs McDonald
Head of Y13



Mr Green
Head of Y12



Mr Marsh
Head of
Upper
School



Mr Robson
Head of
Lower School



Mr Burke
Head of Y11



Mr Blunt
Head of PE
and Games



Mr Heasman
Head of Y7



Mr Humphries
Head of
Citizenship +
Personal
Development



Mrs Mahmoud
SENDCO
Head of
Psychology



Mr Tuck
Assistant
SENDCO



Mrs Lapsley
Student
Support
Officer



Mr Waghorn
Student
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Officer