



# Sycamore Newsletter

## Summer Term 2 2023-24



### Upcoming Diary Dates:

#### Transition Days

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday  
3rd July

#### Sports Day

Tuesday 9th July

#### Strandfest

Friday 12th July



### General Class News:

The sun has come out to say hi.

The final half term which is always packed full. Strandfest is always a winner, with the theme this year being the elements.

The Green Team will continue to recycle paper throughout the school every Thursday for Year 10 D of E. 22 kg collected in our first collection which I'm sure will be improved on week on week.

We will continue to upcycle any furniture that comes into Enterprise. The chest of drawers pictured are off to residential.



### Maths

This term, Year 10 will continue to develop their everyday number skills using time, money, and decimals. We will also be working on multiplication and division in greater depth.

Geometry: movement, position, measuring and pattern will also be covered this term. Please follow the link to explore some great educational resources: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

### English

In Literacy the students will continue working towards their accredited course. They will be doing a unit on a topic, probably Dinosaurs' and this will give them the chance to write in different forms types of transactional language and to practice their research skills. Later in the term they will have the chance to study a play, looking at character and dialogue. We may get the chance to go and see a play.

## RSHE

Once the changing and growing unit is completed we look at managing finances - including advertising, budgeting, saving and consumer rights. Next is mental well being and the help available for ourselves and others. The penultimate unit of physical activity - the benefits and challenging stereotypes and barriers around physical activity. Finally we look at healthy eating with a focus on high sugar and caffeine food and drinks and the influences around food choices.

## Science

The students will continue working towards their ELC qualification. We will take advantage of the (hopefully) better weather to begin our biology topic. The students will learn about different aspects of the environment and how living things can affect them. They will also design an investigation to determine how various factors affect plant growth.

## PE

The students will be learning striking and fielding games such as Cricket and Rounders. They will learn the basic skills on how to bowl, bat and field. Students will develop their knowledge of the game and how to apply the rules at certain times to play a fair game. They will also get to play Tennis and Football again outside building on previous learning from earlier on in the year when they done these sports indoors.

## Computer Science

Pupils to complete criteria against ICT AQA award - focusing on PowerPoints using transitions, animation, formatting and addition of video and audio. Un-plugged programming activities with drag and drop to explore; loops, nested loops and conditionals control-flow.

## D of E

As part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award the Year 10s will be working towards completing their physical section by mountain biking around Bacton Woods and walking around the local areas. They will also be trying to complete some of their volunteering sections, they have called themselves the Green Team. Every Thursday afternoon they will be going around the school to collect all the recycling.

## Other useful information

English - <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/fun-games/games>

Letters and sounds - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

Geography - [https://world-geography-games.com/en/capitals\\_world.html](https://world-geography-games.com/en/capitals_world.html)