

Year 8 Newsletter

Issue 2 - January 2025

Welcome

Hello and welcome to the second edition of our Year 8 newsletter! Each half term we will publish our year group newsletter to celebrate successes, share key dates and spotlight students that have had an excellent achievement.

Although this half term has started colder than expected there is a lot to look back on before from the previous weeks. We had a trip to Sporting success, a trip to Goodison Park and a brilliant end of term with our Ten Days of Christmas! (A selection of photographs from the above events can be found at the end of this newsletter).

Miss Flynn

Mrs Owen



Achievement Leader



Head of Year



Mrs Critchley
KS3
Head of Year

Achievement

The academy values are designed in a way so that everyone can demonstrate and cultivate them through practice and support; every one of our students has the ability to become the type of person we believe they can and should be.

As we continue to celebrate the ongoing success of our Year Group we would like to spotlight the following students for the highest number of Achievement Points in demonstrating our Academy Values:



Kind – Maddie C



Reflective – Asthena C



Part of a Community – Iqra A



Resilient – Ruby-Lynn S

Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts – Maddie C and Nadia M

Student of the month – Congratulations to **Gehansa KG** for winning our student of the month for November.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of the students.

Curriculum Spotlight

This half term, Year 8 are focusing on electronics in Design and Technology. Students will learn how to create soldered joints, how to use polarised components and create a casing in the style of an animal. We look forward to seeing creative flare and unique ideas.

For further information and a more detailed overview of curriculum coverage please follow the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#)



WINNER



Student of the Month

Congratulations Gehansa

Attendance Matters

As always, one of our main priorities is student attendance to school. We strive that all students achieve 96% and above and work hard with them to achieve this. Your support in getting your child to school each day is imperative – thank you for your continued efforts with this. Everyday counts.

Home Learning

Learning takes place inside and outside the classroom. It is The Sutton Academy's policy to set home learning using ClassCharts.

All students have been issued their codes for class charts if you are experiencing any problems with ClassCharts please email

Year8@thesuttonacademy.org.uk.



Homework Tip:

Home learning continues to play an integral part of our curriculum offer. We are making some changes to our monitoring processes and these will be shared with you next week. Please continue to support your children in completing their tasks to a high standard and meeting the deadlines that are set.

Assessment Focus

Coming up this half term Year 8 students will be complete assessments in under exam conditions. The assessments will begin on Monday 20th January and are planned as follows:

Monday 20th January – Science:: 1 hour 11:15 – 12:15

Tuesday 21st January – English 1: 1 hour 11:15 – 12:15

Wednesday 22nd January – Maths Paper 1 11:15 – 12:15

Friday 24th January – Maths Paper 2 11:15 – 12:15

Monday 27th January – English Paper 2 11:15 – 12:15

To support students preparation and revision they have been provided an assessment booklet which contains revision lists and knowledge organisers for each subject.

Reading Spotlight

Sparx Reader

Sparx Reader helps every student to read regularly, which is vital for building literacy skills. Your children will be completing weekly reading homework using Sparx Reader.

This Academic year the year group will be reading Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah and Lord of the Flies by William Golding



Trips and Events

In December a group of students visited Goodison Park as part of the She Inspires programme, students took part in programming session a tour of the stadium and a talk from the local police team about safety and the importance of reporting incidents. The students were brilliantly behaved, showcasing exemplary conduct and representing the academy with pride and distinction.



Trips and Events

The y8 boys footy team have played very well in the small-sided festivals this year winning most of the games played. In the preliminary round of the town cup the boys beat Outwood Haydock 2-1. Unfortunately, in the next round we lost against Cowley even though we dominated the game after 10 minutes of madness in the second half, losing 2-3.

The rugby team demonstrated excellent skill levels in awful conditions to win 3 and draw 1 game before the event was cancelled due to thunder and lightning! The boys have a bye in the first round of the town cup. Their first match will hopefully take place when the snow eventually melts! - Mr Langford

Enrichment

Well done to all those that take part in our range of clubs after school. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join a club in this new term.

Total Participation: 157/ 272

Percentage: 57.7% Participation

Female Engagement 82 Girls

Male Engagement: 75 Boys

You can find a link to the extra-curricular timetable on our website by following the link -



SPOTLIGHT CLUBS

WHAT?
**PARKOUR AND
BREAKING**

WHEN?
EVERY WEDNESDAY

WHERE?
DANCE STUDIO

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

**SESSIONS RAN BY UC CREW.
SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE
TO TAKE PART**

WHAT?
**MIXED MARTIAL
ARTS**

WHEN?
EVERY MONDAY

WHERE?
SIDE SPORTS HALL

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

**SESSIONS RAN BY ST HELENS
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS
ACADEMY. SESSIONS ARE £10 FOR
10 WEEKS- SIGN UPS ON
MICROSOFT FORM SENT HOME AND
AVAILABLE ON CLASS CHARTS**

WHAT?
SPANISH CLUB

WHEN?
EVERY TUESDAY

WHERE?
AG02

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

**SESSIONS RAN BY MISS CABANA.
IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR
THE PUPILS TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT SPANISH CULTURE AND TO
PRACTICE THEIR SPANISH. SESSION
FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART.**



WHAT?
SCIENCE CLUB

WHEN?
EVERY WEDNESDAY

WHERE?
A BLOCK

What time?

2.45-3.45PM

**THIS WEEK STUDENTS WILL BE
EXTRACTING DNA FROM
STRAWBERRIES! SESSIONS ARE
FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART.**



"Cinderella- You shall go to the Ball!"

The Sutton Academy

Our Cinderella Pantomime Production has been cast, and rehearsals are taking every Tuesday and Wednesday after school ahead of live shows taking place in March 2025! We would like to take the time to congratulate all those who auditioned for this production and we cannot wait to see the show!

Details of tickets to watch will be sent out in the coming weeks.





MEETING THE REINDEERS



AWARDS



SANTA DASH

Winter Fun



SANTA DASH

