Year 13 Newsletter

The Sutton Academy

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Welcome

It has been a fantastic start to the year for our Year 13 students, who have shown real commitment, maturity and determination as they prepare for the final stage of their sixth form journey. This half term has been a busy one, with students balancing their studies, assessments, applications and plans for life beyond sixth form.

As we move into the next half term, we encourage students to maintain their focus, make the most of the support available and continue to approach their work with the ambition and resilience they have demonstrated so far.

We are incredibly proud of the progress they are making and look forward to celebrating their successes throughout the year.

Sixth Form Team



Mrs Alkarafi
Director of Sixth Form



Mr Hughes
Assistant Director

Achievement

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent work and attitude to learning and received **Student of The Week**:

- Jess K
- Sam C
- Lewis G
- Lily Y
- Aymee- Jayne R

Congratulations to Robert B for receiving the **Student of the Half Term Award**.

Robert has been a pleasure to work with throughout Sixth Form. He is a kind, polite, respectful and dedicated student who consistently puts effort into his work and takes feedback on board positively, showing our value of reflection.

He has shown resilience and a mature approach to preparing for assessment weeks, particularly through his commitment to the Revision Revolution and independent study.

Robert should be really proud of the progress he has made and the positive attitude he has shown throughout this half term.

Well done!

WINNER

Student of the Half Term



Robert B

Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance remains one of the strongest indicators of success in Sixth Form. Regular attendance ensures that students are fully engaged in their learning, able to build securely on prior knowledge and develop a strong understanding of how topics connect over time. Consistent attendance also allows students to participate in discussions, receive valuable feedback and stay on track with coursework, assessment preparation and independent study.

For both academic and vocational students, every lesson matters. Attending consistently helps students to make the most of the opportunities available to them and supports their progress towards their future academic, career and personal aspirations.
It is vital that all students attend:

- Personal Development sessions – every Week A, Monday, Period 1.
- Week B PSHE sessions – with their mentors, 8.35am–9.45am.

We encourage all Year 13 students to maintain excellent attendance and make every lesson count.

Home Learning Focus



Home learning is important because it helps students practice and reinforce what they learn in class.

Throughout the academic year, it is important that students continue to monitor subject deadlines, coursework requirements and independent study tasks through ClassCharts and Microsoft Teams.

Staying organised, meeting deadlines and developing consistent study habits will help students to manage their workload effectively and ensure they are well prepared for a successful finish to their Year 13 journey.

Assessment Focus

Students have been preparing for their Tracking Week 1 Mock Assessments. These assessments provide an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their progress, identify areas for development and prepare for their next steps beyond sixth form. Students should continue to revise regularly and make full use of the support available through the Revision Revolution schedule and the following weeks.

For students studying vocational qualifications, it is equally important that all assessment work, coursework and classwork are completed consistently and maintained at the required standard. This will support students in achieving their qualifications and progressing successfully to their next destination.

Visit our Revision Hub:

thesuttonacademy.org.uk/revision-hub

CLICK HERE!

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Visit our Examination Hub:

thesuttonacademy.org.uk/students/examinations

Curriculum Spotlight

In September, our Year 13 students successfully completed their First Aid Certificate. It was fantastic to see the strong sense of community and excellent teamwork throughout the day. Students demonstrated impressive resilience and determination, supporting one another and fully engaging with the activities.

It was a great start to the year and a lovely example of the positive qualities our Year 13 students continue to demonstrate.





St John Ambulance FIRST AID



Reading Spotlight

Sixth Form Students are routinely updated on available opportunities and further reading via Teams. Here are some of the most recent shares that may be of interest to parents and carers too:

- Pathway CTM — Events
- University of Swansea — Masterclass Series
- Pathway CTM — Mentoring & Interview Prep

Microsoft Teams

Trips and Events

Alton Towers SCAREFEST

This year's Alton Towers Scarefest was a fantastic event and provided a much-needed opportunity for students to relax and enjoy themselves after a busy half term. Thank you to Mr Hughes for organising the trip and helping to make it such a memorable evening.

Looking ahead, our **University and Apprenticeship Search Fair** is taking place on Friday 13 November 2026. Letters have been sent home, and parental consent should be completed via Arbor. This is always a valuable day for our students, providing them with the opportunity to explore different universities, apprenticeships and career pathways, and to refine their plans for the future.

The **TCAT Turing Scheme application** process is also currently underway. Good luck to all of our students who have applied for the opportunity to take part in the sustainable trip to Costa Rica. We wish everyone the very best with their applications and would like to thank Mr Davdison for organising this fantastic opportunity.