

# SUTHERLAND HOUSE SCHOOL

## School Newsletter

2025 Spring Half-term 2

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Sutherland House School

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with the help of our students.

### School Notices:

- Students return to school after the Easter Holidays on the 22nd April.
- Next Active Living Tournaments:
  1. Key Stage 3 Indoor athletics 17th June
  2. Key Stage 3/4 Running event 3rd July

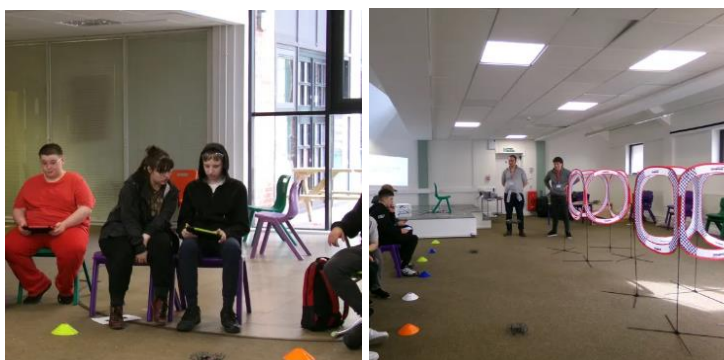
### Local community Notices:

- The Really Wild Egg Trail at Chester Zoo- Until 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Market Place Europe will be returning to Old Market Square, bringing a huge selection of traders from across the world- Wednesday 23 - Sunday 27 April.
- Concert for Peace to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day at the Victoria Embankment- Sunday 4th May.
- Beeston Library art exhibition for local artists- 26<sup>th</sup> April- 8<sup>th</sup> June

### Code4Drones

As the first SEND school to participate in this programme, our students were fully engaged in our Drone Coding STEM Day, thanks to the expertise of Edward, Pauline, and Ryan. They did an exceptional job inspiring our students and making the workshops both educational and fun!

Throughout the day, students used iPads to code and control the drones, experimenting with different commands and problem-solving techniques. They were thrilled to see their coding come to life as the drones' completed tasks and manoeuvres, with the flip over being a firm students' favourite! The hands-on experience not only sparked their interest in STEM but also helped build confidence. A huge thank you to Code4Drones for creating such an inclusive and engaging learning environment. We look forward to welcoming them back in the future!



### Easter family day!

On March 26th, Sutherland House School warmly welcomed families to a delightful Easter event. Families were invited to join their children in decorating cakes, and students showcased their creativity by making fantastic Easter bonnets, with prizes awarded for their efforts. The day featured various craft stations and face painting, adding to the joy of the celebration. Our heartfelt thanks to all the students and families for contributing to the success of this wonderful event. Below are a few of the brilliant designs!



### Bamboozle!

On Wednesday, March 2nd, students had the opportunity to explore the Bamboozle musical interactive sessions. It was truly delightful to witness their active participation in these sessions. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Bamboozle team for their ongoing support and collaboration with Sutherland House School.



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### Key stage 3/4 Football match

Sutherland House and Nethergate School organised an indoor Key Stage 3/4 Football match. The date and place of the event was: Monday 31st March at Harvey Haddon Leisure Centre, Nottingham 10am – 11am. This was the return fixture to the one we played back in December at Clifton Leisure Centre.

The team consisted of players from Sutherland House School wearing red football shirts or bibs and relevant footwear. Nethergate wore a blue kit. Before the game the students participated in a warmup passing activity and were briefed again on the rules of the game

Each half consisted of 10 minutes with a five-minute half-time break. The final score was Sutherland House School 4 Nethergate 2. Riley scored a hat trick while Jake was fantastic in goal. An absolute brilliant effort was displayed by all students.

After a break we mixed the schools together with 3 players from Sutherland House School joining Nethergate, and three Nethergate joining Sutherland House School in red bibs. Again, the match lasted for a full twenty minutes, with the score 3-1 to the red team.

All the students enjoyed playing in this return fixture against Nethergate in a large leisure centre hall with full sized five a- side goals. The students represented the school in a very positive manner and played the game fairly and to the rules. They were very caring to the needs of the other team and displayed some incredible sportsmanship and positive values, for instance respecting referee decisions and shaking the oppositions hands at the end of both games.

The familiar staff that supported the students are very proud of their efforts. There will be a full inclusive football tournament organised by Dawn House School in July 2025 that we look forward to entering and competing in. This will consist of approximately eight schools competing in a mini-league format.





## Tri-Orienteering event- Give it a Go

On Friday the 4th of April Sutherland House School were invited to participate in Gedling Schools' first ever Tri-Orienteering event. The event was held at Arno Vale Junior School and three students from class 7 represented the school in four outdoor physical activities.

Give it a Go events are a cross between a festival and a development event. These events are essentially taster sessions that introduce a sport / activity that pupils may not have tried before. Pupils will practice the essential skills (festival), be introduced to the game concept and rules and then have an opportunity to learn through game play (development). No prior experience of or exposure to the sport is needed. The event provides an opportunity for your pupils to get involved in inter-school sport.

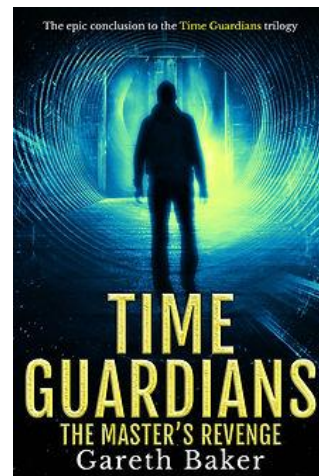
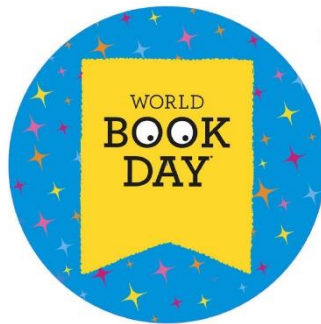
This was the second time the students from class 7 have represented Sutherland House School at an event organised by Gedling Schools. The students represented the school incredibly well and all enjoyed the experience. The students displayed great teamwork and communication completing all four outdoor tasks to a high standard. Their behaviour, engagement and effort were excellent. Well done to all.



## World book day

For World Book Day we were visited by Gareth Baker, a local author from Nottingham. He worked with our students on his children's book 'Time Guardians' which is about time travel and Greek myths. Students had a wonderful time creating an amulet of protection out of clay, designing their own monsters and heroes and thinking about the different powers they would need if they were to travel in time.

Some staff and students chose to dress up for World Book Day and some classes took the opportunity to visit Waterstones, where they explored the different sections of the shop and either purchased a free World Book Day Book with their book token, or chose a different book which was discounted with the tokens. Students had time to read their books in class and to take them home to enjoy.



## Boccia Event

Sutherland House School were invited to participate in an Inclusive Boccia event organised by Nottingham City Council Sports Active department. The date and place of the event was: Thursday 3rd April at, Harvey Haddon Sports and Leisure centre in Bilborough 10am – 12pm. The event was for Key Stage 3 students and was attended by over ten mainstream and SEN schools from the city and Nottinghamshire. It was their largest Boccia event to date.

We were given red boccia balls with the aim of rolling them closest to the white jack whilst the other schools we played attempted to get their blue boccia balls either closer or knock the red ones out of the way.

Sutherland House School played six games of Boccia against the following schools with the results:

Sutherland House School 3 Oakwood (A) 5

Sutherland House School 3 Oakwood (B) 2

Sutherland House School 1 Minster School 4

Sutherland House School 0 Brunts School 4

Sutherland House School 1 Bulwell Academy (A) 2

Sutherland House School 2 Bulwell Academy (B) 3



This was the first time the students from class 7 have played a competitive game of Boccia in any tournament with other schools. The students represented the school incredibly well and all enjoyed the experience. The students displayed great teamwork and communication. A special mention for Kurt who played the shot of the tournament winning the game against Oakwood with the last throw of the ball. High fives all round!

It is hoped that some of these students can participate in forthcoming KS3 indoor/outdoor athletic tournaments in the summer term.





## Careers day

Preparing for adulthood is a vital and exciting part of our journey at Sutherland House School. Recently, we hosted a inspiring Careers Day, where students had the wonderful opportunity to hear firsthand about what it's like to work across a diverse range of careers. Students shared how much they enjoyed the animation that Erfan and Theresa presented about roots, finding it both insightful and inspiring. Bilaal showed students that challenges and problems don't have to hold us back—they can actually fuel our growth. Overall, it was a truly meaningful and successful day, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us and contributed to this memorable experience!



## Science week

British Science Week takes place from 7 to 16 March 2025 and is kindly coordinated by the British Science Association.

We invited students to engage with science activities during British Science Week. This year's theme was 'change and adapt.' While this theme encompasses all areas of STEM, it can also be directly related to pupil journeys. Occasionally, embracing change and adaptation can be valuable in acquiring the skills, experience, and career path we desire.

Students also had the opportunity to participate in a slime workshop, during which they created their own slime to take home! It was lovely to see pupils engage in science week and they thoroughly enjoyed being emersed in it.

We look forward to next year!





## Active Living – Handball

On 11th March at Harvey Haddon Leisure Centre in Nottingham six students represented Sutherland House School in a Key Stage 3 inclusive indoor Handball tournament organised by Sports Nottingham.

The students wore red bibs/vests and played five competitive games against other schools from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The games were marshalled by Sports Nottingham and leads of PE from all the schools.

Handball is a non-contact fast paced game where the team who score the most goals wins the game. You are allowed three steps with the ball before passing or shooting, like Basketball. You are not allowed to score in the goalkeeper's area or in your own half. Throw-ins are present however corners are not. The goals are of a considerable size therefore the goalkeepers have a difficult task in saving the ball. The ball can be held in one hand and is made from soft rubber type material.

The scores are as follows:

Sutherland House School 3 Christ the King 3

Sutherland House School 10 Bracken Hill 1

Sutherland House School 7 Joseph Whittaker 7

Sutherland House School 6 Quarrydale 4

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Some of the students involved played in the Handball event last year therefore they had a good understanding of the rules, scoring and teamwork. However, this is the first time that this group of students went unbeaten in the whole tournament so a massive well done at the efforts displayed and such a positive morning. Thanks to Nathaniel and Coden for supporting and encouraging our students to shake hands at the end of the game and remain sportsperson like throughout.

## Mock exams

During the week commencing 24th March, our students dedicated themselves to completing their GCSE English and Chemistry mock exams. They should be incredibly proud of their effort and resilience. These mock exams are so important—they not only prepare our pupils for the challenges of their GCSEs but also help them build confidence and become more familiar with the exam process.

