



NEWSLETTER



5 July 2019: Term 6: Week 5

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

On Monday we held a STEM event on our Arundel site for students currently in Year 5 at our local primary schools. It was a great event, expertly led by Mrs Barnes and Mr Niblett. We received fantastic support from our local primary school teachers and members of The Seaford Rotary Club. It was extremely pleasing to see our Year 7 students step up as 'leaders' as they offered support throughout the course of the day and helped to organise activities at break time.



In addition to organising activities for students from our primary schools, this has been a big week in terms of our Sixth Form. We have held two Taster Days for students currently in Year 10 and an Induction Day for those who will be officially joining the Sixth Form in September. The young people I encountered across the three days were extremely impressive and will be a great addition to our Sixth Form. These days were extremely well attended and it's apparent that, in the future, it will become increasingly challenging to accommodate all the students who wish to access this provision.

Our Green Powered Car team enjoyed another fantastic day out at Goodwood on Sunday and were extremely well supported by Mr Higgins and Guy Denney in the pits. Mr Higgins was very impressed by the way in which the team overcome some serious mechanical challenges [*la drive sprocket failure*] and still managed to lap in eighth position for much of the race. Congratulations to everybody involved and to our fantastic athletes who performed so well in the final sessions of the sports day that were delayed from last week.

On Monday we officially start the new academic year and will be welcoming current Year 6 students into the school for their Transition Week. These arrangements are such a strength of the school and our excellent links with our local primary schools ensure that, not only do our students seamlessly transfer into secondary school, they really hit the ground running in September. I am writing this week's newsletter just before we welcome our new cohort of parents and carers into the school for the Year 6 Information Evening. It signals the start of a seven year partnership that will result in our young people securing the very best academic outcomes whilst developing into kind, compassionate and impressive young adults.

Diary Dates

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| Monday 8 July | New timetable starts Year 6 Taster Week | Whole school |
| Thursday 11 July | Festival in the Sun | Years 6 and 7 Steyne Site Field 6.00pm-7.30pm |
| Friday 12 July | Fun Run Year 11 Prom | Whole School Amex Stadium |

Headteacher's Star of the Week:

Sebastian Barnicott, Katie Middleton and Archie Strong: all Rowling House – Respect for All Key

Sebastian was nominated by Mr Purdey following some really positive feedback from other Year 8 students. Two students described how, every day, he holds the door open for everybody in the class to enter the Rowling corridor. They correctly pointed out that this 'small act of kindness and generosity' speaks volumes about him and has a really positive impact on their day. As well as acknowledging Sebastian's efforts, I am also very impressed by the students who approached Mr Purdey.



Katie Middleton and Archie Strong were nominated after the school was notified about their conduct at a local bus stop. A 92 year old lady injured her leg getting off a bus and Archie and Katie stayed with her, offering reassurance until she could be taken to hospital. I am extremely proud to be part of the same school community as Archie and Katie; they are a credit to the school and their families.

Paying for a trip?

WisePay is a secure online payment service that allows parents and carers (and extended family members), to make payments to their school using their debit or credit cards. Payments can include trips, tickets, book purchases (this facility will follow at a later date), clubs, sports or music payments.

The WisePay service operates in hundreds of schools, academies and colleges across the UK. Please email wisepay@seafordhead.org for your login in details and click on the link below for more information <https://www.seafordhead.org/wisepay>



Word of the Week
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Key Stage 3 Word of the Week::

Vivid: intensely bright/brilliant (usually when talking about colours)

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

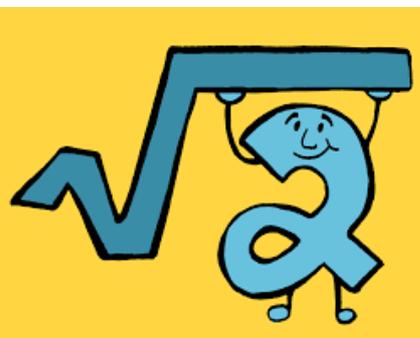
Disparity, adjective: difference

Seaford Head's Sixth Form Year 10 Taster Day

On Tuesday 2 July, one hundred and sixty Year 10 students attended the Seaford Head Sixth Form Centre to experience life in the sixth form and get a feel for A Level and BTEC lessons. Students selected options across the subjects offered, from Product Design A Level to BTEC Food Science, from English Literature to Further Mathematics. They were given the opportunity to experience lessons, ask questions and learn a little more about Post-16 options, something which they will engage with at the beginning of Year 11. They were well behaved and really got involved with the experience; lessons were engaging and really gave them a flavour of some of the topics/skills that would be studied at A Level. They even enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by the PTFA.



Mathematics Challenge Success!



Congratulations to Hayden Roberts [8JR] and Cosmo Martin [8JR] for taking part in the Mathematics Challenge Junior Kangaroo Round.

Cosmo got a Merit, and Hayden got a Pass. This is a huge achievement as not many students around the country get to the stage they did.

James Conquers Ben Nevis!



Huge congratulations to James Godden, who's grueling climb up Ben Nevis in aid of the charity that looked after his late grandma, St Michael's Hospice, raised over £900, which is a fantastic amount! He is also hoping to be part of the European Weight Lifting Championships in Israel later this year. He is working hard to achieve his goal and we think he is a fantastic representative of the school. Good Luck James!

Attendance

Our Attendance Target for Years 7 to 11 has been set at 97%.

Teachers and members of the support staff work hard to encourage students and their families to achieve the 97% target and we reward students for 100% attendance on a weekly and termly basis.

| Year Group Attendance Weeks 1-37 4 September- 28 June 2019 | | | | | | |
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| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 | Year 13 |
| 96.3% | 95.6% | 95.2% | 94.9% | 95.4% | 92.8% | 93.5% |
| Overall Average Year 7-11 | | | | | | 95.4% |

Absence Line

If your child is absent, please ensure that you phone the absence line on 01323-872728 by 9.00am, as this will avoid receiving an unnecessary call from our Absence Officer.

Kilt Reminder

We just wanted to remind you that all students who choose to wear a skirt next academic year, will be required to wear the new school kilt. This can be purchased from Intersport in Seaford.





Music Centres
at Eastbourne, Heathfield, Lewes and St Leonards

Music Centres run a variety of activities for young musicians, guided by our expert teachers.

Our groups include:

Young Music Makers: giving children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 a perfect foundation in music making.

String and Wind Groups: for those who have recently started learning.

Jazz Band, Youth Orchestra, Brass Band

Rock and Pop, Choirs and much more!

Please click on the link below for more details:
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/music/area-music-centres/>

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Chloe Dingle, Aged 10
Dangleth CE Primary School



IN AID OF
THE YOUTH COUNSELLING PROJECT
Helping young people through difficult times

FUN RUN 2019

Friday 12 July

Students will run from the Martello Tower to the Sailing Club and back from 1.30pm

Students to wear fancy dress or PE kit for a £2 donation for our chosen charity

The Youth Counselling Project.

Hosted by Michael & Pippa Logan
31 Sutton Avenue, Seaford. 01323 491566

Garden Party

Sunday 7th July 2019 11.30am - 5.00pm

Tombola - Raffle - Plants - Cakes

12.30 - 1.30pm Seaford Head School Band
2.30pm - 4.00pm Seaford Silver Band

Ploughmans Lunch
Cream Tea



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Could you be a Parent Councillor?

As a school we feel very committed to our students and community. Our partnership with students and parents/carers is vital to continue our **OUTSTANDING** success.

We are currently seeking parent councillors to be part of our school, to give parental feedback, to enrich their experiences of our school and to assist with keeping a positive partnership between school and home.

Our aim to meet once a term would enable us to:

- hear your voice
- increase our communication tools with home and school
- feedback to our staff
- identify areas that may need improvement

Do you think you could help?

The meeting will be held on **Thursday 11 July 5.30pm** in the **Headteacher's office.**

To register your interest please email head@seafordhead.org

"the effect of parental engagement over a student's school career is equivalent to adding two or three years to that student's education."
John Hattie, Author of Visible Learning



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