



NEWSLETTER



28 June 2019 2019: Term 6: Week 4

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

On Monday, the Annual Sports Day was disrupted, due to the weather. Hopefully, by the time that this week's newsletter is circulated on Friday afternoon, we will have completed the finals for our Years 7, 8 and 9 students. The finals for Year 10 will be completed in next week's PE lessons. It's a real shame that the weather intervened before all the events were completed but at least it saved the blushes of three staff members, booked for the relay teams, who had been preparing to challenge our students.



Next Friday, students are not expected in school as it is the staff training day that allows for the new timetables to be uploaded and final preparations to be made for the start of the new academic year on the following Monday. This means that our students have just four school days before they officially move up a school year: a significant change for all of them and gives them the opportunity to focus on what they hope to achieve in the next twelve months. This could involve participating in a new enrichment or extra-curricular activity, as well as ensuring that they are fully focused on their studies and their academic progress. I am sure that the August A-Level and GCSE results will, once again, confirm that it is the students who best develop their independent study skills who are most successful in terms of academic achievement.

Last weekend, Ms Speedie and Mrs Nippard took a team of students on their latest Duke of Edinburgh camping weekend. This award scheme provides our students with an excellent opportunity to develop a range of skills that are really valued by universities and potential employers in the future. A member of the public, who was camping on the same site as our party, made a point of seeking out our staff to commend our students for their outstanding behaviour. It happens on a regular basis but it is still always extremely pleasing to hear this type of positive feedback with regard to our students' conduct; Ms Speedie confirmed it was thoroughly well-deserved.

Last Friday we said goodbye to Mr Liam Honer, who has been a caretaker here for the past five years. He has provided excellent service and will be much missed by the whole school community. We wish him and his family all the very best as they prepare to relocate to Oxfordshire. Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Mr David Greaves, who has been an outstanding School Business Manager for the past thirteen years. He has worked tirelessly to lead the transformation of the school site and to ensure the finances are kept on an even keel. He can now enjoy a well-deserved retirement and will continue to work for the school in a part-time capacity to support a handover to his successor, Mrs Sally Laidlaw.

Key Stage 3 Word of the Week:

Numb: to lose feeling in something or not feel anything

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

Tenacious, adjective: holding fast

Word
of the
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Headteacher's Star of the Week:

James Godden: Mandela House - Respect For All

James is another one of our fantastic students who is regularly nominated as a 'Star of the Week' for a variety of positive reasons. In recent weeks we have celebrated his achievements in international weightlifting and he is also part of the team of students who regularly volunteer to act as guides when we are showing visitors around the site. Last week he received another nomination; this time from Mr Higgins who, whilst on lunch duty, noticed James coming to the rescue of a baby bird that was in distress. He carried it to a safe part of the field and took care to ensure that it had access to food and shelter. For the third week in succession, I have received several nominations for a Year 10 student who sets a fantastic example to students across the school with the way he treats others.



Director of Learning Stars of the Week

| Year Group | Name | Reason |
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| Year 7 | Mason Creese | For an excellent performance and great attitude at Town Sports! |
| Year 8 | Hannah Palmer | For being a fantastic student and producing excellent work in ICT! |
| Year 9 | Layla Rowland | For OUTSTANDING Geography work! |
| Year 10 | Aaron Duncan | For breaking the Town Sports 800m record AND being selected for the English Schools Athletics Squad! |

Diary Dates

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| Friday 5 July | INSET DAY | School closed to students |
| Monday 8 July | New timetable starts Year 6 Taster Week | Whole school |
| Thursday 11 July | Festival in the Sun | Year 6 & 7 Steyne Site Field 6.00pm-7.30pm |
| Friday 12 July | Fun Run Year 11 Prom | Whole School Amex Stadium |

Tech Girls Part Two!

Day two of the AITC Tech Girls Programme saw ten Year 8 students travel to the American Express offices in Burgess Hill.



The day started with a tour of the offices which had clearly been modernised recently, as there was plenty of open space and light shining through the numerous windows across three floors. The girls seemed impressed by the working environment and made numerous comments of how 'cool' it looked and how they would like to work there.

The girls then actively participated in a video conference call made to the American Express offices in Delhi, India. Together with students from other schools, they then proceeded to direct questions to the American Express employee on the other end of the conference call, gaining an insight into their education and professional life, as part of American Express.

Following this, they took part in their first, hands-on task of the day which involved creating a chat app on a program called 'MIT App Inventor', expertly mastering the drag and drop programme to great effect. The outcome of this exercise was to get the app to speak inputted text out loud; something that they found a source of great amusement.



In the afternoon the girls then took part in a carousel of Mindset activities, the idea being that these exercises would allow a glimpse into the focus of certain computer science or technologically orientated jobs. They fully immersed themselves in each of these activities, thoroughly enjoying the different challenges each time.

The last part of the session saw the students participating in another video conference call, this time from an American Express professional based at the offices in Manhattan, New York. Again they probed the professional with questions of a professional and personal nature, much to the amusement of the employee.

Overall, the girls loved the Tech Girls programme, run by AITC and American Express, enjoying each session and task across the two days. They showed great skills and knowledge over the two days and were an absolute credit to the school in every way.

DoE Success!

Congratulations to Years 10 and 11 students, who successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award final expedition last weekend. They navigated their way, successfully, around the Sussex High Weald, walking 13 kilometres on average each day and carrying everything they needed for the duration of the expedition, including tents, sleeping and cooking equipment and food for both days. The focus for their expedition was the impact of humans on the natural environment; they picked up litter along the way to catalogue this. They proved to be great ambassadors for the school and we received compliments on their behaviour from other campers at the site in Horam.



Well done and thank you, we are extremely proud of you all!

EduLink-Important Information



The school has recently acquired the EduLink One app, which integrates with the school's information management system, giving parent/carers with parental responsibility access to their child's personal information.

We will no longer send data collection sheets, as you will be able to update information – such as address changes and your own contact details – via the app. Our data team will receive notification and verify the changes before your child's details are updated. You will also be able to report your child's absence via the app. Further features will be released in the future, including the parents' evening booking system.

We are proposing to release this app to Year 9 parents and log-in details will be sent to the e-mail address the school holds for you on Monday 1 July. If you have a child in Year 10 you will already have access to the app. If you haven't yet logged in, the link will have expired. Please contact the school to ask for this to be reset and check your Inbox and spam/junk folder *[on occasions these communications can be redirected by your email server]* for these details, as the link will expire after seventy-two hours. If you have a number of children in different year groups you will be able to access each child's details, including those due to join the school in September.

If you are the parent of a child in Year 9 and you do not receive the email with your log in details please contact the school to ensure we hold the correct email address for you.

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 1-34 4 September- 14 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. The kilt 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/>

Chloe Dingle, Aged 10
Danehill CE Primary School

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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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SEAFORD CHAMBER CHARITY GOLF DAY
20th September 2019

Main sponsor **BARCLAYS**

This year's fun day of golf is at **Seaford Golf Club** (Blatchington)
In association with **Seaford Chamber of Commerce**
Sponsored by **Barclays Bank**
and raising money for **Seaford Head School PTA.**

Schedule of the day:

- 12.00pm Bacon roll and coffee.
- 12.30pm First tee time from 1st and 9th
- 18 Holes of golf off yellow tees, max 14 teams can enter.
- 7pm - 2 Course Dinner, speeches, raffle and auction.

Visitors: **£45** / person, paid in advance please
Members: **£30** / person paid in advance please
Date: 20th September 2019

Only 14 Teams can enter. More than 50% are already booked, so book now!

Any profit is to be shared with **Seaford Head School PTA** and **Seaford Chamber of Commerce.**

This year will be Stableford, off yellow tees, Best 3 scores to count. Team prizes only.

Teams and individuals are welcome. If you are not in a team, don't worry, we will put you in one.

For further details or booking, contact Alasdair Fortune on 07768 176650
email: alasdair@badgerinks.co.uk or fill in and return the application form to:
Alasdair at Badger Inks Ltd. 5 Mason Road, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 3EE

Please register and pay as soon as possible, as places are going quickly and its first come first served.

ANY DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED

Fancy sponsoring a hole? Big sign at a tee box on a hole and your logo inside club house - Only £35.00.

Where is Seaford Golf Club?
Address: South Downs National Park, 111 Firlie Rd, Seaford BN25 2JD Phone: 01323 894160