



NEWSLETTER



22 November 2019 Term 2: Week 3
 Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

As we approach the general election on 12 December, we will be looking at ways to engage our students in the democratic process and provide an insight into how the British electoral system works. Our sixth form students will be outlining the views of the main political parties participating in our local constituency election and we are hoping to organise a mock election in school. A local resident has raised a concern that some party campaigners have been leafleting extremely close to the school gates. Our duty teams will ensure that any campaigners' activities are appropriate and do not have a negative impact on the school. An observant local resident has also alerted me to the fact that on voter registration cards, the post code for the polling station is given as Arundel Site. We have contacted the returning officer so that this can be corrected and the cards redistributed; to confirm, the polling station will be at the sports hall on the Steyne Road site and school will be opened to students as usual.



On Saturday, I had the good fortune to see food prepared and cooked by our three students who were involved in the Seaford Young Chef of the Year Competition. Jack Jenner, Meadow Veasey and Cienna Jamieson worked extremely hard to serve up an array of culinary delights and the team of judges had a difficult task in separating the contestants; all the dishes presented looked wonderful. After lengthy deliberation Jack was, by the narrowest of margins, adjudged to have won and will be progressing to the regional finals. A big thank you to Mrs Feneron and Mrs O'Neill for their organization, to the Seaford Rotary Club, the team of Judges, the Seaford Mayor [Councillor Nazish Adil] and the Young Mayor of Seaford [James Jenkins] for supporting this event.

On Monday afternoon I was invited by the Director of Children's Services to attend the Annual Children and Young People Trust [CYPT] conference which was focusing on youth voice. This event invited youth groups from all over East Sussex to make presentations. I was extremely proud to see so many students from Seaford playing such a significant role in this event: young people wishing to make sure that their voices are heard as they strive to make improvements to our society. Our students were presenting as part of the Newhaven Youth forum, the Seaford Forum, the Young People Care Group and the Youth Cabinet. The Youth Cabinet was focused on improving mental health for young people by providing much needed support and guidance for parents and carers. Our students were a credit to the school and the organisations they were representing, making a real difference to the wider East Sussex Community.

Headteacher's Stars of the Week
 Ellen Jones: Mandela House - Can Do Attitude.

Ellen was nominated by Mr Grover who identified her work as one of the most impressive pieces of art work he has ever seen from a student in Year 9. Every year of school is important but Year 9 is particularly significant as it's the first year of GCSE study. Assessment is very different to that which students have experienced previously in Key Stage 3 and it's great to see Ellen and other Year 9 students responding so positively to the challenge of producing GCSE quality work so early in their courses. Her outstanding performance in Art is supported by excellent learning habits across the curriculum. Ellen is already well on her way to 100 house points for the year, has a perfect record of attendance and punctuality, and, as a consequence, is making excellent progress across all subject areas.



Director of Learning Star of the Week!

Year Group	Name	For
Year 7	Daisy Jenner	For making the Netball regional team!
Year 8	Lewis Etherington	For excellent poetry analysis!
Year 9	Finley Coe	For Geography and Music Tech
	Niamh Dilley Ben Mchenery	For Spanish and English For English and Science
Year 10	To be advised	
Year 11	To be advised	

Key stage 3

obligatory (adj)

This adjective means that something is required by law, authority or other rule; to be compulsory.

Key Stage 4

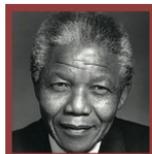
beholden (adj)

This adjective means owing thanks or having a duty to someone in return for help or a service. Obligated



Diary Dates

Monday 25 November	DofE Information Evening	5.30pm-6.30pm Arundel Road Site
Tuesday 26 November	Acton your Potential Seminar	6.30pm-7.30pm Arundel Road Site
Wednesday 27 November	S6H Parent Clinic	4.00pm-5.30pm S6H Centre



INTER-HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION



As part of the ever developing and highly successful House system at Seaford Head School, the PE and Dance Departments have been planning and delivering a variety of practical-based activities, in order for talented students to showcase their ability and compete to gain house points for their contributions.

The inter-house Dance Competition was the first activity to be offered this year and ran last week in the Steyne site Dance studio. The level of dance ability was fantastic and students performed with confidence and flare. House points were awarded to all students for their contributions to the success of the event, whether for performance, choreography or assistance.

The dances showcased were from many different genres, including Contemporary, Street and Irish, all of which were carefully choreographed and performed beautifully to a selected piece of accompaniment. A handful of committed staff joined to form the panel of judges who ranked each house performance out of 10 for Effort, Technique and Sequence, giving a combined total mark out of 30. Chocolates were handed out at the end of the competition to all those involved, to say a huge 'Thank You and well done'.

- 1st = Nightingale
- 2nd = Rowling
- 3rd = Mandela
- 4th = Churchill

There are many more sporting, inter-house opportunities coming soon, so please look out for the posters, listen for notices and come along and get involved for your chance to gain house points, whilst having fun and competing in your favourites sports.



NEWS FLASH!!!! There will be an additional, Christmas-themed Dance-Off in December, so get your house team together, choose your crimbo track, grab your santa hat and get a fun-festive routine ready!!!! Details out soon...



iContact Monkey Bizness invitation

iContact invites families with children with special educational needs and disabilities to:

Monkey Business on Thursday 28th November with a special guest star appearance from Santa

Join us for a Christmas Celebration, everyone is welcome!

The event is free of charge but please email:

info@icontactautism.org

and let us know how many children you will be bringing.

We look forward to seeing you all for a fun evening at Monkey Bizness!



Thursday 28th November

Monkey Bizness Lewes
Unit 27, Cliff Industrial Estate, Lewes BN8 6JL

6:15pm - 8:15pm

Parents/Carers Consultation Evenings 2019-2020

Year 7 PCE	Thursday 23 April 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 8 PCE	Thursday 23 January 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 9 PCE	Thursday 30 April 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 10 PCE	Thursday 27 February 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 11 PCE	Thursday 5 December 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm Thursday 19 March 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 12 and 13 PCE	Thursday 9 January 2020 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm

We are WINNERS!!!

Congratulations to the Years 8 and 10 students who took part in the Active Travel Map project. The students created various safe and manageable routes to school in Seaford, producing leaflets, maps and a video to highlight the use of this fantastic project.



On Wednesday some of the Year 10 students accompanied Mrs Carol Kent to London. We were up against some very strong competition but Seaford Head School were named the TPS Award Winners! More information can be found on the link below.

<https://tps.org.uk/news/transport-planning-day-awards-announced>

Congratulations!

A huge well done to Phoebe Barnes-Galloway, Molly Taylor and Jessica Batchelor who attended trials for the Regional Team Netball. Molly and Jessica have been invited to train with the team and Pheobe has been selected for the team, all of which is fantastic news and very well deserved. Congratulations Pheobe, Molly and Jessica!

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 1-8 5 September- 25 October 2019						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
98.1%	96.0%	94.7%	96.2%	95.7%	96.0%	94.1%
Overall Average Year 7-11						96.7%

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.

Missed our Open Evenings, or would like another visit, come along on one of our

College Tours

Mon 18 Nov 4pm, Fri 22 Nov 10am
Wed 11 Dec 4pm, Wed 15 Jan 4pm



PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED

Pre-booking required, contact Sarah Toynbee on 01273 546607
Surrenden Road, Brighton, East Sussex. BN1 6WQ Tel: 01273 508011 www.varndean.ac.uk



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November

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Once delivered, books will then be distributed to students from our Steyne Site LRC.

For every £1 you spend on this month's book club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic rewards.



Seaford Rotary



Young Photographer Competition

Prizes for all age groups

3 Age Groups

7-10 Years

11-13 Years

14-18 Years

For more information and entry forms please collect from

Fotobox, 22 Broad Street, Seaford
or from your School Reception.
Alternatively, visit

www.seafordrotary.org.uk

or email

youngphotographer@seafordrotary.org.uk

Closing date 24 January 2020

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FREE TO ENTER!

Friends of the South Downs
PHOTO COMPETITION

1ST OCTOBER 2019 - 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020



The Friends of the South Downs invite you to enter its 2019/20 photographic competition celebrating the beauty of the South Downs National Park - its landscape, wildlife, buildings and other man-made structures contributing to the cultural heritage of the area. The Park stretches from Eastbourne to Winchester, covering the chalk downs of Sussex and East Hampshire and the sandstone country of the Western Weald. The boundaries of the National Park can be found on our website: www.friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk/photo-competition

ADULT CLASS - 1st PRIZE - £150!
2nd PRIZE: £100, 3rd PRIZE: £50

JUNIOR CLASS - 1st PRIZE - £100!
2nd PRIZE: £50, 3rd PRIZE: £25

RULES

1. Images must be taken within the Park or as the Park is viewed from outside its boundaries, and taken within the past two years.
2. Digital images should be submitted in JPEG format at a size of approximately 8" x 10" or 20cm x 25cm at 300dpi with a maximum file size of 5Mb. Digital images may be edited to remove spots or scratches or to enhance their quality. Manipulation to remove anything from the scene or to add anything is not permitted, the image must remain true to the subject, as viewed at the time.
3. Entry to the competition is free, it is not open to professional photographers.
4. Entrants can submit up to 3 photographs.
5. All photographs must be captioned with the entrant's name, class (Adult/Junior), and the location and date taken. Junior entrants must declare that they are aged under 18 and have consent of their parent or guardian.
6. Entrants must have taken the photograph and hold its copyright. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that any images they submit have been taken with the permission of the subject and do not infringe the copyright of any third party or any laws. It must not have been a winner in another competition or been previously published.
7. Copyright of the image remains with the photographer but entry to the competition is deemed to give the Friends of the South Downs the right to use it for publicity purposes in support of our mission and to publish it, whether or not it is awarded a prize. All images will be retained by the Society for non-commercial use, for example newsletters, displays, webpages.

