



NEWSLETTER



6 November 2020 Term 2 Week 1

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

I refer to this period of the school year as the 'assessment term', as all year groups are focused on completing subject assessments or some form of mock examinations. It is the most important time on the school calendar and what is happening in lessons now will set the tone for what our students achieve in their summer examinations. It's good to see Seaford Head School students really rising to the challenge and ensuring that they are making the most of every second of their education.



After watching the Prime Minister's news conference on Saturday evening, a number of parents/carers were understandably anxious about the return to school on Monday morning. I can reassure you that we are putting everything in place to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission in school. The tighter restrictions outside of school will help us to ensure that the stringent measures we are implementing are not undermined by mixing outside of school hours.

From the introduction of the new guidelines on Thursday, it is vitally important that our students maintain a positive record of attendance and we will be following up on absence concerns in the usual way. After six months lost education, due to the initial lockdown, students cannot afford to miss any more school time. I understand that some parents have genuine concerns about their children's health and the government has issued clear guidelines regarding the very small group of clinically, extremely vulnerable staff and students who need to self-isolate. This can be found here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

As well as ensuring the school is Covid-secure, we need make certain that all other elements of the school are safe. With this in mind, we have been testing the new zone arrangements this week by holding practice fire drills on the Arundel Road Site. We have to be confident that we can safely evacuate the building in the event of an emergency, whilst avoiding the mixing of 'bubbles'. Needless to say, our students' behaviour in these practise drills was exemplary, as they appreciate that this is all about securing their safety.

This week we have been supporting the Royal British Legion with their Annual Poppy Appeal. Unfortunately, the usual ways in which we pay our respects have been curtailed by the Covid-19 restrictions, with remembrance services being cancelled. I am sure that we will all find a way to commemorate the sacrifices previous generations had to make to secure our freedoms; these reflections certainly put the current challenges into some kind of perspective.

We continue to operate in uncertain times and my message to everyone is be kind to yourself and each other, and focus on the things that we control. It is impossible for us all to become experts on coronavirus transmission, (although my encounters with such individuals are

becoming ever more frequent!). However, we can ensure that the school is kept scrupulously clean, the six zones are rigidly enforced and that we follow the rules in terms of hand/respiratory hygiene. The most significant change in the new guidelines has been the government's stance on face coverings but this will not necessitate a shift in our approach. The school's updated Risk Assessment can be found [here](#) along with the [new national restrictions](#) and what the [new national restrictions mean for education and childcare settings](#)

Headteacher's Stars of the Week:

Year 10 student: Izzy Blay – Churchill House Working Hard Key

Since the start of September our Year 10 students have impressed everyone with their academic focus and determination. This collective approach is extremely well timed, as they're preparing for their examinations which start on Monday; parents should have received the examination timetables. As a result of the zoning, these examinations will not be taking place in the hall. It is apparent that our Year 10s fully appreciate the importance of these tests and Izzy personifies this positive approach. Mr Purdey stated that every week, one subject area nominates her to be the Year 10 'Star'. Well done to Izzy and all the other Year 10s who are well on their way to securing outstanding GCSE outcomes.



Directors of Learning Stars

Year Group	Name	For
Year 7	Jessica Anderton	For an OUTSTANDING performance in the French test!
Year 8	Lara Perekh	For excellent engagement and enthusiasm in English
	Rory McKeown	For fantastic participation in English!
Year 9	Amelie Michale-Baldrin	For effort and pride in her work in Spanish
Year 10	Chelsea Holt	For a triple nomination this week with her being nominated in Maths, DT and Science!
Year 11	Rio Connelly	For consistently working hard and contributing in Maths!

WORDS OF THE WEEK

KS3: Fastidious (adj)

This **adjective** describes someone who pays very close attention to and concerned about accuracy and detail.

The students were **fastidious** in their approach to the Maths problem.

KS4: Resentful (adj)

This **adjective** describes the feeling of bitterness at having been treated unfairly.

The racer was **resentful** after being disqualified for the state of their running shoes.

KS5: Fabricate (verb)

This **verb** means to invent something in order to deceive.

Henry VIII would often **fabricate** the truth so that he got his own way in the court.

Pumpkin Carving

Before the October break our Evolve-Inside Out Learning groups in Years 8 and 10 took part in carving pumpkin activity! Well done to all those students who created some fantastic pumpkins!



Parent Webinar Series

The next webinar is next Tuesday 10 November. We will be focusing on examination preparation, a topic that we know is at the top of a lot of parents' minds! Details of the event are as follows:

Title: Examination Preparation

Date: Tuesday 10 November

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Cost: Free

Sign up link: <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register/>

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Year 7 Nostalgia

Year 7 students on the Graphics rotation have been learning about sketching, drawing and annotating within the subject of Technology.

Students have previously created some Anthropomorphic dental hygiene products, with their current focus being an educational toy for children aged 18-24 months.



For a recent homework task students were set the task of drawing and annotating the toy that they valued most growing up. There were some absolutely fantastic pieces of work handed in, some of which can be seen below. Well done to the Year 7 Graphics groups for taking their time in producing some exceptional work, fully understanding the importance of homework in further enhancing their Graphics skillset. The homework also effectively challenged the students to display their knowledge and



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