



NEWSLETTER



14 September 2018 Term 1: Week 2

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

At this time of year I have the opportunity to interview all our students who have just started in Year 11. The purpose of these meetings is to gauge how they are progressing towards the academic targets that have been set and provide them with some interview practice as they prepare for university and job interviews in the future. This is a real highlight of the year for me as I am always struck by how articulate and confident our students are. They really are extremely impressive and have very ambitious plans for the future; they also have a clear idea of what they need to do in order to achieve these goals. It's apparent that this group has all the necessary skills and personal qualities to be successful; I am extremely excited by what this group can achieve over the next nine months as they prepare for their GCSE examinations.



This time last year the school was in the middle of an Ofsted inspection. Students and staff fully deserved the outstanding judgement that was awarded at the end of this visit and have continued to work hard to move the school forward since the grading was announced. The A-level and GCSE results highlight the progress that has continued to be made in the last academic year. This progress is also dependent on the support we receive from parents and carers. We are very fortunate to work with fantastic families who are with us at every step of the way, as we challenge our students to be the very best that they can. A big 'thank you' to our students' parents and carers who do so much to help their children make a positive contribution to the school and the wider Seaford community.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 19 September	S6H Parents Clinic	4.00pm-5.30pm S6H Centre (Please contact S6H to arrange your appointments)
Thursday 20 September	Year 7 Welcome Evening	6.00pm-7.30pm Arundel Site Hall
Friday 21 September 2018	Jeans for Genes Day	Non Uniform whole school
Monday 24 September	Year 7/10 School Photographs	Both Sites
Wednesday 26 September	Careers Fair	3.15pm-5.00pm Arundel Site Hall

Headteacher's Stars of the Week

Kyle Wheeler: Year 11 - Can Do Attitude

After being bowled over by the students I interviewed this week, I was keen to recognise a student from Year 11 as my Star of the Week. When I asked Mr Pratt for just one nomination, he found it extremely difficult, as the whole year group has started the year in a really positive manner. He decided to select a student who has clearly 'stepped up' in Year 11 and displayed a renewed focus on his studies. In the younger year groups Kyle would sometimes be disciplined for not meeting our expectations in terms of engagement and punctuality. This year he has sent a clear message about how he is now approaching his studies by starting with a perfect record of attendance and punctuality. He has also been spending his break and lunchtimes in the LRC, completing homework tasks and undertaking revision. When Mr Pratt stressed the importance of maintaining this positive approach, Kyle immediately responded that he has one hundred and forty-three days until his first examination and he intends to make the most of every minute of learning time. With this focused approach to his studies, he is sure to be successful. I am very pleased to be able to commend Kyle for the positive start he has made to Year 11 and the excellent example he is setting for his peers .



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Key Stage 3 Word of the Week: Livid: Extremely angry; furious

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week: Euphoria, noun: A feeling of great happiness

Seaford Head School
Achieving Excellence Together



The evening will start with the Headteacher's presentation on the Arundel Road site from 6.00pm, followed by guided tours from 6.45pm-8.00pm on the Steyne Road site. NO BOOKING IS REQUIRED.

Open Mornings are on Tuesday 9th October and Wednesday 10th October 2018 between 9.15am-10.45am.

Please contact Emma Gallagher TO BOOK your appointment 01323 872727.



Debate of the Week

'Would you like the police to spend more time in your school?'

Don't Forget our Careers Event!!

Our whole-school Careers Fair will be held at the Arundel Road site on Wednesday 26 September from 3.30pm-6.30pm. There will be many providers from further education who will be available to speak to. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sixth Form Geographers Visit Nettlecombe Court Field Centre

Year 13 geographers travelled to Nettlecombe Court Field Centre on **Friday 7 September**. We stayed at an old estate within Exmoor National Park for a four day residential trip. The purpose of the visit was to give students the opportunity to complete fieldwork requirements through a choice of urban and physical topics, providing students with the in-depth geographical understanding needed for their geographical investigation that is worth 20% of their final grade. Places visited included Minehead and Porlock Bay. The course was run by the Field Studies Council and tuition was delivered by tutors with expert knowledge of field work activities. Our students did us proud, working exceptionally hard to collect data and to ensure that they are well prepared to achieve positive outcomes on their investigation.



Book of the Week

Recommendation of the Week:
'Rook' by Anthony McGowan

Nominated by:
Mr Jack Gant

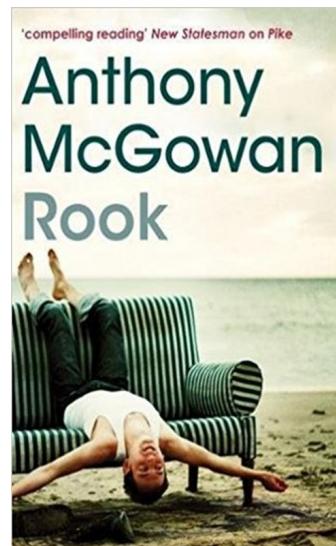
Summary:

A poignant, beautifully written novella about growing up and family. A companion piece to the hugely successful Brock and Pike, McGowan warms hearts once more with the adventures of Nicky and Kenny.

Particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers aged 13+

A novella which discusses the themes of bullying, first love and family. Though this novella follows on from previous ones, I would say that you can read it as a 'stand alone' without an issue.

Designed for struggling/reluctant readers, these are great stories for any teenage reader with issues of ostensibly animal welfare, but this is tangential to the human story running through them: the story of brothers Nicky and Kenny.



House	Points
Churchill House	611
Mandela House	603
Nightingale House	717
Rowling House	710

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings 2018-2019

Year 7 PCE	Thursday 21 March 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 8 PCE	Thursday 17 January 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 9 PCE	Thursday 2 May 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 10 PCE	Thursday 29 November 2018 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 11 PCE	Thursday 28 February 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 12 PCE	Thursday 10 January 2019 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm
Year 13 PCE	Thursday 6 December 2018 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm Thursday 4 April 2019 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-6.00pm

Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	To Be confirmed	
Year 8	Emilia Hutchinson and Amber Robinson	For a great description of a setting!
Year 9	Jayden Tant	For a fantastic start to Art and for supporting Ollie Everden with his Art
Year 10	Alfie Bryant and Bethany Edwards	For being consistently great!
Year 11	Anna Pheasant	For a great attitude to Year 11 and wearing her school skirt correctly

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 4th September–7th September 2018						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
98.8%	97.4%	96.9%	96.7%	96.1%	98.3%	91.6%
Overall Average Year 7-11						97.2%

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.

CAREERS FAIR

Arundel Road Site Hall

3.15pm-5.00pm

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2018



Seaford Head School Music Department

Clarinet Group Lessons – Taster Term



At Seaford Head we would students to learn how to play Clarinet

This is a new scheme aimed at students in Year 7 & 8 who are keen to take on a new challenge

Lessons will start in September and run until Christmas.

- Lessons will be 30 minutes in length
- Students will be taught in small groups (4 to 6 students per group)
- Lessons will take place during the school day and the day/time will change each week to ensure students do not miss the same academic lessons.
- Due to a generous donation from a local music charity (and the size of our teaching groups) the cost of this taster term is only £40 (compared to £98 for group lessons with East Sussex Music Service)
- Students will be able to borrow a clarinet for free for the duration of the Autumn term
- Mr Faulkner will teach the clarinet lessons
- Students will be expected to take part in a short whole group performance in the Christmas showcase event in December
- Students are expected to complete the full course of lessons before deciding whether or not to continue after Christmas.

All students who are interested in taking part in the scheme need to send Mr Faulkner an email. The email should state why you want to learn the clarinet in a couple of sentences (or 50 words).

Students will then be given a permission slip to take home for their parents to complete from the finance department and lessons will start from 17 September.

Email your interest "I want to learn the clarinet...." to:

Davefaulkner@seafordhead.org



PLASTIC FREE SEAFORD

Public meeting

Thursday 27 September 2018 at 7.00pm at the Seven Sisters pub
(Alfriston Rd)

There cannot be many people who have not heard about the problem single use plastic has become on our beaches and Seaford is no exception. There is a movement for towns and cities to sign-up for 'Plastic-free' status and a small group has started a campaign in Seaford.

Plastic-free Seaford has joined the Chamber of Commerce following their recent presentation and we are therefore happy to promote details of their campaign. Claire Sumners (aka Zero Waste Maman) has organised a public meeting for anyone interested to find out how they can get involved.

She says:

"I'm looking for a team of volunteers to work with me to help Seaford to plastic freedom! Could that be you?"

On the night you can find out more about what 'Plastic Free' actually means, what the Surfers Against Sewage strategy is and how as a town we can implement it.

I'll also be on hand in my other role as Zero Waste Maman to help you identify those single-use plastic products you can easily eliminate from your life!

Thank you to Charlotte at The Seven Sisters pub for letting me use the Function Room in this unique building!"

For more information, see the [Plastic Free Seaford Facebook page](#) which has details about beach clean dates and tips for reducing your single-use plastic consumption.

Bag2School



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Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Monday 24th September - Wednesday 3rd October, drop off at either Arundel or Steyne Site.

8.30-15.30

Any queries contact Emma 07718223046

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