



NEWSLETTER



25 September 2020 Term 1 Week 3
Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

As we reach the end of the third week of term, we can reflect on a really positive start to the year. Considering the need for some members of the school community to self-isolate, whole school attendance has been extremely strong, with almost 96% of students attending for the first two weeks of term.



Students have been accessing far more of their practical lessons this week; it was lovely to go into our Food Technology room and see some of the fantastic dishes being created. We will continue to increase the practical component of students' learning in the weeks ahead but we will not compromise the security of the bubbles. A huge 'thank you' to parents who have been providing feedback on how students are finding these new learning zones. It would now appear that these zones will need to be maintained for the remainder of the academic year, so any comments on how we can improve the experience for our students will be gratefully received.

On Monday evening, Mr Handy and the Sixth Form team hosted our Year 12 Information Evening. Although we had to overcome the inevitable technological challenges, it was a really positive event. We have our biggest ever cohort of students starting in Year 12, with a significant proportion joining us from other East Sussex schools. We covered a range of topics throughout the session and the focus on the development of independent study skills is relevant to students across all year groups. It's this ability to undertake meaningful study at home that will prove so important when it comes to future examination performance.

Headteacher's Stars of the Week:

Olivia Ruckes: Nightingale House - Working Hard Key



As with students starting Years 12 and 7, our students in Year 9 have experienced a completely 'new' experience since September and have responded brilliantly. The move to a new site (Arundell) and the start of GCSE courses is a challenge at any time and our Year 9s have had to deal with this, whilst the school has been creating our teaching and learning zones. When I asked Mr O'Kane to identify a Year 9 Star of the Week, he stated that Olivia is the personification of this positive approach. In Miss Wild's Art class, she has already produced an outstanding piece of homework that would secure a level 7 in terms of GCSE grading. This typifies the way in which she is approaching her learning across all subject areas and it's apparent that she is determined to achieve the highest possible grades. She has a perfect attendance record; not a single day of school has been missed since she started in Year 7. Olivia, together with other Year 9 students, appreciate that all the work they are producing now will count towards their final GCSEs and they are making the most of every second of their education.

With the government making further restrictions to social interaction this week, the capacity to engage remotely is going to be just as important for our parents and carers, as it is for our students. With this in mind, we will be holding our termly Parent Council Meeting on Wednesday 21 October at 5.30pm. This will obviously be an opportunity for parents/carers to ask any questions regarding the full re-opening of the school. We will also be looking at the environment and Claire Summers from Plasticfree Seaford will be presenting. As we plan to emerge from lockdown, we have the chance to create a new, greener, more sustainable 'normal' and it's vital that this opportunity is not squandered. We have had excellent engagement in these meetings and would like as many parents/carers as possible to attend. The last meeting was in June, when we discussed how we planned to keep the school covid-secure whilst accommodating increasing student numbers. You don't need to have attended before to join this council meeting; it would be lovely to see some parents and carers for students who have joined the school in Year 7 and Year 12 taking part. If you contact Mrs Greenwood – kathryngreenwood@seafordhead.org – she will provide you with the details needed to join this meeting.

The partnerships enjoyed by the school with groups across Seaford are inevitably taking a different form at the moment. Seaford Rotary Club does so much for our school but, due to restrictions, they have been unable to start their Mathematics and English sessions on the Steyne Road site this term. They continue to do fantastic work in the wider Seaford community and their latest update can be found on the next page.

Seaford Head School

Warmly invites all
parents/carers
and Year 6 Students to view
our Virtual Open Event

Monday 5 October 2020

Visit our website

www.seafordheadschoo.org



Please remember that hot school food is available in every student zone at lunch times!



Seaford Rotary Club: An Update



At this time of year, members of Seaford Rotary Club would normally be getting ready to come into school, one day of each week, to help new students in Year 7 who need some extra support in reading or mathematics. They would also be starting to plan for a variety of competitions which have now become part of the Club's programme, along with a host of other initiatives. As we all know, these are not normal times but that does not mean Rotarians are taking their own furlough. The club and its committees are all meeting by 'Zoom', on a regular basis, to explore what we can do in this testing situation. We are hopeful that we can run our competitions for Young Artists and Young Photographers which students from Seaford Head School will be able to enter. We are also making sure that we shall be ready to resume normal service as soon as the pandemic situation allows. In the meantime, some members are helping each week at the Food Bank. Two successful boot fairs have been carried out and a range of alternatives is being developed for the traditional Christmas sleigh, depending on what is allowed at that time. Therefore, the message from Seaford Rotary Club is that, over the next few weeks or months, we will continue to support our community, wherever we can, and return to normal service as soon as we are able.

Competition Winner!!

During the summer, Newhaven Town Council ran 'The Best of Newhaven 2020' Competition for aspiring photographers. The competition covered a number of different categories which included; The River and Port, Cliffs and Beaches, Green Spaces, Buildings, Events, Wildlife etc. It was mainly an open competition but there was also a separate competition for children under the age of 12. Evie Novell-Smith in Year 7 was the 'winner' of the under 12s competition. producing an absolutely fantastic picture of the sea in Newhaven. Normally Evie would have attended a presentation evening to recognise her photography skills but, due to COVID-19, this was, unfortunately, cancelled. However, Evie will receive an engraved shield to highlight her winning photograph. The shield will be presented by the Mayor of Newhaven in October, COVID-19 restrictions allowing.



KS3

Convey (verb)

This **verb** means to either transport or carry to a place, or can mean to communicate.

Eg: The pipes were used to **convey** the water to the house or I had to **convey** their message.

KS4

Subsidy (noun)

This **noun** means a sum of money granted by the state or a public to support an undertaking held to be in public interest.

Eg: The drama teacher was happy about his Arts Council **subsidy**.

KS5

Complacency (noun)

This **noun** means a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.

Eg: The mock results were excellent, but there was no place for **complacency** with the real exams coming up.

Word
of the
Week

Directors of Learning—Stars of the Week!

Year Group	Name	For
Year 7	Natalia Gurkalo	For persistent kindness to others. A fantastic talent in English and being a pleasure to teach!
Year 8	Alice Lee Maryl Hilden-Cull Jessica Matthews Amelie Mercer Oscar Richardson	For being amazing in a range of subjects!
Year 9	To be confirmed	
Year 10	Henry Maybury	For being amazing in Maths and Media!!
Year 11	Kaitlyne Bridgwater	For being a positive member of class in IT. For being the most improved student regarding attitude and effort!