

NEWSLETTER



7 September 2018 Term 1: Week 1

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

I hope that all members of our community enjoyed a lovely summer holiday.

A highlight of my holiday was sharing in our students' joy as they celebrated fantastic outcomes at GCSE and A-Level on our two results' days. We had predicted an increase in attainment for our sixth form students and this cohort did not disappoint, with the proportion of students securing 3 A*-C grades increasing by 30%. At GCSE level the amount of students achieving a strong pass in both English and Mathematics increased by 5%; whilst outcomes in Chemistry, Physics, Biology, French, Spanish, Media, Business Studies, Food and Product Design were also significantly above the national average. A detailed breakdown of individual successes will be posted on the school's website and all our students should feel extremely proud of their achievements. They would not secure these fantastic outcomes without receiving great support from home and school at every step of the way. There were also some very promising outcomes for our Year 12s in their mock/AS examinations. A significant number of this cohort is applying to Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities and the results secured this summer should give these students increased confidence as they work through the application process.



We welcomed all students back on Tuesday of this week and, with one hundred and fifty students in the sixth form, we are accommodating our largest ever cohort in S6H. Although numbers are growing, students continue to benefit from being in relatively small classes and having access to outstanding personalised pastoral support. This really is special provision and we have some outstanding new recruits who are clearly determined to take full advantage of the opportunities on offer.

Visiting lessons on Tuesday morning, I was really impressed by how quickly our students slip immediately back into study mode. It is an obvious benefit of starting the 'new timetable' in July that our students are able to 'hit the ground running' in September. The outstanding outcomes they achieve is also based on their commitment to independent study. Parents and carers of children, across all year groups, can support them by ensuring that they develop good habits and are devoting a couple of hours to quiet study every evening.

House	Points
Churchill House	22785
Mandela House	23236
Nightingale House	24104
Rowling House	18956

Headteacher's Stars of the Week

Billy Prout: Nightingale House Carenza Hards: Mandela House and Thomas Exley: Churchil House – Respect for All Key



At the end of last term, Year 11s who were planning to progress into S6H, applied to be Lead Prefects. Initially, we had planned to select two Lead Prefects but it proved impossible to separate the three students we finally appointed. Billy and Carenza had already proved their worth in Year 11 as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, whilst Tom has been an outstanding Young Mayor of Seaford. We were extremely fortunate to be able to appoint all three of them to these vitally important positions. Their commitment to the school and the wider Seaford community is really impressive. Rather than passively asking, "What will my school do for me?" their starting point is always, "What can I do for my school?" They all worked extremely hard throughout Years 7-11 and deservedly achieved excellent outcomes. I am sure that they will be outstanding ambassadors for the school and worthy role models for our students in the younger year groups.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11 September	Headteacher Parent Coffee Morning	Arundel Road Site 11.00am-11.30am
Wednesday 12 September	Year 8 HPV Vaccines	Steyne Site
	Year 13 UCAS Evening	S6H Centre
Thursday 13 September	Year 12 Parent/Carer Welcome Evening	S6H Centre
Friday 14 September	Music Department re Instrumental Tuition	Steyne Site Hall 3.30pm

Word
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Week

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Key Stage 4 Word of the Week::

Auspicious, adjective: showing or suggesting that future success is likely

Debate of the Week

'Should Eid be a public holiday?'

The Big Pedal

Seaford Head School are working with Allsorts to achieve the Rainbow Flag Award. This will recognise and expand the work around inclusion and diversity that the school offers LGBTQ+ individuals. We are always looking for ways to increase the support for students and are extending our offer through this award in a number of ways including the launch of a Gender and Sexual Orientation Ally Scheme; this will incorporate staff and students who have particular empathy, experience or training that can help support others and promote inclusion across the school. In addition to this we would like to offer parents/careers the opportunity to speak with a specialist for advice or ask any questions around this area. Rueben, from Allsorts Youth Project, an organisation that listens to, supports and connects children and young people under 26 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or unsure of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity, will be at Arundel Site on Tuesday 11 September from 10.30am-11.00am for individuals to speak with. He will attend the Head teachers Coffee morning from 11.00am for any further questions you may have. Please feel free to come along and speak with Rueben at either session or contact health@seafordhead.org if you have any questions

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!

Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	To be confirmed	
Year 8	Shimrah Marume Morgan Godding	For Music
Year 9	Cameron Tester	Excellent start to Year 9
Year 10	Ruby Male	For independently asking for a tutorial
Year 11	Kyle Wheeler	Fantastic start to Year 11, massive improvement in attitude, behaviour and punctuality

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 1-39 5 September-6th July 2018						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96.1%	95.7%	94.6%	94.4%	96.1%	94.1%	93.6%
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.

Book of the Week

Recommendation of the Week:
'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo

Nominated by:
Mr Jack Gant

Summary:

War Horse is a children's novel by English author Michael Morpurgo. It was first published in Great Britain by Kaye and Ward in 1982. The story recounts the experiences of Joey, a horse purchased by the Army for service in World War I, France and the attempts of young Albert, his previous owner, to bring him safely home. It formed the basis of both an award winning play (2007) and an acclaimed film adaptation (2011) by Steven Spielberg.



This is a great novel to read after or before reading Private Peaceful in Year 7. It takes the reader on a journey of love, friendship and overcoming difficulties. It may serve to create an empathetic response in the reader after discovering the traumatic experiences of Joey and his time at both the farm and later at war.

Seaford Head School Gets a Gold Mark!

Seaford Head School has been awarded the prestigious GOLD Science Mark, in recognition of the excellent work undertaken by their science department.



Science Mark was created by STEM Learning to recognise and celebrate best practice in science departments across the UK. Schools and colleges receive the Science Mark when they can show that they are delivering inspiring lessons for students and demonstrate their department's commitment to high-quality science education.

Science has long been a strength at Seaford Head where staff not only deliver outstanding science lessons but also run excellent extracurricular activities such as STEM club, an annual Science Fair and other STEM career workshops and events.

Rob Handy, Assistant Head teacher and STEM coordinator at Seaford Head School, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to be recognised by STEM Learning in this way. The GOLD Science Mark puts our science department in the top 15% in the country which is testament to the hard work of staff and students in the science department. We are incredibly proud of this year's exam results, both at KS4 where results are well above the national average and KS5 where A-level Physics was a particular strength. It is also encouraging that the majority of our A level students go on to peruse a STEM subject at university."

Adam Little, Professional Development Leader at STEM Learning, said:

"We are delighted to congratulate Seaford Head on receiving the GOLD Science Mark. Being awarded Science Mark is such a prestigious achievement because the assessment process is so rigorous, ensuring the programme is a true hallmark of quality science teaching. Each school and college who receives Science Mark has demonstrated a real and ongoing commitment to excellent science education in their school. Seaford Head is a great example of this."

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

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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 on 01323 872727.



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.

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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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