



NEWSLETTER



7 February 2020 Term 3: Week 5
 Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

Last week I met with representatives from Chartwells and East Sussex Local Authority to discuss the positive steps we can take in partnership, to ensure that the dining arrangements we make for our students are environmentally sustainable. The compass group is making great strides as part of its 'Ten to Go' campaign, which looks to eliminate or significantly reduce the use of single use plastics, such as plastic cutlery and foam food containers. We discussed the initiatives for moving forward and these included the banning of plastic bottles, the reintroduction reusable cutlery and crockery and the introduction of food waste bins in the dining area. Chartwells are already implementing a range of measures behind the scenes and now I would really like to see our students take the lead. Chartwells will be meeting with a group of students after half-term to plan the introduction of these initiatives and the delivery of assemblies to raise awareness



I am writing this just before the Year 8 curriculum pathways event is due to take place. This is always a critical event on the academic calendar, as our Year 8 students prepare for the start of their GCSE studies and their move up to Arundel site. The focus of our Key Stage 4 offer is to provide students with an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum, through which they will develop and secure the best possible educational outcomes to support their progression into Key Stage 5.

When we return after the half-term break, there will be a number of Parents and Carers Evenings which will enable us to strengthen the home/school partnership that is so important to our students. These events ensure that they have a clear understanding of what actions should be taken to maximise their progress and provide parents with an insight into how they can best support. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 13 to school during term 4.

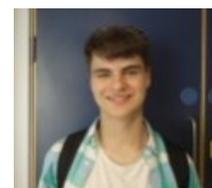
I hope that everyone has purchased their tickets for next week's performances of 'Hairspray'. It really is fantastic the way in which students from across all year groups, along with their families, friends and school staff, come together to put on such an amazing show. It will ensure that the term finishes on a real high with a great celebration of the fantastic talent we have at Seaford Head School.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12- Friday 14 February	HAIRSPRAY the Musical;	7.00pm Arundel Road Site
Friday 14 February	Last day of Term 3	Students will be dismissed at 3.10pm
Monday 24 February	First Day of Term 4	Students to be in school by 8.40am

Headteacher's Star of the Week
 Zander Payea: Mandela House - Respect For All Key

One element of our whole school production by which I have been particularly impressed, is the manner in which our sixth form students set the tone for the rest of the cast. Zander is one of our talented group of Year 12 students, who not only contribute to the performance but also support and encourage their younger peers. He is also one of the leaders on our Student Council and is heavily involved with the East Sussex Youth Cabinet. The key issues affecting young people identified by the cabinet, will be followed up in school. Zander typifies those of our students who want to make a difference and positive contribution to their community. As well as participating in the whole school production and promoting active citizenship, he has maintained an impressive focus on his academic studies and made an excellent start to his A-levels. We are extremely fortunate to have students like Zander, setting such a positive example for the rest of the school community to follow.



Word of the Week Word of the Week

Key stage 3

marginalised (verb)

This **verb** means to treat a person, group, or concept as insignificant or peripheral.

Key Stage 4

iota (noun)

This **noun** means: an extremely small amount.

Director of Learning Star of the Week!

Year Group	Name	For
Year 7	Phillipp Huebbe-Nelson	For the outstanding effort made towards the castle project!
Year 8	Katie Beasley	For being a responsible and proactive Spanish student!
Year 9	Lex Hart	For being a really helpful supportive and calming influence!
Year 10	Abby Wright	For numerous nominations!
Year 11	Connor Craig	For being hardworking in a number of subjects!

Admissions Consultation

The local authority has asked us to make parents aware of the admissions consultation that is taking place which will affect East Sussex schools. Please use this link <https://vsb.eastsussex.gov.uk/article/6947>

Seaford Head School Presents
Hair Spray

You can't stop the beat...
February 2020

Wednesday is Concessions Night £6 concession Adult £8
Thursday and Friday Concession £8 Adult £10
All tickets purchased on the door are £14
Tickets available from reception at Seaford Head School.

February 12th, 13th & 14th

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 1-18 5 September– 24 January 2020						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96.1%	95.7%	95.1%	95.3%	94.3%	95.23%	95.0%
Average						95.3%

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.

Votes for Schools?

Is the UK a tolerant place to live?

Parents/Carers Consultation Evenings 2019-2020

Year 7 PCE	Thursday 23 April 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 19 March 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm



Key Stage 3-Coding House Competitions

The last few weeks have seen two highly competitive Scratch coding competitions being held on Steyne Site.

Numerous members of Churchill, Mandela, Rowling and Nightingale have been competing to see who could win valuable House Points towards the overall competition.

Year 8

The Year 8 Scratch Competition was held first, giving time for the Year 7 students to receive extra time in Computer Science lessons to hone their skills. The Year 8 competition theme was the environment, with students created an animation or game based upon this important issue. The students had twenty minutes to create their competition piece, with some fantastic coding skills on display throughout. The results of the Year 8 competition were as follows:

1st Rowling=40pts

2nd Nightingale=30pts

3rd Churchill=10pts

3rd Mandela=10pts



Year 7

The Year 7 Scratch Competition was next and the theme was again linked to the environment, with a focus upon "Recycling". The students who attended created some absolutely fantastic animations and games (displaying impressive skills learnt in lessons this term) e.g. a maze where you collect dropped litter, an animation where you have to select what the right thing and wrong thing to do in relation to recycling is etc. It was a tough decision on who won this competition with so many fantastic ideas and skills on display, however, the final results were as follows

1st Nightingale=40pts

2nd Mandela=30pts

3rd Churchill=10pts

3rd Rowling=10pts



The scores continue to make a huge impact upon the **Overall House Competition Leaderboard**, which looks like this (as of 03/02):

Important Notice: Currently running and giving students across all year groups a massive opportunity to win house points, is the "Graphics House Badge Competition".

Details for this competition can be found on [FROG](#). Closing date for entries is Thursday 13th February, entries to be handed in to Mr. Niblett.

1st Nightingale=17049pts

2nd Churchill =16842pts

3rd Mandela=15635pts

4th Rowling=14105pts

FREE TICKETS FOR UNDER 21s

We are offering 10% of our tickets to under 21s for free. (One adult free for every 2 children)



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AN EVENING WITH GUY CHAMBERS

WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 7^{PM}

The acclaimed songwriter, known for his work with Robbie Williams, performs piano interpretations of his many hits and tells the anecdotes and stories behind them.

REUBEN JAMES AND BAND WITH SUPPORT FROM MARIE WHITE

THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 7.30^{PM}

Singer, songwriter and pianist, best known for his ongoing collaborations with Sam Smith.

CLASSICAL GALA CONCERT: THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 7^{PM}

Our Resident Orchestra is joined by the BBC Young Musician Of The Year Martin James Bartlett, and two of our 2019 Hastings Piano Concerto Competition prizewinners Fumiya Koido & Sylvia Jiang.

NOCTURNE: THE ROMANTIC LIFE OF FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 3^{PM}

Pianist Lucy Parham is joined by actors Patricia Hodge and Alex Jennings for an afternoon of words and music.

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 7.30^{PM}

'Beggars of Life' with live accompaniment from The Dodge Brothers featuring film critic Mark Kermode and pianist Neil Brand.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ WITH CLAIRE MARTIN OBE AND FRIENDS

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 7.30^{PM}

Award-winning singer Claire Martin is joined by friends and fellow musicians for an evening of Jazz.

AN EVENING WITH RACHEL PORTMAN OBE

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 7.30^{PM}

An evening exploring the career of the composer and Academy Award Winner, whose work is featured on the A-level Music Syllabus.

THE PUPPINI SISTERS WITH THE PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 7.30^{PM}

Gorgeous close harmonies, impeccable fashion sense and trailblazing re-workings of pop and classic songs, all accompanied by the famous Pasadena Roof Orchestra.

**Junior Coaching
Taster Session
SEAFORD GOLF CLUB**



**Saturday 29th
February
2020**

Free trial junior coaching session available for all ages.

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If you are interested in coming along to the free session please make sure you call or email to book in.

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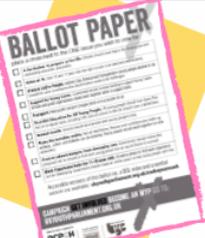


**EAST SUSSEX
'MAKE YOUR MARK'
2019**

NOVEMBER 2019

youth voice!

Young people all over the country chose a local (devolved) and national (UK) topic that they view as the most important to them. This is what they said...



16 schools in East Sussex took part

EAST SUSSEX RESULTS

- 1 **Protect the environment:** 7,202 votes
- 2 **Put an end to knife crime:** 3,078 votes
- 3 **Improve mental health services for YP, including in schools:** 2,611 votes
- 4 **Tackle child poverty:** 1,734 votes
- 5 **Curriculum for life:** 1,719 votes

UK Results

national priorities

- No. 1: Protect the Environment
- No. 2: Tackling Hate Crime
- No. 3: Votes at 16
- No. 4: Welcome Refugees
- No. 5: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

local priorities

- No. 1: End Knife Crime
- No. 2: Mental Health
- No. 3: Curriculum for Life
- No. 4: Child Poverty
- No. 5: Street Harassment

- 6 **Votes at 16:** 1484 votes
- 7 **Combat hate crime:** 1,200 votes
- 8 **Welcome refugees:** 907 votes
- 9 **Street harassment:** 645 votes
- 10 **UN Convention on the rights of the child:** 606 votes

for more information, head to: www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk

data from: <https://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019-Results-Report-Infographic-Make-Your-Mark.pdf>

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