



NEWSLETTER



09 October 2020 Term 1 Week 4

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

This week, Mr Purdey wrote to parents and carers explaining why all residential trips have been postponed for the remainder of this year. Following the announcement that some form of lockdown restrictions will be in place for at least the next six months, we felt it was important to provide families with clarity so that they could plan for the year ahead. This decision was taken with a heavy heart and I would like to assure our families that we remain fully committed to delivering a varied enrichment and extra-curricular programme. In the current climate, student and staff safety is our overarching priority. We will continue to commit to the Duke of Edinburgh programme and keep participants updated regarding activities which are taking place. Student participation, in this programme, has really grown in recent years and it offers so much, in terms of employability skills, that we are determined to increase our involvement. At the moment, the World Challenge Expedition to Borneo is still going ahead; Mr Teasley will keep participants updated.



The school calendar obviously looks very different this year but remote versions of all the usual activities will be taking place. The Key Stage 4 Information Evening will be presented through the school website and a remote version of the Annual Celebration Evening is being filmed and will be shared early in term two. The PCEs will be organised through telephone bookings and I would like to remind parents and carers that on 21 October we will be holding our first Parent Council Meeting of the year on zoom. Mrs Greenwood will contact everyone who has attended previous meetings and if you haven't, she can be contacted at kathryngreenwood@seafordhead.org to provide you with a remote invite. It would be great to see some new parents and carers involved.

I would like to remind parents and carers that, as part of our zone arrangements, all students have access to a designated servery within their year zone. This means that all our students can receive a hot meal at lunch time in the safest possible environment. We are currently unable to provide food before school or break so it is well-worth students bringing a snack in from home if they find themselves getting hungry before lunch. They should also bring a water bottle into school; if they forget this, they should let their Student Services Officer know. We will inform parents if/when we are able to provide food at morning break.

One of the positives that has come out of the pandemic has been the fantastic way that different members of our community have supported each other. Last week, I mentioned how our students are extremely conscientious when it comes to mask wearing. This week, a Seaford based company with numerous connections to the school, kindly offered to donate one thousand masks to the school, free of charge. When these masks arrive, any student who forgets their mask or would like their own reusable face covering, will be able to collect one from their Student Services office.

This Saturday is World Mental Health day and we will be using our social media presence and next week's newsletter to outline some of the ways in which we shall mark this occasion in school. It's a perfect reminder that now, more than ever, we need to make sure that we are being kind to ourselves and to each other.

Headteacher's Stars of the Week:

James Jenkins and Bella Scriven: Positive Contributions Key.

Rosie Tuite (Nightingale) and Pebble Plastow (Churchill): Working Hard key

Even before lockdown and the coronavirus, the most important quality that students needed to succeed in education, was the ability to undertake independent study. Lockdown re-emphasised the importance of this, as students' ability to motivate themselves and complete research tasks away from school has underpinned their learning for the last six months. Our Year 7s missed out on their SATs last year, so an early opportunity to develop these skills was missed, making homework tasks for these students even more important. It has been great to see how conscientiously they have responded to this challenge and how they have invested in their independent learning. In my Year 7 History group, I have been really impressed to learn that Rosie has completed all homework tasks to an exceptionally high standard, whilst in English, Pebble's language analysis was described as "simply stunning." The skills that Rosie, Pebble and our other Year 7 students are developing will ensure that they achieve to their full potential, irrespective of what form assessments take in the future. Not only is their work extremely detailed, it is also presented to the highest standard, making future revision and examination preparation so much more straightforward.

Directors of Learning Stars

Year Group	Name	For
Year 7	Fred Gander	For being an OUTSTANDING, polite and helpful student!
Year 8	Joshua Woodward	For continued effort and fantastic work in lessons!
Year 9	Jessica Potter	For being OUTSTANDING!
Year 10	Natalie Cottis	For a double nomination!
Year 11	Taylor James-Mackay	For helping others in English and working hard in Photography!

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

SCHOOL COMPETITION 2020



Register at
info@theredcard.org

The Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) School Competition is free to enter, open to young people of all ages and abilities and is a great follow-on activity to educational work about racism. We want to encourage participants to think about racism and produce their own work about this serious issue. Young people are welcome to produce work in any medium – **artwork, creative writing, song and film**. If it's about racism, we want to see it!

Each year, the entries received by Show Racism the Red Card highlight both the standard of young people's own work and how the competition is an inspirational way of spreading a **really** positive anti-racism message.

Schools have until **28th February 2020** to register to take part in the competition!

RULES

- **Artwork** must not exceed **A3 size** (297 x 420mm)
- **Film entries** must not exceed **6 minutes** & must be playable in **Windows Media Player**
- **Group entries** are permitted but limited to a **maximum number of 6 young people per group**
- **Please do not send more than one entry, per category, per school**

CATEGORIES

- Year 1-4** Artwork & Creative Writing
- Year 5-6** Artwork
- Year 5-6** Creative Writing
- Year 7-9** Artwork
- Year 7-9** Creative Writing
- Year 10+** Artwork & Creative Writing
- Additional Support for Learning** Artwork & Creative Writing
- All Ages & Abilities** Multimedia

An independent panel of judges select the winning entries and winners are invited to a special Awards Ceremony at a Premier League stadium. Prizes are presented by special guests including current and former professional footballers.

This is a unique opportunity for schools to proactively demonstrate their commitment to equality and tackling racism by taking part in the **UK's biggest equalities themed school competition**.

Register today
by emailing
info@theredcard.org

HOW TO ENTER

Register your school by filling in the slip provided (page 4) or e-mail the required details to info@theredcard.org by **28th February 2020**.

Participants should work with SRtRC resources before producing entries.

The SRtRC film and education pack are available to download at: www.theredcard.org/shop. A dynamic and hard-hitting educational resource containing personal experiences of both top footballers and young people exploring various forms of racism and how to tackle stereotypes and misconceptions.

Schools registering for the Competition can order a copy for just £20.

All entries to SRtRC by **13th March 2020**.

Please supply the following information on the reverse of each entry:

- Name of entrant**
- Year group**
- Name of school**
- Number of participants in school**



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD REGISTRATION FORM

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2. Register by **28th February 2020**
3. Entries to SRtRC by **13th March 2020**
4. One entry, per category, per school
5. Group entries limited to **6 pupils**

Contact name

School name

Address

E-mail

Send me a link to download the SRtRC Film & Education Pack with an Invoice for £20

Send entries to:
Show Racism the Red Card
Linskill Centre, North Shields, NE30 2AY

Please contact info@theredcard.org
with any questions about the competition

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