



NEWSLETTER



15 February 2019: Term 3: Week 6

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

I am writing my contribution to this week's newsletter on Wednesday afternoon, just before the first evening performance of 'Annie'. I know that it will be an amazing show and I can't wait to see the full production. We are so incredibly fortunate to have a fantastic Arts Faculty which regularly organises these incredible events. It has also been lovely to see so many departments from outside the Arts Faculty getting involved in this event to make it a 'whole school' production in every sense.



On Friday morning, at their weekly assembly, our Year 11 students will receive their mock examination results. These outcomes will inform their revision strategy for the next three months and allow them to precisely target those areas in which they need to pay extra attention. They have worked extremely hard to put themselves in a really strong position at this stage in the academic calendar and a focused approach for the remainder of their courses will enable them to secure truly outstanding outcomes.

Friday morning is also the deadline for our Year 8 students to bring their completed Option Forms into Student Services. Thank you so much to parents and carers for your positive engagement in last Thursday's Options Evening. In addition to encouraging students to make firm choices about the subjects they would like to study in Key Stage 4, it was an excellent opportunity to encourage them to think seriously about their career aspirations and to consider what they need to achieve in school, if they are to fulfil their ambitions.

As we reach the end of what has been a very successful term, I would like to wish all our students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	Isla McKenna	For excellent independent in Mathematics!
Year 8	Freddie Whitney	For a superb piece of descriptive writing on the homeless whilst continually challenging himself!!
	Ben Still	For being super impressive in English!
Year 9	Sophia Watts	For putting in that extra mile!
Year 10	Archie Strong	For being hardworking, motived, unbelievably helpful for both staff and students!
Year 11	Alisha Nye	For being top of the class, the revision is really paying off

Headteacher's Star of the Week:

Hope Reilly: Rowling [No Photo], Grace Pollins: Churchill
Emma Vitelli: Churchill - Positive Contribution Key

Last week I met with Hope, Emma and Grace from Seaford's Youth Forum and it was great to hear about the fantastic work they carry out for the benefit of the wider Seaford community. Whenever I speak to members of the forum, I am always blown away by their commitment and determination to make a positive contribution to society. In the short meeting we had, these students were able to explain their involvement with 'Autism Sussex and 'Cry', the heart charity. They have also been involved in beach cleans, organising 'Takeover Day' and mental health and well-being workshops. They are currently focused on funding bike racks along the seafront, as part of the 'Active Sussex' initiative. They set an excellent example to other students and highlight what can be achieved through active citizenship. As well as making a positive difference to the town, Hope, Emma and Grace are also excellent students in school. They are typical of a large group of Year 9 students who are hard-working, high achieving and also care deeply about other people.



Diary Dates

Friday 15 February	End of Term 3	Students dismissed at 3.15pm
Monday 25 February	Start of Term 4	All students in school at 8.40am
Wednesday 27 February	S6H Parents Clinic	S6H Centre 4.00pm-5.30pm
Thursday 28 February	Year 11 Parent Carer Consultation	Arundel Site Hall 4.30pm-7.30-pm

House	Points
Churchill House	12618
Mandela House	13248
Nightingale House	13561
Rowling House	12380

Word of the Week Word of the Week

Word of the Week:

Key Stage 3 Word of the Week::

Discombobulated: confused

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

Nexus, noun: the means of connection between things in a series

National Apprenticeship Week Roadshow 2019

National Apprenticeship week takes place from 4 to 8 March and, in partnership with Apprenticeships in Sussex, East Sussex County Council will be holding two Apprenticeship Roadshow events, plus a number of pop-up events across the county.

Students, parents and carers will be able to meet local employers, training providers and current apprentices at the roadshows and there will be panel discussions on the different types of apprenticeships and levels available

The event details are:

Tuesday 5 March	Eastbourne Town Hall	5.00pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 13 March	Hastings Library	5.00pm-7.00pm
Employers and training provider stalls		5.00pm-7.00pm
Traineeships and Apprenticeship talks		5.30pm-6.00pm
Higher and Degree Apprenticeships talks		6.30pm-7.00pm

Visit www.c360.org.uk/NAW2019 to book on to the roadshows, for up to date information and to find dates when Apprenticeships in Sussex will be popping up in Hailsham, Lewes, Newhaven, Crowborough, Heathfield and Uckfield.



Year 7 Free Their Feet!

'Free Your Feet Week' for Year 7 began with a very wet Monday. It didn't get much better during the course of the week but many of the students battled on and managed to increase the amount of time they walked to school each day. Living Streets had given us two £25 vouchers to spur them on and they were won by Lucy Sherlow-Gray and Jaina Dunlin. Well done to everyone who took part. It's a shame it was the wettest week of the year!

Computer Science Goes Primary!

Computer Science took two Year 10 students, Maya Gyaltsen and Dan Boniface on a visit to Cradle Hill Primary School on Thursday 7 February. The students ran an E-Safety Workshop for Year 6 students as part of 'Safer Internet Day'. The workshop included topics, such as 'Password Security', 'Protecting Personal Data', 'Social Media Awareness' and 'Phishing Scams'. Two fabulous students won a pair of headphones each for their hard work and engagement on the day. The students were really excited and some mentioned they were really looking forward to starting at Seaford Head School in September.

On 13 December, I helped to organise a conference for AT Autism, talking about the Criminal Justice System serving the autistic and whether autistic people should have a 'get out of jail' free card, along with victims of crime who serve long sentences. The conference gathered some of the most prominent speakers who had either anecdotes of the situation or were authors, who were either autistic and had a predominant view on the matter or had the power to address it to a larger audience.

During the plenaries, I was co-ordinating question time. I was mandated to carry the microphone in order to deliver questions from the audience to speakers from various backgrounds, [such as academic, lawyers, doctors, police, authors] to parents from across the country and the rest of the world. This was a very great experience as many of the questions withheld a lot of depth.

Some famous people, such as Dr Damian Milton and Karen Todner, were at this conference.

One mother, who was one of the main speakers, spoke about how she dealt with the Gary McKinnon case which was a decade long battle with her son, to gain justice and to prevent his extradition to America.

During the day, various speakers reiterated that the great majority of autistic people are victims of crime. This was the highlight of the day and allowed for first hand expertise to deliver and develop understanding for those present on the day.

Seaford Youth Forum



Who are we?

SYF is a group of young people in Seaford who voice the opinions and concerns of other people in the community. We do this to try and improve Seaford as a community and the lives of the people who live within the area.

What do we do?

We do lots of charity and community work. In recent projects we have done mocktail cocktail parties, fundraising events and took part in a takeover day. This was a day where SYF and other groups of young people were invited to spend the day at County Hall to discuss mental health. We attended and led on workshops to do with mental health. There were also speakers who came in to talk to us and ask questions about how the mental health system could be improved.

What is our current project?

Currently, we are working on getting people more active. As part of this we are raising money to get bike racks and bike repair kits along Seaford beach. In addition, we are doing a sponsored bike ride to help raise money. We are going to start running sports clubs at Mercread Youth Centre as part of the 'Active Sussex' scheme.

Who is involved?

Jane Spencer [Vice Chair], Roger Daw [Chair], Neve [Sixth Form], Megan [Sixth Form], Kezia Ryciak [Year 10], Hope Reilly [Year 9], Emma Vitelli [Year 9], Abigail Embleton-Stewart [Year 9], Louise Jones [Year 9], Grace Pollins [Year 9], Callum Nicholaou [Year 9], Charlie Spencer [Year 9], Thomas Paget Myers [Year 8], Hayden Roberts [Year 8], Lily [Year 6], Jess [Year 6]

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 1-20: 4 September–8 February 2019

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96.6%	96.0%	94.8%	95.0%	94.9%	93.9%	94.7%
Overall Average Year 7-11						95.5%

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.

Parents/Carers Consultation Evenings 2018-2019

Year 7 PCE	Thursday 21 March 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 9 PCE	Thursday 2 May 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 11 PCE	Thursday 28 February 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 13 PCE	Thursday 4 April 2019 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-6.00pm

Sustrans AAFG

Seaford Head School



Removing wheels and changing disc brakes – Nov 2018

The Challenge

Seaford Head School provides secondary education for c. 1300 pupils from the Seaford and Newhaven locality. The school is divided across three sites for different year groups: Steyne Road (Years 7&8), Arundel Road (Years 9-11) and 6th Form Centre.

The school runs a number of programmes to support vulnerable learners including those with SEND. Some face challenges with communication, cognition and learning, while others require additional support with developing their physical, social, emotional and mental wellbeing.

The school have developed a new programme led by Sam Whitaker, Head of Inclusive Learning and PHSE. Here learners are given the opportunity to participate in offsite activities which place emphasis on developing soft skills and practical expertise.

Active Access for Growth

Growth is funded through DfE Access Fund and focusses on inspiring and enhancing existing and longer term active travel (cycling, walking and public transport) across three key growth areas - Newhaven, Eastbourne/South Wealden and Bexhill/Hastings.

What we did

Sustrans first engaged the school in March 2018 prior to the Big Pedal. The competition sparked a lot of interest among younger pupils but did not appeal to those nearing the end of their education.

This required a different approach and one that would not interfere with exams. Sam Whitaker was approached by Sustrans, who offered to design a bespoke bike maintenance course for a small group of Year 10 students.

The course was delivered in 2 hourly sessions, over four weeks. It was structured in a way that built on skills from the previous week and enabled students to share their learning. Content included removing wheels, fixing punctures, changing disc brakes and v-brakes, and altering gears. During week three, students shared and demonstrated their puncture repair learning with Year 7 SEN pupils.

By the end of the course, pupils were able to recognise and fix problems on their own bikes, and service balance bikes belonging to the adjacent nursery. They had also attained Learning, Employability and Progression credits in bike maintenance and were awarded a Bikeability Fix certificate.

Key Facts

8 hours of consolidated bike maintenance

5 Year 10 pupils and 2 school staff engaged

5 Bikeability Fix certifications

One pupil was keen to share his learning with a Year 7 student.

"I can show him how to adjust the brakes now "

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In partnership with



Year Group	Name	For
13	Ollie Funnell, Oscar Neel & Emily Marchant	In Geography: For their work on an example of a TNC
13	Dan Laidlaw	For effort and enthusiasm on our trip to Sussex University!
13	Harry Evans, Billy White and Dom Sobczak	In Maths: For working hard in intervention
12	Georgia Ford, Elizabeth Billington & Carenza Hards	In Geography: For their population assessment
12	Katie Trollope	For being absolutely brilliant in Annie. Main part and the only 6th former!. She has worked so hard on her lines and role!
12	Jess Coveney	In English Literature: A Very promising assessment on Tess and Death of a Salesman
12	Charlie Rabuszko	In Physics as STAR OF THE MONTH: For most improved AND top mark in recent difficult physics test 64% grade A
12	Mara Moreira	For excellent progress in English Language & Literature
12	Sarah Harden	For sustained hard work and thorough engagement in Philosophy

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Apprenticeship Open Mornings

February Half Term

PORTCHESTER Monday 18th February 2019 11am – 1pm
BURGESS HILL Thursday 21st February 2019 11am – 1pm

- ✓ Tour the centre and talk to the trainers
- ✓ Have a go at a practical taster session
- ✓ Find out about applying for September 2019
- ✓ No need to book – just come on the day
- ✓ Parents and guardians welcome too



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