



NEWSLETTER



18 October 2019 Term 1: Week 7 Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

Last week we held the Annual Open Events for our Sixth Form on Thursday evening and Saturday morning. The evening event was extremely busy and visiting students were given the opportunity to talk to subject teachers about the entry requirements and the demands of each course. We had a huge number of visitors from other East Sussex schools and it's evident that there is a growing awareness, outside of Seaford, regarding the exceptional provision that is made in our Sixth Form. On Saturday morning, visitors had the opportunity to take a tour of the Sixth Form Centre and look at the facilities on offer. It made me reflect on how fortunate we are to have this dedicated space for Key Stage 5 students. In addition to Mr Handy and the sixth form team looking after our visitors, we had an outstanding group of current sixth form students helping out at both events. Well done to everyone involved.



I am writing my contribution to this week's newsletter just after the Annual Celebration of Achievement event that was held on Thursday evening. This is always a really special occasion and this year it was lovely, once again, to welcome back former staff [Sue Skelton and Sylvie Kobylak] to present prizes and a former student, Tiger Cox, who gave the key note speech. The input of the Performing Arts Department made it extra special, as the audience was kept thoroughly entertained throughout the evening. A special mention to our three Year 12 students, Holly Varndell, Zander Payea and Mia Fleming, who were the hosts for the evening and also featured in an excellent Year 12 drama performance that explored what 'achievement' really means. It was a privilege to be present at such a positive evening.

On Tuesday I had the good fortune to accompany two of our Year 7 students, Ayla Graham and Meadow Veasey, to Seahaven FM where they were interviewed about an intergenerational event on which they have been working. There is a community event next Thursday and there will be a bigger feature in next week's newsletter, focusing on the fantastic work our students are planning in order to support older members of our community.



Today, as a school community, we showed our support for 'Show Racism the Red Card' by wearing a red item of clothing. It was a great opportunity for us to reinforce the core values that are so important and unite us as a school. Although there has been significant progress in this area over the last thirty years, the abhorrent scenes in Bulgaria this week show that this is not the time for complacency.

Key stage 3

Key Stage 4

Word
of the
Week

Microcosm (noun)

Savant (noun)

This **noun** means a community, place or situation regarded as encapsulating in miniature the characteristics of something much larger.

This **noun** means a learned person; a person with a high level of knowledge or skill.

Headteacher's Star of the Week:
Beth Edwards – Mandela House – Can do Attitude

Beth is another of our current Year 11 students who has already secured a grade 9 at GCSE level; she achieved the highest grade for the RS examination that she took at the end of Year 10. This is an outstanding achievement and the manner in which she has started Year 11 shows she is determined to perform equally impressively across all her subjects. Her achievements are based on excellent behaviour, an impressive work ethic and a really positive attitude. What makes these achievements even more impressive, is that she has a significant commute every day and travels in from Tunbridge Wells: this doesn't stop her from maintaining an excellent record for attendance and punctuality. It's apparent that Beth is determined to overcome any potential 'barriers' that might prevent her from achieving her goals and is on course to secure exceptional grades. Through conducting herself in this manner, she is setting an excellent example to her peer group and students lower down the school.



Diary Dates

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| Wednesday 23 October | S6H Parent Clinic | 4.00pm-5.30pm Sixth Form Centre |
| Friday 25 October | End of Term 1 | |
| Monday 4 November | INSET DAY | No students in school |
| Tuesday 5 November | Start of Term 2 | All students in school at 8.40am |

Director of Learning Star of the Week!

| Year Group | Name | For |
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| Year 7 | Meadow Veasey & Ayla Graham | For a fantastic project in the community and for speaking on local radio with such maturity! |
| Year 8 | Husam Emslam | For contribution to an anti-racism assembly! |
| Year 9 | Paris Clark Raihana Bulambo | For excellent written Maths work! For good work in practical lesson! |
| Year 10 | Rio Connelly | For good solid work ethic and a wonder strike during a school football match! |
| Year 11 | Ellie Morley | For making a real effort in Music over the last couple of weeks! |

House Events: Gaming Competition

The first house event of the term took place on Wednesday 16th October, with the Computer Science department being the hosts.

The focus of the house event was gaming, with the game being played Ski Safari. Ski Safari sees a cartoon avatar skiing downhill and trying to avoid avalanches that occur at certain points. The avatar uses numerous means to avoid the avalanche, hitching a ride on a skidoo, penguin, yeti and eagle depending upon your success at staying upright.



The gaming competition was well attended by the houses and was keenly contested, with the battle for house points driving the competitive juices within the Year 8 competitors. There were fantastic performances across the houses, with James King and Hamish Mathieson being the highest scorers in the competition.

Overall, once all of the scores had been recorded, added together and divided by the competitors within the respective houses, the results were as follows:

- 1st = Mandela (Ski Safari Pts Total 39,122) = 40pts
- 2nd = Nightingale (Ski Safari Pts Total 34,379) = 30pts
- 3rd = Churchill (Ski Safari Pts Total 23,612) = 20pts
- 4th = Rowling (Ski Safari Pts Total 17,177) = 10pts

Congratulations to Mandela House for its win in this closely fought competition, claiming victory due to some fantastic performances from James King, Willow Fish and Elias Webber. The **Year 7** competition will be taking place on **Wednesday 23 October** and should be as keenly contested!

House Challenge 1 RESULTS!



The first House Challenge turned out to be just that, with the weather proving less than kind over the weekend.

However, there was still a large number of families who braved the elements in an attempt to try and gain points for their child's house.



After a count and recount it was deemed that the points allocated for House Challenge 1 would be given in the following order:

- 1st = Mandela House
- 2nd = Churchill House
- 3rd = Rowling House
- 4th = Nightingale House



Well done to all of the families for their efforts. A 'well done' must also go to the winners, on this occasion, **Mandela House**.

House Challenge 2 will be set on **Friday 25 October**, so there will be plenty of time to send your entries through during the break.

Hopefully the weather will improve during the break, although this may or may not influence the next challenge!!!

WANT TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR LEARN TO SING?

COME AND FIND OUT MORE AT:

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| <p>MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM PRIORITY SCHOOL, LEWES</p> <p>TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER AT 5PM UCKFIELD COLLEGE</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 5PM BEACON ACADEMY</p> | <p>TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM CHAILEY SCHOOL</p> <p>SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>9:15AM</td> <td>HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9:15AM</td> <td>PRIORITY SCHOOL, LEWES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11:30AM</td> <td>THE ST LEONARDS ACADEMY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11:30AM</td> <td>RATTON SCHOOL, EASTBOURNE</td> </tr> </table> | 9:15AM | HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 9:15AM | PRIORITY SCHOOL, LEWES | 11:30AM | THE ST LEONARDS ACADEMY | 11:30AM | RATTON SCHOOL, EASTBOURNE |
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Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings 2019-2020

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| Year 7 PCE | Thursday 23 April 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm |
| Year 8 PCE | Thursday 23 January 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 5 December 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm Thursday 19 March 2020 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm |
| Year 12 and 13 PCE | Thursday 9 January 2020 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm |

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 1-5 5 September-4 October 2019 | | | | | | |
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| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 | Year 13 |
| 98.1% | 96.0% | 94.7% | 96.2% | 95.7% | 96.0% | 94.1% |
| Overall Average Year 7-11 | | | | | | 96.7% |

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.

Important Information

Applying for Secondary School: September 2020

If you have a child in Year 6, you **MUST** apply for a place at secondary school by the deadline of Thursday 31 October 2019.

In order to enhance your chances of securing a place for your child at one of your preferred schools, your application must be registered, via the home authority for your area, even if your preference[s] is/are not for schools in your area. For example, applying for an East Sussex school, when you live within the Brighton and Hove city boundary, it is essential you apply via Brighton and Hove. Applications are then passed between the local authorities, using a secure electronic link.

The preferred method for submitting applications is via the local authorities' websites by following the links below:

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/ (For East Sussex Residents)

or

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/school-admissions> [For Brighton and Hove residents]

As an Academy we must comply with statutory regulations regarding admissions. Seaford Head School has been oversubscribed in the past and the trend suggests this will be the case again this year. As a result, in previous years, some local applicants, or those with siblings already at the school, were not offered places as they either failed to apply or made an application after the Thursday 31 October deadline.

Please click on the link below to view our Admissions Policy for September 2020 for information regarding the application process:

<http://www.seafordhead.org/admissions>

Select the Year 7 2020 tab.

Any applications received after Thursday 31 October 2019 will be considered as being

late. Consequently, any such application will be considered after those received before the deadline. If you do not apply on time, your child will not be allocated a school of your choice if any of the schools listed are oversubscribed. Being a resident in the school community area or if you already have other children at the school, does not guarantee a place if your application is late. You are entitled to give three schools as preferences. It is recommended that you do not restrict your application to one school of preference. If your school of preference is oversubscribed, a place will be allocated at the closest school with spaces, if no other preferences are given.

You may also wish to give due consideration concerning how your child will get to school, as assistance with transport is very limited. Details are available on the East Sussex website at:

<https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/transport>

If you do have any queries please contact the team at East Sussex to clarify your situation.

Seaford Head School

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Open Mornings

Monday 30 September until Friday 4 October

between 9.15am-10.45am.

Please contact Emma Gallagher

TO BOOK your appointment 01323 872727

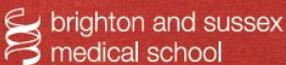
BSMS Monthly Lecture Series:
MALCOLM REED
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A chance to chat to Malcolm Reed about his experience of nearly 40 years as a doctor



The first of Brighton and Sussex Medical Schools' monthly lecture series, designed with local secondary school students in mind. This lecture series, running from November through until July provides the unique opportunity to learn more about different aspects of medicine, career pathways, and how to get into medicine.

Wednesday 6 November 2019, 6-7pm
 C122 Checkland Lecture Theatre, University of Brighton
 Tickets are free but must be booked online at bit.ly/2AYAvI9



We would like to warmly invite all parents/carers to our AGM
Wednesday 6 November 2018 at 6pm

 at S6H Centre 

Come and meet the team and see what we do over some drinks and nibbles



DYMOCK FARM
AUTUMN FESTIVAL

SEAFORD, SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2019 11AM-4PM

THE CURE

... for clocks-back blues – mulled cider, wood-fired seasonal pizzas and other tasty treats

SMASHING PUMPKINS

Come and carve your own for Halloween – also check out our gnarly gourds and squashes

THE FALL

Seasonal, local ingredients that are perfect for autumn

THE JAM

Home-made preserves and other goodies

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YOU'RE INVITED TO ESC LIVE OPEN EVENTS!

Join us for an interactive and enjoyable evening of activities, events, and entertainment. You'll also have the chance to chat to our tutors and current students and get a feel for what it is really like to study with us!

EASTBOURNE
 Cross Levels Way, BN21 2UF

24th October
 16:30 - 19:30

26th November
 16:30 - 19:30

HASTINGS
 Ore Valley, TN34 3TT and...
 Automotive Training Centre, TN33 4PP

7th November
 16:30 - 19:30

HASTINGS
 Station Plaza, TN34 1BA

21st November
 16:30 - 19:30

10th December
 16:30 - 19:30

LEWES
 Mountfield Road, BN7 2XH

13th November
 16:30 - 19:30

5th December
 16:30 - 19:30

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