



NEWSLETTER



1 March 2019: Term 4: Week 1

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

This term, instead of hosting the usual Parents and carers' coffee morning during the school day, we will be holding a special after school meeting, with the aim of establishing a Parent Council (please see attached flyer). The first meeting will be held at 5.30 on the 13th March and during the meeting we will be outlining the strong values that underpin all aspects of the school's provision and how we share these with the wider community. In recent weeks during school meetings, we have also been looking at the school's vision for future developments. I have a strong view of the direction that the school should take and it's very important that all stakeholders are given the opportunity to contribute to these strategic decisions. Research into school performance confirms that schools who are most effective in engaging with parents and carers generally secure the strongest outcomes for their students.



With the school preparing to celebrate its 80th birthday and launch its alumni network, it's the ideal time to revisit the values that unite us as a school community and outline the vision that will take us "beyond outstanding". As the only secondary school in the town, we are in a uniquely privileged position to collaborate with our 4 primary schools in order to provide the best possible support as our young people develop through their educational journey. The African proverb of "It takes a village to raise a child" is undoubtedly true, and all our children benefit from the supportive partnerships that we create. There has been a fantastic response to our request for alumni to make contact with us and we are being well supported throughout this drive by the Future First organisation. The birthday celebrations that we are planning for the 26th April tie in perfectly with this launch. A fantastic evening of celebrations should result in a strong network, hopefully global in its reach, which will support our children and enrich their education. Tickets for our birthday celebration are now available.

I am pleased to inform you that our students have returned to school from their week's break in a very positive manner. I had the pleasure of taking visitors round all three sites this week and seeing the school through our guests' eyes; I was really struck by how focused our students are on their learning and how determined they are to acquire new skills and knowledge. Needless to say, our visitors were extremely impressed.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6 March	What's my Line? Year 7 Careers Event	Steyne Road Site
Monday 11 March	Rotary Club Seaford Young Writers Presentation	Steyne Road Site 6.00pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 13 March	Science Fair	Steyne Road Site 4.00pm-5.00pm

Headteacher's Star of the Week:

The cast and crew involved in the production of Annie – Positive contribution.

Last term finished on a real high point with the fantastic whole school production of Annie. The cast and crew have been working tirelessly on the show for six months and their efforts were fully rewarded with four dazzling performances in the final week of term. The talent of our wonderful performers is widely acknowledged and I found the manner in which everyone involved supported and challenged each other to greater heights equally impressive. Every element of the performance was outstanding; the choreography, costumes, set design, musicianship and acting showed the wide range of skills our students possess. As a school, we are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing team of staff and students who commit their time and energy to entertaining us in this way. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this production for putting on a truly special event; every one of you is a genuine "star".



celebrating 80 years



Seaford Head School 1939-2019



Ahead of our upcoming 80th birthday celebration we are inviting former students and staff to sign up to our Alumni which is being administered by Future First.

Click on the link below to sign up for free now, you will then be kept up to date on all future Alumni events, receive newsletters and information about our birthday celebration.

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/seafordhead>



Word of the Week
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Key Stage 3 Word of the Week::

OUTSATNDING!:: Excellent, remarkable, very good, Seaford Head School!

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

Thematic, adjective: relating to a theme

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 1-21: 4 September–15 February 2019						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96.6%	96.0%	94.9%	95.0%	94.9%	93.8%	94.5%
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.

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

National Apprenticeships Week 2019

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, Apprenticeships in Sussex, in partnership with East Sussex County Council, are running apprenticeship roadshows.

Come and find out more about traineeships, apprenticeships, higher apprenticeship and degree apprenticeships by meeting local employers, training providers and current apprentices. Everyone is welcome and it's free, book below.

Event details:

5.00pm Doors open
 5.00pm - 7.00pm Marketplace
 5.30pm - 6.00pm Traineeship and Apprenticeships panel discussion
 6.30pm - 7.00pm Higher and Degree Apprenticeships panel discussion
 7.00pm Close

Eastbourne Town Hall

Tuesday 5 March, 5-7pm - [book your place now](#)
 Pop-ups around the County

In addition there will be pop-up apprenticeship stands in the following locations:

4th March 12pm-3pm: [Crowborough Community Centre, Pine Grove](#)
 5th March 10am-1pm: [Uckfield Tesco](#)
 7th March 10am-1pm: [Heathfield Sainsbury's](#)
 8th March 11am-2pm: [Newhaven Sainsbury's](#)
 8th March 4pm-7pm: [Lewes Waitrose](#)
 9th March 10am-1pm: [Hailsham Vicarage Fields market](#)

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 13 PCE	Thursday 4 April 2019 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-6.00pm

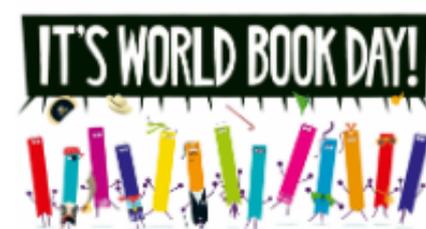
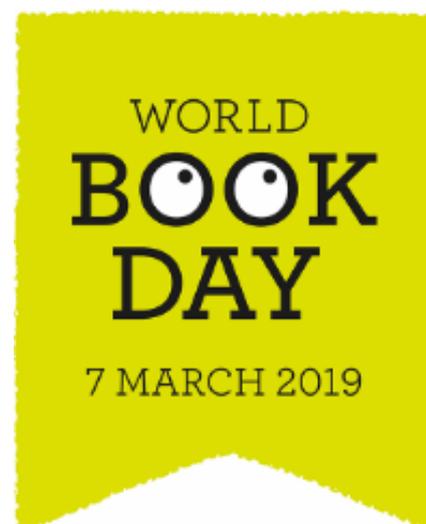
S6H Stars

Year Group	Name	For
13	Harvey Kilsby	For excellent progress in Chemistry
13	Emma Wadlow & Paige Everiss	For work on their case study of Apple in Geography
12	Billy Jansen West	For excellent homework in Maths
12	Harry Wame	For excellent work all round in Chemistry

Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	Leila Keefe	For Computer Science!
Year 8	Alejandro Hammers Sanchez	For finding a wallet outside of school and handing it in!
Year 9	The whole of 9Y1 Science class	For their Energy Sources debate!
Year 10	Rowan Crombie	For his sound effects work on the English production of Macbeth!
Year 11	Holly Varndell	For AMAZIBG mock results, presenting herself excellently in her Headteacher's interview, she continually blows away staff with her work ethic!

To celebrate World Book Day our students can search for World Book Day on FROG to take part in quizzes!



Could you be a Parent Councillor?

As a school we feel very committed to our students and community. Our partnership with students and parents/carers is vital to continue our **OUTSTANDING** success.

We are currently seeking parent councillors to be part of our school, to give parental feedback, to enrich their experiences of our school and to assist with keeping a positive partnership between school and home.

Our aim to meet once a term would enable us to:

- hear your voice
- increase our communication tools with home and school
- feedback to our staff
- identify areas that may need improvement

Do you think you could help?

The first meeting will be held on
Wednesday 13th March 5.30pm in the
Headteacher's office.

To register your interest please email
head@seafordhead.org

"the effect of parental engagement
over a student's school career is
equivalent to adding two or three
years to that student's education."
John Hattie, Author of Visible Learning



Seaford Head School

Achieving Excellence Together





Coping with Teenage Emotions

What? Following the open session last year we will be running a specific discussion group session. This is designed to provide an overview of the positive parenting principles for all parents who are interested and explore the issues in more depth. You will be actively involved through the focused format discussion group work.

Does your teenager over react to small things? Have mood swings or become angry? This discussion group will give you practical suggestions for dealing with your Teens problem behaviour and time to share with other parents and carers.

Where? Seaford Head School- Arundel Road

When? Tuesday 19th March. 4.30-7.00pm

Places are limited to 15. To book your place email samwhittaker@seafordhead.org

info@openforparents.org.uk www.openforparents.org.uk

[f /openforparents](https://www.facebook.com/openforparents)



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



www.stevewillis.com/apprenticeships

Burgess Hill Centre, Unit F2, Sheddingdean Industrial Estate, Marchants Way, Burgess Hill West Sussex, RH15 8QY
Portchester Centre, Unit 7, Murrills Industrial Estate, East Street, Portchester, Hampshire, PO16 9RD



Interactive open events AT EAST SUSSEX COLLEGE!

Don't miss out!

EASTBOURNE
14TH MARCH,
5:00 - 7:30PM

HASTINGS
21ST MARCH,
5:00 - 7:30PM

LEWES
28TH MARCH,
5:00 - 7:30PM

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City Careers Fair

Celebrating National
Careers Week
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#NCWBrighton

Tuesday 5th March 2019
3.30pm – 6pm

American Express Community
Stadium, West Stand

For all Sussex students. Free to attend
with no registration required

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