



NEWSLETTER



17 May 2019 2019: Term 5: Week 4

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis
Headteacher's Stars of the Week:

On Monday afternoon of this week, we had over four hundred students from Years 10 and 11 sitting the first of three papers for their GCSE examination in RS. It was quite a challenge for our examinations team to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate all the candidates and, for the first time, we made use of our sports hall as an examination space. Our Examinations Officer and team of invigilators managed proceedings in their usual, super-efficient manner and it was organised extremely smoothly. I would also like to share with parents how impressed I was by our students' response. These proceedings were totally new to them and their conduct was exemplary; they followed instructions and examination guidelines and were clearly focused on performing at the highest possible level during the examination. By conducting themselves in such a positive way and, as one student described it, switching to 'examination mode', they are giving themselves the very best possible chance of success.



Another week goes by with lots of sporting success to celebrate. On Tuesday our Year 10 boys and girls were the overall winners in the first major Athletics Competition of the year; I am sure there are many more individual and team successes to follow. On the same afternoon, our Year 7 football team travelled to Eastbourne Borough to play Willingdon School in the Eastbourne Partnership Schools' Cup Final. With goals from Mark Smith-Livings, Freddie Sharpe, together with a hat-trick from Mason Creese, Seaford Head School ran out 5.0 winners. With both the Athletics and the Football teams, the quality of our students' attitude, as well as their performance, was extremely impressive. Our GreenPowered car racers also performed fantastically well at Goodwood on Sunday, posting the fastest lap time for a newly established team.

Next week is Plastic Free Action Week and students from across all three sites will be involved in projects to address this critical environmental issue. Activities include a beach clean, an assembly to introduce the new recycling scheme on Steyne site and a plastic pen and micro plastic pursuit; students will also be exploring these themes through their timetabled lessons. We received notification this week that our Years 7 and 8 students came second in our area for this year's 'Big Pedal'. It's really pleasing to see that so many more of our students are travelling to school in a healthy and environmentally friendly manner; we are currently looking to extend our bicycle shelters to meet the growing demand.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 May	Character Clash	Arundel Road Site 6.00pm
Thursday 23 May	Parent Council	Arundel Road Site 5.30pm
Friday 24 May	Last Day of Term 5	

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Patrick Brackenridge: Mandela House - Can Do Attitude



We are always keen to recognise our students' achievements outside of school and I would encourage all parents and carers to let us know what their children are doing in their own time. Last week, Mr Faulkner passed on the news that Patrick has recently passed his Grade 5 violin. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the time and effort he has invested in honing and developing his musical skills. Although this is a worthy achievement in its own right, it is also worth pointing out that these musical achievements also have GCSE equivalence; a Grade 5 in violin compares to a grade 5 at GCSE. As Patrick approaches the end of Year 9 and his first year of formal GCSE study, he can reflect, with pride, the fact that he has already secured a GCSE qualification. If he continues to approach school life with the positive attitude he has displayed so far, it will be the first of many.

Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	To be confirmed	
Year 8	Bluebell Brinkman	For being simply OUTSTANDING in CAD design work!
Year 9	Eddie Saunders	For excellent attitude and classwork in both Business Studies and IT!
Year 10	The Year 10 Athletics Team	For winning the first athletics competition of the season!
Year 11	Sidney Bickerstaff	For displaying resilience and enthusiasm when approaching the exams.

Word of the Week Word of the Week Word of the Week Word of the Week Word of the Week

Key Stage 3 Word of the Week::

Unique: one of a kind, has nothing else like it

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

Assuage, verb: lessen pain

Debate of the Week

'Do superheroes create unhealthy expectations about body shapes?'

The BIG Pedal 2019!

We are very proud to announce that Years 7 and 8 students have won second prize, in our area, in this year's Big Pedal. In July, Puncture Kit, a unique drumming experience, will be giving us a performance on his fully functioning bike that transforms into a drum kit. Puncture Kit has performed at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, the London 2012 Olympics, supported well known bands and is now coming to Seaford!!



Well done to everyone who made an effort and contributed to us being sixth in the UK, a fantastic achievement that has raised awareness of air pollution and the physical and mental benefits of not using a car.

Big Pedal raffle winners were Nathan Beer and Mark Smith-Livings who won vouchers, generously donated by Mr Cycles of Seaford, several sets of bike lights, donated by Sustrans, were also won.



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 **Thursday 23 May 5.30pm in the Headteacher's office.**

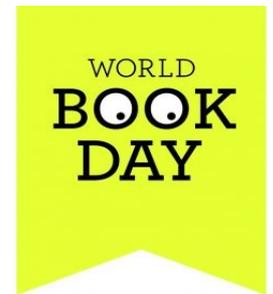
To register your interest please email head@seafordhead.org

"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



World Book Day Quiz:

What is the book and who wrote it? Send your answers to jackgant@seafordhead.org



Subject Awards

Art: Jasmine Finch

Biology: Sophie McMahon: For her dedication, determination and unstinting application and hard work. She never gives up and always seeks to improve and clarify her knowledge and understanding

Business (BTEC): Calum Peplow and Jamie Thomas: They have both worked to get the best grades possible and have been determined to succeed. They are the last two standing!!

Business Studies: Hazel Ridley: From the start Hazel has had an excellent attitude and work ethic. She has approached everything with the will to succeed and just quietly gets on with it!

Chemistry: Harvey Kilby and Megan Carter: For effort and achievement

Computer Science: Dom Sobczak: For always pushing himself to achieve more and always listening to feedback

English Language and Literature: Maya Tedeschini: For always being hard working and committed

English Literature: Summer La Vallee: She has pushed herself in English over the past two years and has exceeded her expected grade in most assessments. She's had an excellent two years in A-level English

French: George 'Superstar' Boxall: Great progress and dedication over the last two years

Geography: Oscar Neel: Oscar has worked incredibly hard in Geography and always gives his best efforts. He thinks like a geographer in his writing and has made very good progress in the subject over the course of his A-Level

Government and Politics: Dillon Failoni: Dillon missed most of Year 12 Government and Politics but has worked hard to catch up and attends all lessons

History: Esther Cornforth: Consistently excellent attainment

ICT/BTEC: Frazer Briggs: For always just getting on with the work and completing task in a timely manner

Maths: Annabel Wills: For being determined and dedicated at all times and an all-round, excellent mathematician

Media Studies: Eliza Spurr: Shows strong determination and work ethic and, I believe, has improved dramatically throughout the year. She always shows respect when dealing with sensitive topics

Philosophy and Ethics: Summer La Vallee: Excellent commitment to study, progress and attainment throughout the course. She's fully engaged, reads around the subject and goes above and beyond in terms of effort, often handing in essays unsolicited. She has excellent subject knowledge, application and analysis and is a fantastic role model for other students

Photography: Lucy Aust

Physics: Janja Hughes: For consistent and constant effort, hard work and achievement

Psychology: Lily Le Huec: She has consistently worked hard since day one

Sociology: Amy Harland: For most improvement!

Sport/BTEC: Hannah Amos: For being exceptionally conscientious and working hard to get her work done

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 1-30 4 September-10 May 2019						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96.3%	95.8%	95.2%	95%	95.1%	93.1%	93.7%
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.



CHARACTER CLASH

2019

LORD OF THE FLIES

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY
6PM
AMPHI-THEATRE
ARUNDEL SITE
TICKETS: £4

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE



DROP IN'S

These sessions are open to anyone wishing to attend (unless stated) – **no need to book!**

Shinewater Children's Centre, Milfoil Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 8ED

Monday 20th May 9.00am – 12.00pm
Monday 24th June 9.00am – 12.00pm

Hailsham East Children's Centre, Vega Close, Hailsham, BN27 2JZ

Monday 13th May 9.00am – 12.00pm
Monday 10th June 9.00am – 12.00pm

Crowborough Children's Centre, Beacon Academy 6th Form Site, TN6 2XB

Thursday 2nd May 9.30am – 12.00pm
Thursday 6th June 9.30am – 12.00pm

The Joff Youth Centre, Peacehaven, BN10 8BL

Wednesday 29th May 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 19th June 11.00am – 1.00pm

Meridian Primary School Coffee Morning, Peacehaven, BN108BZ*

Thursday 2nd May 9.00am – 10.00am
Thursday 20th June 9.00am – 10.00am

NB: Sessions marked * are only for parents/carers of children who attend that school/setting

Fighting for young people's mental health

We're leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges.

Who We Are >

YOUNGMINDS

Staying mentally healthy during

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>



NEWHAVEN FC Under 14s



Newhaven FC Under 14 Team is signing new players for the 2019/20 season

NEW SEASON TRAINING starts with a 'GIVE IT A GO' session

Saturday 25 May 2019, 10-11am
Trafalgar Ground, Fort Road, Newhaven, BN9 9DA

COME ALONG - ALL ARE WELCOME

qualified coaches - first class facilities - kit & equipment supplied



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ADULTS £15. CHILDREN £7
FAMILIES (2 ADULTS, 2 UNDER-14S) £30
Profits to Seaford Head PTA and local charities



SEASON 2019/20 NEW PLAYERS WANTED Seaford Town U13's



Seaford Town FC is the biggest Youth Community Football club in the area, with progression to U18, U23 & senior level County League Football.

For the 2019/20 season, we are looking to strengthen the squad for our upcoming campaign in Sussex Sunday Youth League. (School Year 8 from September 2019).

Feel free to contact the manager or the club for an informal chat about your son or daughter joining our friendly team.

Manager Nick Phillips 07368305113
Coach Phil Magowan 07425869196



- FA QUALIFIED COACHES
- EMERGENCY FIRST AID
- FA DBS CHECKED
- SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Seaford Town Football Club

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Bramber Lane, Seaford,
East Sussex, BN25 1AF

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