



# NEWSLETTER



## 28 September 2018 Term 1: Week 4

### Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

Next Thursday we will be welcoming families of students, currently in Year 6, into our Annual Open Evening. This is always a lovely event as it provides the opportunity to welcome local families into the school and highlight the outstanding provision that is made at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. I am always particularly impressed by our student helpers who are involved in the evening as guides, presenters or performers. They are fantastic ambassadors for the school and provide our visitors with an excellent insight into what Seaford Head School has to offer.



On Wednesday evening of this week I attended our PTA's Annual General Meeting at the Old Plough pub in Seaford. This group carries out fantastic work for the school which benefits all members of the community. It's not just the significant fund-raising in which they are involved but also the contribution they make to the school's culture through the wide range of activities that they organise. Emma Holter leads the group; if you would like to find out more about the PTA and get involved, she can be contacted through [emmaholter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emmaholter@yahoo.co.uk)

When the school was inspected by Ofsted last September, the governance at the school was identified as a particular strength and a key reason for the 'outstanding' judgment. We are keen to recruit some more of our students' parents/carers to the governing board. If you would like to find out more about what the role entails, please contact our clerk to governors Margaret Cutting through [MargaretCutting@seafordhead.org](mailto:MargaretCutting@seafordhead.org).

I would like to commend our students for the impressive start they have made to the new academic year. On Monday we had a team from Durrington High School visiting the English Department to investigate how it secures such outstanding progress for its students. They focused on what students were doing in the classroom and concluded that they achieve to such a high level because they are so engaged in their learning. They noted that teacher input is focused purely on enhancing student learning and understanding; no time is wasted on dealing with behaviour issues as student conduct is exemplary. It is always a pleasure to receive such positive [and accurate] feedback from visitors to our school.

### Headteacher's Star of the Week

Beth Creese: Nightingale House

Emily Macy: ` Mandela House – Can do Attitude

I am always keen to recognise students for their efforts outside of the class room, as well as celebrating their academic achievements. With the school sporting fixtures already underway and Seaford Head School enjoying lots of success, there are numerous students who are 'standing out' for positive reasons. Ms Wells, from our PE Department, was keen to highlight Beth and Emily for their excellent attitude and application to sport. Both girls entered the county trials for the Under-16 Sussex Girls Football team. There was a huge number of girls taking part and Beth and Emily made it through to the second round, which takes place this Sunday. This is a significant achievement and, irrespective of whether they progress any further, they can feel extremely proud of themselves.



The whole school is behind them and wishes them the very best of luck.

### Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	To be updated	
Year 8	Lincoln Shearing	For two hat-tricks in two games for the Year 8 team this week.
Year 9	Charlotte Lowles	For outstanding Science.
Year 10	Ruby Atkins	For fantastic sporting achievements and an exciting future ahead!
Year 11	Alexander Payea	For consistent positive approach to achieving excellence and finding ways to improve.

Word of the Week   Word of the Week

Word of the Week:

Key Stage 3 Word of the Week::

Magnificent: Grand, outstanding, noble

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

Zonked, adjective: Very exhausted

Thursday 4 October	Open Evening 6pm Arundel Road Site	Early Closure for ALL students at 2.20pm
Tuesday 9 October		
Wednesday 10 October	Open Mornings	9.15am-10.45am Steyne Road Site

  

Thursday 11 October	S6H Open Evening	6pm Steyne Road Site and S6H Centre
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## Debate of the Week

'Is British drinking culture an embarrassment?'

## Book of the Week

Recommendation of the Week:

'Love, Hate and other Filters' by Samira Ahmed

Nominated by:

Mr Jack Gant



### Summary:

In this story, about finding your true place in the world, 17-year-old Maya Aziz is torn.

There's the 'right' path, so deemed by her parents: a nearby college and an older Muslim boyfriend, hand-picked for her. There's her dream path: film school and the chance to pursue a crush she's had for years. Meanwhile, a horrible crime, miles away, rips apart the community Maya has been part of since birth. Earning advance raves, Ahmed's debut tackles common coming-of-age concerns whilst weaving in a timely story about how fear can breed hate.

A perfect novel for those beginning their GCSE years.

## Show Racism the Red Card



On Friday 19 October students are invited to take part in Show Racism the Red Card day by wearing something red.

More details, regarding this date and what our students will learn about on this date, can be found on [www.theredcard.org/](http://www.theredcard.org/)

## National Fitness Day

To celebrate, National Fitness Day 2018 released a series of fitness tips and exercises throughout the week.

The general guidance recommends approximately thirty minutes a day engaged in a heart raising activity. This could be as simple as going for a brisk walk, mowing the lawn or swimming.



## Uniform Reminder

Please remember, further to our consultation with parents/carers and students [see results below], that if your child decides to wear a skirt in the next academic year, to ensure that they are wearing the **new school kilt**. This is compulsory for all years from September 2019. The skirts can be purchased at Intersport, Seaford.

## Parent/Carer Vote

1. Which option do you prefer (select only ONE)

Kilt	104
Pleated Skirt	100
Trousers (compulsory)	26



2. Changes to the uniform will commence from September 2018. We would like your opinion on how we roll this out. All year groups will be required to wear the new uniform from September 2019. However, if before this time you wish to replace the school skirt with the new option, you can do so. Please choose ONE option below:

[More Details](#)

Option A- new uniform in place...	90
Option B, new uniform in plac...	140



## Student Vote

	Overall %	Girls%	Boys%
Compulsory Trousers	14.5	5	43
Pleated Skirts	37	39.5	29.5
Kilts	48.5	55.5	27.5

## Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings 2018-2019

Year 7 PCE	Thursday 21 March 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 8 PCE	Thursday 17 January 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 9 PCE	Thursday 2 May 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 10 PCE	Thursday 29 November 2018 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 11 PCE	Thursday 28 February 2019 Arundel Site: 4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 12 PCE	Thursday 10 January 2019 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm
Year 13 PCE	Thursday 6 December 2018 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm Thursday 4 April 2019 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-6.00pm

House	Points
Churchill House	1265
Mandela House	1225
Nightingale House	1315
Rowling House	1437

## S6H Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	For
12	Harry Warne and Billy Jansen-West	An excellent practical write-up—the first of the course – showing a good understanding of the principles involved [Physics– Mrs Savage]
12	Max Leonard	For great resilience [Chemistry]
12	Ellie Castleton	For an impressive start to the course [Photography]
12	Talia Nash	For her impressive charcoal portrait study [Art]
12	Katie Trollope	Who fantabulously overcame technical impossibilities and delivered an impressive filmic rendition of her insightfully truthful impressions [French]
12	Billy Jansen- West	For an excellent practical write-up [Physics– Mr Quanstrom]
12	Sarah, Katie, Kajsa and Maddison	For a great recast [English Language/ Literature]
13	Harvey Kilsby, Jasmine Finch, Emily IMarchant, George Boxall, Toby Bliss, Nallin Kellaway and Dan Laidlaw	All of them continued with their DofE expedition without moaning on Saturday all being drenched from the rain. They put their tents up, cooked their dinner and packed up through the pouring rain
13	Jonjo Hughes	For most improved performance in recent examination [March B, June B, September A] [Physics]
13	Asha Marshall	For working very hard independently [Chemistry]
13	George Boxall	For his innovative collection methods with year 7 [Geography]

# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**MEETING DATES for 2018:**  
 Thursday 27th September  
 Tuesday 23rd October  
 Tuesday 20th November  
 Meetings start at 7pm at The Seven Sisters Pub, Alfriston road, Seaford.

Every day approximately 8 million pieces of plastic pollution find their way into our oceans

In 2016 we produced 320 million tonnes of plastic, which is set to double by 2034

Two thirds of our oxygen comes from tiny ocean plants (phytoplankton). If we fill the ocean with plastic we can't breathe

Over the last ten years we have produced more plastic than during the whole of the last century

Can we all make Seaford a plastic free town? Join in our lively discussion, hosted by Claire Summers.  
 We are looking for a team of volunteers to work with us to help Seaford to plastic freedom! Could that be you?

Come to a meeting to find out more about what 'Plastic Free' actually means, what our strategy is and how as a town we can implement it. Claire will also be on hand in her other role as Zero Waste Maman to help you identify those single-use plastic products you can easily eliminate from your life!

#### THE 5 R's OF WASTE REDUCTION

1. Refuse - what we do not need
2. Reuse - what we consume and cannot refuse or reduce
3. Refill - make the changes that will have the biggest impact
4. Recycle - What we cannot refuse, reuse or refill
5. Rot - compost the rest!

#plasticfreecommunities #plasticfreeseaford

CONTACT: Claire Summers Email: [plasticfreeseaford@gmail.com](mailto:plasticfreeseaford@gmail.com) Facebook: PlasticFreeSeaford

## Seaford Head School

Achieving Excellence Together



The evening will start with the Headteacher's presentation on the Arundel Road site from 6.00pm, followed by guided tours from 6.45pm-8.00pm on the Steyne Road site.

**NO BOOKING IS REQUIRED.**

Open Mornings are on Tuesday 9th October and

Wednesday 10th October 2018 between 9.15am-10.45am.

Please contact

**Emma Gallagher TO BOOK**

**your appointment on 01323 872727.**



## 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 1-3 4th September–21st September

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
97.9%	96.5%	96.2%	95.1%	95.5%	97.6%	95.8%
<b>Overall Average Year 7-11</b>						<b>96.3%</b>

#### 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.



#### DESCRIPTION

An evening for parents, practitioners and support groups to explore and share ideas to support teen mental health and wellbeing in East Sussex.

17:15 A talk by Judy Perraton, a Schools Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Adviser

17:45 How reading and the library can support teen wellbeing by the Librarian team

18:00 Best practice discussion

18:30 Networking

If you can't attend but would like information about your service made available, please email [library.enquiries@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@eastsussex.gov.uk)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-teen-wellbeing-tickets-50639175136>

Scarsdale Presents

## Horror Hotel



MACEY & MERCER PROPERTIES ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THIS DREAM HOTEL FOR SALE



Seaford Head School Drama Department

Location:  
 Seaford Head School  
 Arundel Site

Tickets available from Reception on both sites £4.50 each

#### Promenade Performance

Wednesday 31st October

5:30 6:00 7:00 8:00

5:45 6:15 7:15 8:15

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For a promenade performance:

Choose a time slot to arrive in.

Arrive 10 minutes before your time.

Turn up in comfortable shoes for a promenade performance

Beverages and other Halloween themed goodies will be available during the event.

