



NEWSLETTER



20 September 2019 Term 1: Week 3

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

Next Thursday we will be holding our Annual Open Evening when we invite local Year 6 children and their families to visit the school. This always proves to be a very important time for these children as they start to plan their transition into secondary school. I am extremely pleased that so many of our students have volunteered to participate and act as tour guides, speakers and helpers. Our students can offer an excellent insight into what the school has to offer and are best placed to reassure younger children who might be anxious about moving to 'big school'. To make the evening as convenient as possible for our guests, we are holding the presentations, as well as the classroom activities, on our Steyne site this year and, due to the overwhelming demand of recent years, we will be holding three lots of presentations. A huge 'thank you' to all our students and staff who work so hard to make this such an informative and engaging evening.



This week we held our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Information Evenings and welcomed parents and carers from Years 7, 9 and 11 into the Arundel Site hall. There was a great deal of information provided on these occasions across a range of topics, including examination preparation, positively managing mental health challenges and parental access to frog and edulink. It is vital that all our students develop good study habits at home and improve their independent learning skills. A huge 'thank you' to parents and carers who turned out in such good numbers and really engaged in these sessions. The power point presentations, used during the evenings, will be made available through the school's website. I would like to thank our fantastic team of staff who worked so hard to deliver sessions that will help parents support their children and the school.

Whilst the Key Stage 3 Information Evening was taking place, our wonderful PTA was meeting at the Old Plough to plan fund raising and community events for the year ahead. If you would like to be involved with this group, please contact our Assistant Headteacher, Mr Handy, through his e-mail address; robhandy@seafordhead.org.

Although the term has only just started, our GreenPower Racing Car team is already up and running and on Sunday was involved in a race at Dunsfold. Members of the team gave an excellent account of themselves and finished more than halfway up the field. I know that there are plans afoot for a bigger and faster car to be developed and the team now has its own 'garage' space that they will be sharing with our group of gardeners. This year's extra-curricular programme has now been circulated and I am looking forward to seeing all our students participate in these activities.

Headteacher's Star of the Week:

Lily Anderson: Nightingale House – 'Can do attitude' key.

For my Star this week, I was keen to recognise the efforts of one of our new Year 12 students. Moving to Key Stage 5 is always a huge step up for students and I have been incredibly impressed by the way in which this cohort has risen to the challenge. They are throwing themselves into their studies and setting an excellent example for younger students to follow. Lily personifies this positive approach and Mr Handy received three nominations from staff who were keen to recognise the exceptional start she has made to the year. Mr Reynolds noted her high quality work in Chemistry, Miss Ralph highlighted the positive contribution she made to the Year 12 trip to the University of Sussex and Mr Teasley is impressed by her level of engagement in class and the excellent work she produced over the summer. It is apparent that Lily is determined to succeed and she has made the perfect start to her A Level studies.



Diary Dates

Monday 23 September 2019	Year 7 and Year 10 School Photographs	Both sites during the school day
Wednesday 25 September 2019	Careers Fair students/Parents/ Carers	3.30pm-5.00pm Arundel Road Site
Thursday 26 September 2019	Year 6 Open Evening School Closes at 2pm	School Reopens to students 10.10am Friday 27 September

Seaford Head School

Achieving Excellence Together



The Headteacher will offer a presentation to parents/carers at the following times :

5.00pm, 6.00pm or 7.00pm

(please choose one time to attend)

Open Mornings are on
Monday 30 September until Friday 4 October 2019

between 9.15am-10.45am.

Please contact Emma Gallagher TO BOOK your appointment 01323 872727.



Inspiring Pupil Voice

Topic of the Week

"Could we live without single use plastic?"

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings 2019-2020

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& 13 PCE	Thursday 9 January 2020 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm

Director of Learning Star of the Week!

Year Group	Name	For
Year 7	Viggo Connors	For a really positive start, attending as many extra curricular clubs as possible!
Year 8	Reece Harwood	For excellent work in Drama!
Year 9	Morgan Godding Joey Brown	For dealing with a lot of nagging from Mr Purdey, reacting well and doing what was asked of him! For consistent hard work in Maths!
Year 10	Willem Browne	For having a complete turn around attitude in school!
Year 11	Hope Tully	For exceeding her predicted grade in Physics!



Parents/carers can use the WisePay service to pay for trips and other finance items. This service operates in hundreds of schools, academies and colleges across the UK. Please e-mail wisepay@seafordhead.org for your login in details and click on the link below for more information

<https://www.seafordhead.org/wisepay>

Plastic Free Seaford Meetings

Dates for Community Meetings:

The 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7pm at The Seven Sisters.

Tuesday 17 September

Tuesday 15 October

Tuesday 19 November

Tuesday 17 December - for a Christmas Social!

Beach Cleans:

The first Sunday of every month alternating between Martello Tower and The Buckle: 10.00am start

October: The Buckle

November: Martello Tower

December: The Buckle



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 September– 6 September 2019						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
98.1%	96.0%	97.4%	96.29%	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 Rotary



Young Artist Competition

Subject 'Nature in Autumn'

Prizes for four age groups

Under 7

7-10 Years

11-13 Years

14-18 Years

For more information and entry forms please visit:

www.seafordrotary.org.uk

or email

youngartist@seafordrotary.org.uk

or pick up from your School Reception

Produce an A4 painting or drawing

Closing date 23 November 2019



Rotary Club of Seaford

Seaford Head School

Young Chef of the Year 2019



Can you cook?

Were you aged between 11 and 17 years on 31 August 2019?

Then come and show us your skills in our competition to find the Young Chef of the Year

The competition will take place during the morning of Saturday 16 November 2019 at Seaford Head School and the closing date for entries is Wednesday 6 November. Winners will gain points for the House they represent.

Entry Forms and Rules will be available at Seaford Head School, you can download them from the Rotary website www.seafordrotary.org.uk or email youngchef@seafordrotary.org.uk.



Seaford RFU



We at Seaford RFC are recruiting new players for all our Junior Boys Teams - Under 12's to Under 15's and our Under 15's Girls Team.

All our players play at least half a match, EVERY MATCH!

Training and home matches take place on Sundays 10:00-12:00 at the

Salts Recreation Ground, next to the Skate Park.

All Coaches RFU DBS Checked

RFU Coaching Qualified

Safeguarding Children Trained.

For more information please email the clubs Rugby Development Officer on seafordrfcydo@hotmail.com or come along on a Sunday.



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

The Crouch,
Bramber Lane, Seaford,
East Sussex, BN25 1AF



[@seafordtownfc1](https://twitter.com/seafordtownfc1)

For general club information contact:

Karen Ellingham, Youth Chairman: 07878 968760

Email: seafordfootball@gmail.com

Website: www.seafordtownfc.com



www.facebook.com/seafordtownfootballclub/

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COME AND FIND OUT MORE AT:

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM PRIORY SCHOOL, LEWES	TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM CHAILLEY SCHOOL
TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER AT 5PM UCKFIELD COLLEGE	SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM BEACON ACADEMY	9.15AM HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
	9.15AM PRIORY SCHOOL, LEWES
	11.30AM THE ST LEONARDS ACADEMY
	11.30AM RATTON SCHOOL, EASTBOURNE

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