



NEWSLETTER



6 December 2019 Term 2: Week 5 Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

Over the past two weeks I have had the pleasure of leading assemblies on both sites and handing out 'Keys to Success' to students who have been making best use of the Hegarty Maths Programme. The theme of these assemblies was on the 'marginal gains' that can be secured by making small improvements across a range of areas to enhance overall performance. The example I used was the Ferrari racing team which has transformed its pit stop procedure; what used to take more than a minute and was considered to be 'lightning quick' can now be completed in under ten seconds. There is a clear message that can be applied to academic progress, particularly for our students in Years 11 and 13, who are focused on making similar improvements between their mocks and final examinations.



Last week Mrs Nippard and the team hosted an information evening for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme with our Year 9s. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed team of staff who willingly give up their time and energy to make this provision. I was impressed to see over fifty students signing up to take part. It's really pleasing to see them making the most of the opportunities they are given; the numbers showing an interest in World Challenge are similarly impressive. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is a fantastic programme that will help students develop their skills across a range of areas; it is highly valued by universities and employers.

I am writing my contribution to this week's newsletter just before we welcome parents and carers of our Year 11 student into school for the PCE. This is a vitally important evening, as teachers will be able to share how students performed in the recent mock examinations. It's vital that they make the most of these 'mock' examinations, as the outcomes should help them to identify the revision strategies that are most effective and also precisely identify the areas of weakness where they need to focus in the months ahead. In general, progress since the Year 10 examinations has been rapid and their focus on revision and examination preparation must be maintained in preparation for the next set of assessments.

To help our students make their own 'marginal gains', a number of workshops were organised last week with Mindset coach Steve Sallis. He is a well-respected coach who works with sports teams and parents, as well as students and teachers. Our Year 11s really enjoyed his input and it's always nice to receive positive feedback from visiting speakers; Steve described our Year 11s as "a fantastic group of young people". He will be returning to the school in January to evaluate the impact these sessions have had on our students.

Key stage 3

hysteria (noun)

This **noun** means exaggerated or uncontrollable emotion.

Key Stage 4

prudent (adj)

This **adjective** means acting with or showing care and thought for



Headteachers Stars of the Week

Moran Haj-yahya: Churchill; Ruby Male: Churchill; Trung Nguyen and Quang Francis: Rowling: all 'Can Do Attitude'

In last week's Year 11 Assembly, Moran recited the poem, 'Dulce et Decorum est', without any prompts. This was in preparation for a recital at the Tower of London on Thursday of last week. Trung also performed at the Tower of London, reciting 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke and Ruby brought the ceremony to a close with a recital of 'In Flanders Fields'. The three students were invited as part of 'Poetry by Heart', a national poetry recitation competition. It is so impressive that our students have the concentration, confidence and communication skills to recite poetry which they have memorised in front of such large audience. These three students were fantastically well-supported throughout the process by Mr Gant and the English team. I was extremely heartened by the support Moran's peers gave her during the assembly; they were willing her on at every step of the way and she did not let them down. It's apparent that, as a group, our current Year 11s are intent on 'achieving excellence together'.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 10 December 2019	Year 11 Revision Evening	Arundel site 6.00pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 11 December 2019	Andrew Wright's Seminar: Being Anxiety Aware: Part Two	Arundel Site 6.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 13 December 2019	INSET Day	School Closed to Students

Director of Learning Star of the Week!

Year Group	Name	For
Year 7	Bella Harwood	For always being enthusiastic and trying her best in Maths!
Year 8	Olivia Ruckes	For excellent netball and Spanish !
Year 9	Hetty Hughes Sam Hughes Freya Whittaker	For numerous nominations!
Year 10	Daisy Wood	For numerous nominations, especially for showing kindness to others!
Year 11	Beau Evans	For her excellent effort, engagement, enthusiasm and her tireless work ethic!

Admissions Consultation

The local authority has asked us to make parents aware of the admissions consultation that is taking place which will affect East Sussex schools. Please use this link <https://vsb.eastsussex.gov.uk/article/6947>

Votes for Schools?

Are disabilities still misunderstood?

Sorry but...

The East Sussex Equality and Participation Team is sorry to report that it has had to take the decision to cancel the Seaford Head school parent workshop, 'Tips for Parents on Children's Emotional Well-being' and introducing 'Open for Parents'

Unfortunately, they were unable to secure enough uptake from parents/carers to make the event viable.

The Top Tips have been presented in a postcard format that will be given to every student, before the end of term, to bring home.

Young Chefs Competition

If you happened to be walking along Steyne Road one Saturday morning recently and you were captivated by an aroma of five star cooking, it may just have been from the Young Chefs Competition which Seaford Rotary Club now organises each year for the students at Seaford Head School. The competition was open to students between the ages of 11 and 17 and each chef was required to cook, in one and a half hours, a healthy meal for two people consisting of a main course and dessert, costing no more than £15.00. The mouth-watering results were then judged by Stefano Diella, owner of Diella's Restaurant in the town, and by local professional chef, Andrew Owens. The cost of ingredients was covered by the Seaford Rotary Club which also provided prizes.

This was the first time most of the competitors had entered a cooking competition and the judges mainly commented on the high standard they had all reached, particularly as their ages ranged from only eleven to fourteen. Each child had produced quality dishes for both courses which made judging very difficult. The winner this year was Jack Jenner: the runners up were Cienna Jamieson and Meadow Veasey. Jack will now go forward in January to the next stage of the National Rotary Competition, when he will be required to cook a three-course meal in two hours.

Jim Anderson from the Seaford Rotary Club's Youth Services Committee and who organised the competition, congratulated all the chefs on their achievement and thanked Mrs Feron and Mrs O'Neil, from the school, together with the judges, for all their help in making the competition possible. Certificates and prizes were then presented by the Mayor, Nazish Adil, and the Young Mayor, James Jenkins, who is a student at the school.

Well done to all students, staff and the Rotary team. We look forward to next year!



Parents/Carers 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 19 March 2020 Arundel Site:
Year 12 and 13 PCE	Thursday 9 January 2020 S6H Centre: 4.30pm-7.00pm



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Don't miss out on these fabulous sessions! Hergarty Maths is a fantastic online tool that supports students with Maths. These sessions will give parents an opportunity to see how Hergarty Maths works. To book for one of the following sessions please email deanhooker@seafordhead.org

7th, 14th and 21st of January.

Steyne site 5-5:30pm and 5:30-6.00pm.

Attendance

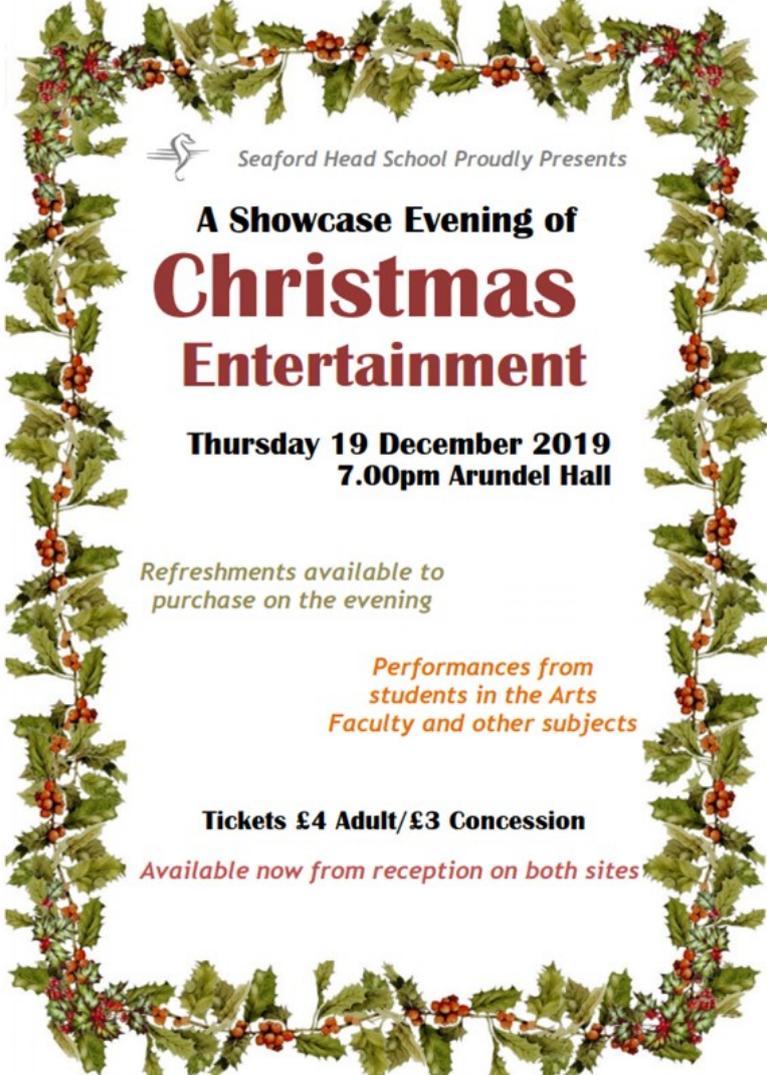
Our Attendance Target for Years 7 to 11 has been set at 97%.

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 1-17 5 September- 29 November						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96.4%	96.5%	95.3%	94.9%	93.2%	95.8.0%	95.6%
Average						95.3%

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.



Seaford Head School Proudly Presents

A Showcase Evening of Christmas Entertainment

Thursday 19 December 2019
7.00pm Arundel Hall

Refreshments available to purchase on the evening

Performances from students in the Arts Faculty and other subjects

Tickets £4 Adult/£3 Concession

Available now from reception on both sites



Seaford Rotary



Young Photographer Competition

Prizes for all age groups

3 Age Groups

7-10 Years

11-13 Years

14-18 Years

For more information and entry forms please collect from

Fotobox, 22 Broad Street, Seaford
or from your School Reception.
Alternatively, visit

www.seafordrotary.org.uk

or email

youngphotographer@seafordrotary.org.uk

Closing date 24 January 2020

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FREE TO ENTER!

Friends of the South Downs PHOTO COMPETITION

1ST OCTOBER 2019 - 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020



Corelli Ensemble

President, Dame Felicity Lott
Musical Director, Maeve Jenkinson

Sunday 8th December at 4pm
Seaford Baptist Church BN25 2EE

Christmas Concert

Albinoni, Oboe Concerto in D minor

Soloist, Owen Dennis

Vivaldi, "Winter" from the Four Seasons

Soloist, Maeve Jenkinson

Tchaikovsky, Serenade for Strings

Howard Blake, The Snowman Suite

Tickets can be pre-reserved at a special price of £12 through our website: corellensemble.co.uk

or purchased in advance from the Tourist Information Centre. Tickets also available on the door for £14.

Children free.

The Friends of the South Downs invite you to enter its 2019/20 photographic competition celebrating the beauty of the South Downs National Park - its landscape, wildlife, buildings and other man-made structures contributing to the cultural heritage of the area. The Park stretches from Eastbourne to Winchester, covering the chalk downs of Sussex and East Hampshire and the sandstone country of the Western Weald. The boundaries of the National Park can be found on our website: www.friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk/photo-competition

ADULT CLASS - 1st PRIZE - £150!
2nd PRIZE: £100, 3rd PRIZE: £50

JUNIOR CLASS - 1st PRIZE - £100!
2nd PRIZE: £50, 3rd PRIZE: £25

RULES

1. Images must be taken within the Park or as the Park is viewed from outside its boundaries, and taken within the past two years.
2. Digital images should be submitted in JPEG format at a size of approximately 8" x 10" or 20cm x 25cm at 300dpi with a maximum file size of 5Mb. Digital images may be edited to remove spots or scratches or to enhance their quality. Manipulation to remove anything from the scene or to add anything is not permitted, the image must remain true to the subject, as viewed at the time.
3. Entry to the competition is free, it is not open to professional photographers.
4. Entrants can submit up to 3 photographs.
5. All photographs must be captioned with the entrant's name, class (Adult/Junior), and the location and date taken. Junior entrants must declare that they are aged under 18 and have consent of their parent or guardian.
6. Entrants must have taken the photograph and hold its copyright. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that any images they submit have been taken with the permission of the subject and do not infringe the copyright of any third party or any laws. It must not have been a winner in another competition or been previously published.
7. Copyright of the image remains with the photographer but entry to the competition is deemed to give the Friends of the South Downs the right to use it for publicity purposes in support of our mission and to publish it, whether or not it is awarded a prize. All images will be retained by the Society for non-commercial use, for example newsletters, displays, webpages.

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Christmas Magic



Throughout the day Stix Drummers will be drumming around the town.

Santa's Grotto is at Seaford Musical Theatre from 10.30am - 5pm, £3.50 per child.

Seaford Bonfire Society is marshalling the car parks and road closures for your safety.

Seaford Rotary will have it's sleigh in Broad Street outside Cameron's Chemist.

Look out for the Seaford Youth Forum elves throughout the day who will be able to give you directions & leaflets.

The Chamber of Commerce is running a window display competition for the town centre shops, the winner will be announced before the Big Light Switch On!

Find the Snow Globe at the bottom of Broad Street. Have a photo taken with your own device with the Elf on the Shelf and lots of snow. Provided by Seaford Bouncy Castles.

Colour Christmas with our Lantern Decorating Workshops run by SCIP at St. Leonards Hall from 10am-1pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, free for all to join. Lantern parade taking place from 4.30pm in Place Lane, ending at main stage in Broad Street for the Christmas Lights switch on.

Main Stage – Top Broad Street

- 10.00 Seaford Community Drum Circle
- 10.30 Rebecca Clay with Colin Hughes
- 11.00 Seaford Choral Society
- 11.20 Pop Up Singers
- 12.00 Megan Rose Mulpeter
- 12.30 Jamie Morgan + Virginia Thorn Music
- 13.00 SPRUNG
- 13.45 Conventus
- 14.15 Up The Tempo Dance School
- 14.35 Vocal Repertoire
- 15.15 Mike Lynch
- 16.00 Julie Terry + Boogie Sound Machine
- 17.00 Archway Choirs
- 17.10 Christmas Light Switch On with Father Christmas and the Mayor of Seaford
- 17.15 Archway Choirs continues
- 18.00 Seaford Community Cinema / Mary Poppins Returns

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10 AM
TO
5 PM

plastic free
seaford
in clinton hall

seaford
library
story time

sutton park road

train station



clinton place



*programme
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of roads will be closed

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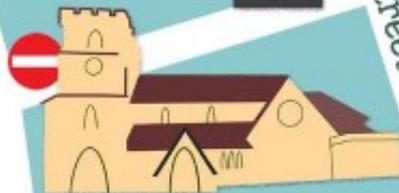


broad street

sutton road



croft lane



st leonard's
church

tansleys
performance
stage



market stalls on
broad street...

snow globe
photobooth
with elf on
the shelf



east street



seaford
tourist
information
centre

church street

st leonard's
church hall:
lantern making
with scip



... and stalls on the high street

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'be a DJ'
sessions



GROTTO

saxon
lane

seaford
musical theatre
visit santa in
his grotto



night time:
mary poppins
returns at
seaford cinema



Seaford Town Council

south street

steyne road



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