

NEWSLETTER



23 November 2018 Term 2: Week 4

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

Our Year 11 students have now completed their mock examinations and will find out their results over the next few weeks. This is a vital learning experience for this cohort, as they develop their revision strategy and hone their examination technique in preparation for their final GCSEs. It's really pleasing that so many Year 11s are feeling confident that they have developed an approach to revision that works for them.

This week, the weather has taken a noticeable turn for the worse. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that all our children should come to school with a dark, plain waterproof coat that will protect them from the elements at break times, when they are walking to and from school or between sites. 'Hoodies' are not suitable and are not part of the uniform code; these items should not be worn. We appreciate the support we receive from home in keeping our students warm and maintaining our high standards.

This week, Mrs Brennan organised the information session for students participating in this year's skiing trip. Every day there is something going on that highlights our fantastic extra-curricular offer that really enriches our students' educational experience at the school. On Monday, Mr Vidon took a group of children to Eastbourne College to take part in a 'poetry slam'. This involved a group of Seaford Head School students from Years 8-12 working collaboratively with students from other schools on poetry and performance. This is a fantastic project that inspires a love of poetry and helps them further develop a wide range of skills.

Next week the Parents and Carers Evening season gets underway with our PCE for students in Year 10. These events are so important in maintaining the home/school partnership which helps our students as they progress through school and work towards their final assessments. These events are extremely well supported and ensure that parents/carers are well aware of the precise actions that their children need to take in each subject area.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 27 November	Coping With Stress Workshop	Arundel Road Site Main Hall 4.30pm -6.30pm
Friday 7 December	Prom Fashion Show	S6H Centre 3.30pm-4.30pm

Word of the Week:

Key Stage 3 Word of the Week::

Panic-stricken: Terrified, afraid, scared witless

Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

Refractory, adjective: resisting control or authority; stubborn, unmanageable

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Headteacher's Star of the Week

Mia Fleming: Mandela House – Positive Contribution

Since the middle of September, I have had the privilege of interviewing our Year 11 students. The purpose of these interviews is to assess where support is needed as they work towards their GCSEs and to provide some interview practice, as they prepare for university and job interviews in the future. I always really enjoy these interviews as it provides me with an insight into our students' achievements, inside and outside of school.



I am consistently blown away by their sense of community spirit and desire to make a positive contribution. During her interview, Mia explained how she is keen to work with children and, two years ago, approached a local primary school to volunteer support whenever she is available. On school INSET days and some holidays she has helped out in classrooms and their SEN department. This experience has confirmed to her that she would like to pursue a career in education in the future. She recently represented the school at the Seaford Remembrance Service and makes a fantastic contribution to Performing Arts, both in school and in the town. She manages all this whilst approaching her studies in a determined manner and organising her examination preparation. Mia's approach is commendable and personifies how Year 11s generally approach school life in a really positive fashion.

Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	Ruby Laker	For excellent work in Technology
Year 8	Sam Taylor	For amazing detailed cutting using acrylic in Technology.
Year 9	Bella Scriven	For producing an excellent independent project in History.
Year 10	Tegan Cameron	For making fantastic progress in Maths.
Year 11	Joe Hemsley-Taylor	For a fantastic mock result in Geography.

Refill Revolution at Seaford Head School

Picture: We've got the bottle! – Christine Brett from Seaford and Newhaven Refill with Year 7 students from Seaford Head School

Seaford Head School has welcomed Christine Brett from 'Seaford and Newhaven Refill' in this week, to speak to students in assemblies about plastic pollution and what can be done to help reduce the devastating affects to our local and global environment. The children learned that the average person in the UK uses one hundred and fifty plastic water bottles every year and if one in ten of us refilled just once a week, this would save three hundred and forty million single use plastic bottles annually.

Christine shared information about the Refill APP that can be downloaded to mobile devices. The APP includes a map of all of the shops and cafes that will fill up your reusable water bottle for free. Students were surprised at how many places there are in Seaford that are part of the scheme.

One student commented, "I always bring my water bottle to school and use the water fountain to fill it up, but now I know that I can also refill, for free, in town at the weekends!"

Another student said, "This could actually save me lots of money; I'll never have to buy a bottle of water again!"

Mr Handy, Assistant Headteacher at Seaford Head School, said, "It's great that our students are so in touch with environmental problems but there is more that we can do, as a school, to set an example regarding how to look after our fragile environment. Next spring we are holding our first 'Plastic Free Action Week', working in collaboration with Plastic Free Seaford and local primary schools. We want to improve our recycling in school and raise awareness of what else can be done."

Seaford and Newhaven Refill; Email: Coord.Refillsn@gmail.com



Website: www.refill.org.uk



Scholastic – Teen Book Club

Order books online for Christmas presents



Please place your order by Wed 5th Dec

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/seaford-head-comm>

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: Thursday 4 April 2019 S6H Centre:	4.30pm-7.00pm 4.30pm-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 1-9: 4 September–9 November 2018						
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
97.6%	96.2%	95.7%	94.9%	95.1%	95.1%	95.5%
Overall Average Year 7-11						95.9%

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	7578
Mandela House	7812
Nightingale House	8092
Rowling House	7520

Can you help our PTA

We have lots of exciting events running for our students throughout the year, a lot of these are supported or run by our PTA, who are looking for more helpers, please email emmaholter@yahoo.com for more information.





Rotary Club of Seaford



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

Closing date 11 January 2019

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Rotary Club of Seaford



Young Artist Competition

Prizes for all age groups

4 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 pick up from your School Reception

Closing date 26 January 2019



Seaford Rotary Young Musician of the Year 2019



Do you have a musical talent?
Are you aged between 11 and 17?
Can you perform one piece on your instrument or sing one song?
Do you belong to an ensemble?
Would you like to win a Cash Prize?

Then come and perform in our competition to find the

Young Musician of the Year



The competition will be held on **Saturday 9th March 2019** so fill in an entry form and get it to us by **Saturday 23 February 2019**

You don't need to be an amazing performer.....come and try!

Entry Forms and Rules are available from the Music Department at Seaford Head School or you can download them from the Rotary Club of Seaford website www.seafordrotary.org.uk

Or email youngmusician@seafordrotary.org.uk



From Monday 26 November we will be launching a three week 'Countdown to Christmas' which rewards attendance and punctuality.



- ★ In the first week (w/c 26th November) there will be a draw for 100% attendance, in every year group and the winner will receive a small prize. All students arriving on time will be eligible to go into this draw.
- ★ At the end of the second week (week commencing 3rd December) . Any student who has two weeks of 100% attendance will be eligible for the draw.
- ★ At the end of the third week (w/c 10th December) Any student who has had three weeks of 100% attendance will be eligible again will go into the draw.

Coping with Teenage Emotions

What? Discussion groups are designed to provide an overview of the positive parenting principles for all parents who are interested. Parents are actively involved throughout the 2-hour small group format discussions.

Does your teenager over react to small things? Have mood swings or become angry? This 2 hour discussion group will give you practical suggestions for dealing with your Teens problem behaviour.

Where? Seaford Head School- Arundel Road
When? Tuesday 27th November. 4.30-6.30pm

Please book your place by emailing sam.hittaker@seafordhead.org

info@openforparents.org.uk
or visit us at www.openforparents.org.uk



Christmas Karaoke

Tuesday 17 December
6pm-7.30pm

Tickets on sale NOW £2.00

SWEETS & HOT TREATS

- XMAS FESTIVE GAMES

MUSIC BY DJ GANT

