



## 3 May 2019: Term 5: Week 2

### Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

On Friday evening the school held its 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations and also officially launched its Alumni network. It was a lovely evening and a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet past generations of Seaford Head School students and staff. There was a really positive buzz around the school and people were clearly determined to have a great time. A huge thank you to Mr Handy and the team of staff who organised this event and brought together a really special occasion.



On Friday evening, Jane Reeves was entertaining the Seaford Head School alumni with her band, on Sunday evening she was in school again to lead the Archway Choir in a special fund raising concert for the Youth Counselling Project. It was a fantastic event and the one hundred and twenty strong choir kept the audience fully entertained throughout. It was also great to see a group of our Year 11 GCSE students perform; Jasmine, Louis and Arthur once again highlighted how talented the students at Seaford Head School are. The event raised in the region of £1,000 which will be used to provide counselling support for our students. On Wednesday evening, Paul Vaesen and Stephen Willox from Seaford Rotary Club were in school to present Clive Lacey with a cheque for £450 from the Youth Counselling Project. Both these organisations do so much for the school; we are extremely fortunate to have such supportive community groups working so hard for the benefit of our students.



Our Parent Council held its first meeting last term and our next meeting is scheduled for 23 May. If you are interested in attending please contact Kathryn Greenwood through the school's reception or by e-mail [kathryngreenwood@seafordhead.org](mailto:kathryngreenwood@seafordhead.org). At the May meeting we will be looking at the school's vision and discussing how it links to the school values that were discussed at our first meeting. If you were unable to attend the first Parent Council meeting please don't be put off joining now. We had eleven parents in attendance last time and it would be

great to see those numbers grow. The Parent Council meetings have replaced the termly Headteacher Coffee Mornings and are part of the school's drive to promote parental voice and engagement.

I am writing this just before the Year 9 PCE is due to start on Thursday afternoon. It's a vital time for our Year 9s as they approach the end of their first official year of GCSE level study. It provides the perfect opportunity to revisit the ambitious targets that were set at the start of Year 9 and identify precise actions that will enable students to secure the best possible grade in every subject.

### Headteacher's Stars of the Week:

#### Lyle Sarens: Can Do Attitude – Churchill House



This week I have had the privilege of attending Years 9 and 10 assemblies to present certificates to students who have recently been involved in a mentoring project with Brighton University. The project was led by Dr Wallace and she received excellent feedback from the University with regard to how our students engaged. All the students were a credit to the school and Lyle, in particular, gained a great deal from the project. It is apparent that this input has encouraged him to reflect on the importance of his education and really focus on examination preparation. His attendance, behaviour and focus was excellent throughout the project and he responded to the themes explored in a very mature and thoughtful manner. All the students are at a vital stage in their education and it's very pleasing that this type of project can have such a positive impact on the participants.

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 8 May	S6H Parent Clinic	S6H Centre 4pm-5.30pm
Friday 17 May	PTA Chilli and Quiz Night	S6H Centre 6.00pm

### Director of Learning Stars of the Week

Year Group	Name	Reason
Year 7	Louis Cuenot	Excellent effort in Science!
Year 8	Scarlett Casey	For great attitude!
Year 9	Jemima Jenner	For excellent work in Spanish!
Year 10	Hannah Wright	For outstanding effort and work in Science!
Year 11	Leah Curcio	For gaining a Grade 6 for composing in Music!



## Debate of the Week

'Is it fair to shut down a city over climate change?'

## BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Backgrounds) Mentoring Programme

A number of Year 10 students have been working alongside their Year 9 counterparts to actively participate in a BAME Mentoring Programme organised by Dr Wallace and led by the University of Brighton. Nationally there is still an attainment gap between BAME students and their white counterparts, so this programme seeks to try and make a difference and thus allow this gap to be reduced. Studies have also shown that nationally, BAME students are less likely to achieve a first or 2:1 degree, while students from a Black Caribbean background have the highest drop-out rate when it comes to higher education. With these worrying statistics the main aims of the BAME Mentoring Programme are to enable students to:

- Feel more confident, with raised aspirations, engagement and skills development
- Speak with and seek support from their mentors regarding issues relating to identity and racism
- Be inspired and encouraged to achieve their best
- Feel more confident and improve their communication skills to contribute to an enhanced CV and employability [University Students]

The programme also looks to help schools to understand more about the issues some of their BAME students are facing and adapt practices/systems accordingly.

Well done to the Year 10 students *[some of whom are pictured below]* who were awarded their certificates by Mr Ellis for participating in the BAME Mentoring Programme; Leticia Gaudencio, Moran Haj-Yahya, Brandon Mariette, Tracy Linus-Akoh, Krishagini Muraleetharan, Raj Panesar, Mariama Sankareh and Aaron Brown. A big well done also goes to Nicholas Theunis, Inara Ahmed, Khalil Abdulsalam, Lyle Sarens and Tulsi Patel from Year 9 for actively engaging in this worthwhile programme.



## 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 1-28: 4 September–26 April 2019

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
96.3%	95.8%	95.2%	95.1%	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.

# celebrating 80 years ALUMNI Seaford Head School 1939-2019



## Alumni Birthday Celebrations – brings the community together!

"Please would you thank everyone involved in putting together Fridays 80th birthday celebration for me. I had a fantastic time meeting old school pals some of whom I had not seen since I left school in 1969.

Everyone who helped to put this event on should very proud of what they did.

Well done Seaford Head School and thank you for giving me a great time."

Ashley Maskell



## World Book Day Quiz:

What is the book and who wrote it? Send your answers to [jackgant@seafordhead.org](mailto:jackgant@seafordhead.org)



## Key Stage 3 Word of the Week::

Vast: large, huge (often describes an area)

## Key Stage 4 Word of the Week:

Prologue, noun: an introduction to a play

Word  
of the  
Week



# CHILLI QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 17th MAY S6H CENTRE STEYNE ROAD

Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Tickets £7 each to include chilli bowl  
(meat or veg)

Cheap Bar! Snacks & Treats!

Tickets available from Seaford Head Receptions or  
<http://www.wegottickets.com/event/470686>




## 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




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### Kilt Reminder

We just wanted to remind you that all students who choose to wear a skirt next academic year, will be required to wear the new school kilt. The kilt can be purchased from Intersport in Seaford.



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## Opening Day and Spring Fair




**Saturday 11th May  
10am to 5pm**

Adults £7.50  
Under 16s Free  
Free parking

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May Beach Clean  
Public - Hosted by Plastic Free Seaford

10am Martello Tower