Seaford Head School

Achieving Excellence Together



Friday 06 November 2026:Term 2 ,Week 1

With the Year 11s and Year 13s off timetable for their mock examinations this week, it has seemed extremely quiet on the Arundel Road site. Both these cohorts have worked very hard to ensure that they are in the best possible place. These mocks are so important as they form the basis of predicted grades for college, university and job applications and also provide a final opportunity for our students to identify those areas where additional revision is required.

On Tuesday afternoon, the eight Year 12 students who had been shortlisted for the school's Head Student positions made a presentation to the school's Senior Leadership Team. The SLT were blown away by how confident and articulate all 8 students were when presenting to a group of adults. We are so incredibly fortunate to have such impressive individuals leading the student body and acting as the best possible ambassadors for our school. It is also extremely exciting to consider the journey that these young people are on and the great things that they will go on to achieve in the future. It is a reminder of how privileged we are to be in the same school community and to be a part of their journey.

Next week we will hold our annual Remembrance Service on all three sites. I am always impressed by our young people's commitment to showing their respect for the generations of servicemen and women who sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms. It is always a poignant moment on the school calendar and an opportunity to collectively share our school values. Dr Wallace and Mrs K have been leading on our Remembrance Assemblies this week.

I always love to hear about our students' fantastic achievements outside of school and have received some lovely emails recently. I was notified that eleven of our students, who are also Explorer Scouts, have recently completed the Downsman. The Downsman is a 38-mile, self-navigated, competitive hike over the South Downs and participants have a maximum of 18 hours to complete the course. This is a huge undertaking for adults, let alone for 13–15 year-olds. Max, Harrison, Lucas, Sully, Charlie, Layla, Henry, Amber, Rayan, Thomas, and Ben were divided into 3 groups. The youngest completed 32 miles of the course, Team B completed the full course in 14 hours 1 minute, whilst Team A overcame a member of their team becoming seriously unwell and displayed fantastic team work to complete the course in 13 hours 58minutes, placing 3rd in their category. It is striking that it is often students who are working extremely hard in school who are also achieving great things when they are outside of school. We are super proud of this group.

I also received an update on Harry, from Year 11, and his most recent karate exploits. On the 10 October, Harry competed in the World Championship in Crawley and then on the 24 October he travelled to the Siaulial in Lithuania as the only English fighter to attend the Funakoshi Shotokan World Championships. He competed at the highest level at under 18 and under 21 against much older and heavier opponents. In addition to his medals, Harry was also awarded a plaque by the Head of Lithuanian Karate for representing England. After returning from this he then competed at the British Open where he won 3 Golds and a Bronze medal. Even with all this going on Harry still made time for his revision. As Harry's super - proud Dad pointed out in his email, "the look of determination on Harry's face is worth more than all the medals".





Headteacher's Star of the Week

Daniel (Blatchington), **Enes, Pelagia** (Cuckmere), **Mohammad** (Beacon), **Rama, Gabriel, Imogen, Naayaa** (Friston): **Respect for All Key**

I just had to make the eight students who presented to our Senior Leadership Team on Tuesday afternoon my stars for this week. It is a privilege to be the Headteacher of a school where we have the opportunity to work with the very brightest and best young people. These students send out a hugely powerful message about what it means to be a member of Seaford Head School and through their conduct, they show the values that are so important to us.



Head of Year: Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Reason
7	Daisy	For always going the extra mile in Spanish and for trying to understand and explain different ways in which the language works.
8	Jayden	For your amazing effort and focus during your most recent Geography test, well done!
9	Jacob	For excellent work and effort in Geography, contributing to lessons and bringing in enthusiasm to every lesson.
10	Abhiram	For consistently demonstrating excellent effort, engagement and producing high-quality work across English, Spanish and Chemistry. A fantastic week – well done!
11	Sam	For his hard work, dedication and commitment to his Geography lessons. Sam has consistently demonstrated a positive attitude and a willingness to engage with his learning. Well done, Sam!
12	**Head Students: Gabriel, Pelagia, Imogen & Mohammad Deputy Head Students: Rama, Naayaa, Enes & Daniel**	Congratulations to our new student leadership team, your presentations were amazing, we look forward to working with you.
13	**Head students: Jasmine, Esme, Rudy Deputy Head Students: Marianna, Adele, Lucy**	Thank you to our outgoing student leadership team, we really appreciate all of your hard work supporting the college.

Future Dates

Thursday 19 November: Year 12 PCE-In person



News

You can also find out about our latest news, successes and celebrations within the Seaford Head community on our Facebook page here

Careers

For the latest information on Careers Fairs, Open Days and Apprenticeships visit our website here

Our website also has a wide range of information, support and website links to support with your Careers queries and questions, which can be accessed here

For the latest LMI information, please check our website here

Community Notices

We have a wide range of community events and notices which can now be viewed on our website here.



Student and Staff Achievement

Congratulations to Evie in Year 7 who on Sunday the 25 October took part in the first competition on her road to the World Gymnastics Championships.
She came home with 3 medals: Gold on bars, Silver on beam and Bronze overall for her age and group. Well done Evie!



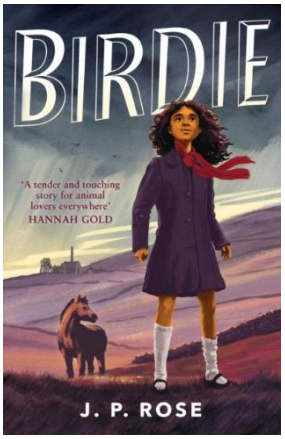
Also, well done to Mr Whittaker who was live on Seahaven FM this week discussing Men's Health and Wellbeing. The programmme can be listened to here.

Book Recommendations

Term 2 Book Recommendations

A Year of Reading 2026-2027. This term we are continuing to share book recommendations with parents and carers. Each week we will be sharing a book suitable for Year 7-8 and one for Year 9+.

Birdie by J.P. Rose

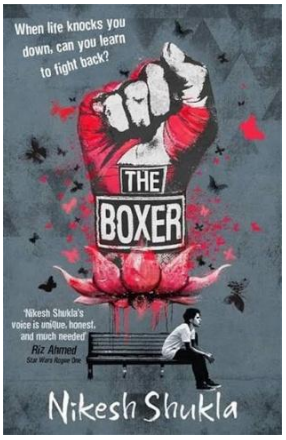


Genres: Historical fiction, Friendship

Set in 1950s Yorkshire, this award-winning novel follows Birdie Bagshaw, who has grown up in a children's home in Leeds. When she is sent to live with her great-aunt in the Yorkshire Dales, the local children make her feel unwelcome, and she finds refuge in the village coal mine. There she meets Mr Duke, the village's last pit pony. When his future is threatened, Birdie hatches a daring plan to save him. A moving story about family, identity and finding where you belong.

This book is perfect for readers in Year 7 – 8.

The Boxer by Nikesh Shukla



Genres: Contemporary fiction, Sport

After he is attacked in a racist incident, seventeen-year-old Sunny joins a boxing club in Bristol, determined to learn to defend himself. Told across the twelve rounds of his first big fight, with flashbacks to the months that led up to it, this powerful novel explores racism, identity, masculinity and what it really means to be strong.

We would recommend parents and carers check content warnings.

This book is suitable for readers in Year 9+.

Rotary Young Chef of the Year 2026

Do you enjoy cooking?

Then come and show us your skills in our competition to find the **Rotary club's - Young Chef of the Year 2026!**

The competition will take place on **19th Nov** at **Steyne site** at **1.45pm**

Task:

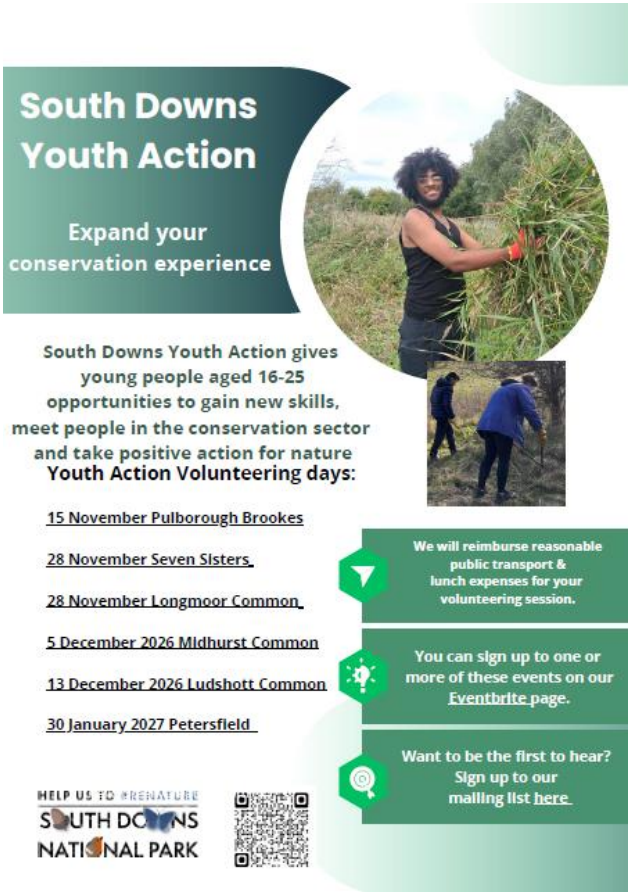
To prepare, in two hours, a 2-course healthy and nutritious meal for 2 people (main course and dessert) costing no more than £18 for ingredients, the cost of which will be reimbursed by the Rotary Club.

For more information and to collect your information pack see Mrs Feneron or email victoriafeneron@seafordhead.org

You can also download them from the Rotary website www.seafordrotary.org.uk or email youngchef@seafordrotary.org.uk.



Youth Action Days for 16-25's and Rotary Santa Sleigh Collections



Information on the streets of Seaford is that Santa and his elves will be visiting from 1-23 December and that they will be in Broad Street between 10:00 and 13:00 on December Saturday mornings and Christmas Eve.

Seaford Rotary are looking for people who would be interested in helping with the house-to-house collections. Please contact them by email at santasleigh@seafordrotary.org.uk to let them know on which dates you would be available to help or to ask for further details. Santa's Sleigh Routes can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Seaford Rotary



Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Safeguarding Team

These are our Designated Safeguarding Leads at Seaford Head School.

Dr I Wallace **Mrs L Kaukolahti** **Mr S Whittaker**





If you have a safeguarding concern or query, please call the school on 01323 891623 or email safeguarding@seafordhead.org.

The Safeguarding Team


Mr B Ellis
Headteacher


Dr I Wallace
DSL


Ms L K
Safeguarding Manager &
Deputy DSL


Mr S Whittaker
Deputy DSL


Rev J Hollingsworth
Governor for Safeguarding

Deputy DSLs


Ms S Alvarez
Assistant
Headteacher


Ms J Hudson
Inclusion
Practitioner


Mrs T Kelebek
Inclusion
Practitioner


Mrs J Owen
Educational
Welfare Officer


Mrs J Root
LAC Designated
Teacher


Mrs C Callard
Asst Head of Year


Ms E Gallagher
Asst Head of Year


Mrs T Mason
Head of Year


Miss E Phillips
Asst Head of Year

Any member of staff in the school will help support you if you need it. The people shown below have specific training and skills to support young people around their feelings and wellbeing.


Mr Sam Whittaker
Solution Focussed Therapy (SFBT) Certified


Mrs K
Rational Emotive Behaviours Therapy (REBT) Accredited


Beth
Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Certified


Julia
Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)

Ms Mason
Miss Phillips
Miss Gallagher

Ms Kyprianou
Mr O'Kane
Miss Novitt
Mrs Davis
Mr McLaren

Mr Vaughan
Mr Purdey
Dr Wallace
Mr Beverley
Miss Wells

Miss Britton
Miss Harris
Mrs Martin
Mr Gant
Mrs Callard

Mr Ashdown
Mr Thomas
Mr Osborne
Miss Adamson
Miss Bromley


Tara
Counsellor


Laura
Counsellor


Jennie
Senior Mental Health Practitioner


Katy
Children's Wellbeing Practitioner

Santa's Sleigh Routes

Tuesday 1st December

Marine Crescent, Ringmer Road, Esplanade Mews, St. John's Road, Steyne Road, Fitzgerald Avenue, Corsica Road, Cliff Close, Southdown Road (from Corsica Road to Steyne Road), Bramber Road, Cricketfield Road, College Road

Wednesday 2nd December

Lower Drive, Belgrave Crescent, North Way, Lucinda Way, The Ridings, Normansal Park Avenue, Lexden Road, Upper Sherwood Road, Lexden Road

Thursday 3rd December

Manor Road, Micklefield Way, Sutton Avenue East, Kingston Estate, Fairways Estate

Friday 4th December

Chittenden Avenue, Stoke Manor Close, Manor Road North, Chesterton Drive, Farm Close, Chyngton Gardens

Saturday 5th December

10:00am - 1:00pm: Broad Street.

Monday 7th December

Links Road, Rother Road. Bracken Road, Chyngton Road, Lullington Close, Chyngton Way, South Way, Rodmell Road, Cuckmere Road (West), Arundel Road (South), Green Walk, St Wilfred's Place, Hazeldene

Tuesday 8th December

Etherton Way, Hindover Road, Sutton Drove, Alfriston Road, Richington Way, Blue Haze Avenue, Bromley Road, Sandore Road, Harison Road, Meadow Way

Wednesday 9th December

Kingsmead, Wilkinson Way, Kedale Road, Grosvenor Road, Salisbury Road, Chichester Road, Brooklyn Road, Clinton Lane, Stafford Road, East Albany Road, Grove Road

Thursday 10th December

Hawth Park Estate, Tide Mills Way, Buckle Drive, Buckle Rise, Claremont Road, Albany Road, Connaught Road, Edinburgh Road

Friday 11th December

Heathfield Road, Southdown Road (North), Hartfield Road, Downs Road, Aquila Park, Arundel Road (North), Sutton Avenue (West), Downsview Road, Headland Avenue, Meads Road, Highlands Road

Saturday 12th December

10:00am - 1:00pm: Broad Street

Monday 14th December

Surrey Road, Jevington Drive, Kingsway, Beacon Road, Tudor Close, Beacon Drive,

Beacon Close, Victor Close, Carlton Road, Westdown Road

Tuesday 15th December

Hill Rise, Princess Drive, Clementine Avenue, Churchill Road, Katherine Way, Grand Avenue, Crown Hill, Duchess Drive, Royal Drive

Wednesday 16th December

Lexden Drive, Barn Rise, Queensway, Maple Fields, Barn Close, Coxwell Close, Raymond Close

Thursday 17th December

Bishopstone Road, Rookery Way, Marine Drive, Hurdis Road, St. Andrews Drive

Friday 18th December

Hillside Avenue, Hythe Crescent, Deal Avenue, Hastings Avenue, Hythe Crescent, Cinque Ports Way, Walmer Road (to Saltwood Road), Bodiam Close

Saturday 19th December

10:00am - 1:00pm: Broad Street

Monday 21st December

Millberg Road, Saltwood Road, Chyngton Avenue, Walmer Road (from Saltwood Road), Romney Close, Stirling Avenue, Ash Drive, Willow Drive, Badgers Copse

Tuesday 22nd December

Sutton Drove, The Byeways, Vale Road, Vale Close, Cradle Hill Road, Kammond Avenue, Seafield Close, Old Nursery Close, Landsdown Road, Alfriston Park

Wednesday 23rd December

Quarry Lane, Valley Drive, Upper Belgrave Road, Bradbury Centre, Homefield Road, Rose Walk, The Ridgeway, Mason Road, Sherwood Road

Wednesday 24th December

10:00am - 1:00pm: Broad Street