



NEWSLETTER

Friday 02 October 2026 : Term 1, Week 4



On Monday we said goodbye to our Spanish exchange students. As is always the case, this visit did so much to enrich our students' learning and the whole school community has benefited from this event. A massive thank you to our students and their families for being such generous hosts and to Mrs Derry and the Spanish Department for leading on this activity.

I would like to make another plea to everyone in the town to make your nominations for the Seaford Rotary's Young Citizen of the Year.

This award is presented annually in memory of the late Philip Moorey who gave freely of his time in the support of young people in our town. The poster, entry forms, and information pack were included in last week's newsletter.

This Tuesday afternoon, we hosted the termly meeting of the Seaford Head teacher group. It was lovely to hear such positive feedback from the primary Headteachers regarding our Open Evening and how their former pupils are thriving at Seaford Head. I said at our Open Event how privileged I am to be part of a group of schools that are so committed to working in partnership to support Seaford's young people as they progress through their 13 years of formal education.

Yesterday afternoon I had the pleasure of giving our local MP, Mr James MacCleary, a tour of the school. It was great to hear how knowledgeable James is about Seaford Head School and education issues generally. James has done some excellent work with our Sixth Formers on previous visits, so it was lovely to be able to show him the learning on our Steyne Road site. He has received lots of positive feedback about our students and a visit to Year 7 and 8 classrooms reinforced this message. We are grateful for the support that James gives our school and the wider Seaford Community.

I have seen two wonderful emails this week that really put a spring in my step. The first was from the Cradle Hill PTFA and was sent to Mrs Alvarez in praise of all our wonderful Sixth Formers who helped at their Summer Fair. There were also students from other year groups involved in setting up, running stalls and packing up at the end of the fair. Our students really are the best possible ambassadors for the school and we are super - proud of them.

The second email came into our reception inbox from a member of the public and it contains such an important message I have copied part of it below. "I had the privilege of coming into contact with some of your students yesterday. We caught the bus from Seaford towards Brighton and your young people were a joy to travel with, standing back to allow people to board first, despite queuing for longer, and showing great respect for fellow travellers throughout the journey. Sadly, it is those who misbehave that create attention and give young people a bad name, but who are thankfully, still the minority. This group of students were a credit to both you and to their parents."

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Macey Kent, Willow Fuller (Cuckmere Haven),
Sofia Virgo, Emilia Coe, Florrie Chamberlain (Beacon),
Xavier Martins (Blatchington) and Viola Lechner: **Respect For All, Working Hard, Positive Contribution Key**



I just had to make our Year 9 debating champions my stars this week. Emilia, Willow, Macey, Xavier, and Sofia represented us brilliantly in their first ever debating competition at Eastbourne College, competing against five other schools. The team have been working hard to master the World Schools



debating format, researching topics, and developing their skills with enthusiasm and commitment. For our Year 9s to win their first ever competition is an amazing achievement. A massive well done to our students and a huge thank you to Mr Kent and Miss Britton for coaching them. We now cannot wait for the next competition which takes place in November.

Ms Warren is super proud of our debate team and also wanted to reward Florrie for being consistently brilliant. Florrie, like many students at Seaford Head, makes positive choices every day. She works hard in all her lessons, is kind to other students and is a privilege to have in the year team.

All the students who helped at the Cradle Hill Fair are stars, and Viola worked really hard and helped out at other stalls. It is fantastic to see Viola, who is one of our international students, settling in so quickly and making such a positive contribution to our community.

Head of Year: Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Reason
7	Mir Adnan	For your excellent attitude in Spanish. You are always very positive, focused and are willing to give it a go even when it is challenging.
8	Charlie Grundy	For always giving his best every lesson without question. Well done Charlie!
9	Florrie Chamberlain	For three separate nominations this week. Well done Florrie!
10	George Huckle	For making an excellent start to the year in English.
11	Lucas Rego	For a very positive and successful week in Spanish.
12	Congratulations to Viola Lechner, Chloe Bergsvenkerud, Stanley Atkins, Jonah Messer, Grace Gavin-Sommerville, Josie Attrell, Merrilees Stephens, Anam Zara, Ava Fiyaz-Barnes, Elisa Baracz Figueira, Rama Khalil, Thomas William, Gabriel Hamra, Logan Hall-Diez, Enes Ozturk, Fynn O'Donnell, Katherine Ide, Daniel Mohamed, Zack Beal, Fletcher Beal, Abigail Charlton, Isabel Bryans, Oscar Apps, Torben Angus, Sophie Jones and Felicity Jones for their outstanding volunteering at the Cradle Hill School Summer Fair. They represented Seaford Head brilliantly, helping to run stalls, games and activities with enthusiasm, professionalism and a friendly attitude. A special mention goes to Viola Lechner , who went above and beyond by arriving early to help set up, stepping in wherever needed throughout the day, and staying until the very end to help clear away. They were all a real credit to the school.	
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Future Dates

Thursday 08 October:
Saturday 10 October:

Sixth Form Open Evening, 6.00-8.00pm
Sixth Form Open Morning, 10.00am-12.00pm



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](#).



Annual Spanish Pen Pal visit to Seaford Head

On Thursday 24 September forty students and four teachers from IES La Pandera, a secondary Spanish school located in the province of Jaén, Spain arrived at Seaford Head School. La Pandera last visited our school two years ago and it was a fantastic experience for all those involved. Thursday involved some fun introductions and students were understandably nervous at first, but this soon gave way to excitement and fun when they participated in a Speed Meeting style activity. Spanish students practised their English and Seaford Head students practised their Spanish. It was wonderful to hear the hall full of bilingual chatting and laughing.



On Friday 25 September more bilingual activities were held at the school in the morning and in the afternoon the large group made its way to Brighton on the train. Students were in mixed groups and had to complete a variety of challenges in the North Laines, Brighton Museum and on the Palace Pier. Everyone was able to relax for an hour in the local shopping centre at the end of the day which proved to be ideal for the Spanish students to pick up some souvenirs for home.



Monday was our final day with our Pen Pals. This day is always full of mixed emotions as the relationships between the students have flourished and no-one wants to think about saying goodbye in the evening. However, the students put all their energy and effort into more bilingual activities in the morning and had the chance to let their hair down that evening with a superb DJ! Everyone danced and sang a mixture of English and Spanish language songs for two exhilarating

hours. Lastly, there was the handing out of certificates, the hugs and in some cases the tears.

This trip has always been one of the highlights of the year for our students, the Languages Department and for the whole school community. We are looking forward to welcoming a new group next year and will be advertising for new Pen Pals later this year.



Student Success



Congratulations to Evie in Year 9 (Left) who has become the Southern Regional Champion for her Gymnastics. She is off to the National Championships in November in Wales. We can't wait to hear how you do!

Congratulations to Emma (Below) in Year 7, and her Dad, who filmed a commercial for a car company and really excitingly it was released on 28/09/26- Well done Emma, you did an amazing job!



Book Recommendations

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

Genres: Historical fiction

A historical fiction novel that follows two parallel stories connected by the date of September 11. This novel follows nine-year-old Brandon who is visiting his father at work on September 11, 2001 and then eleven-year-old Reshmina living in an Afghan village on September 11, 2019. Both characters face high-stakes danger and make difficult choices under extreme pressure. The alternating chapters allow readers to experience in real time both the horror of that day and its enduring aftermath.

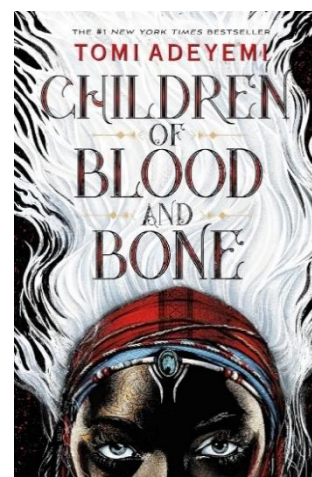
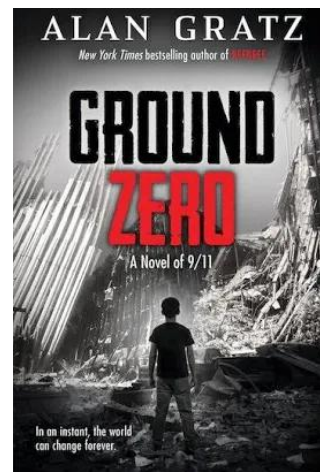
We would recommend parents and carers check content warnings. This book is suitable for readers in Year 7-8.

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Genres: Young Adult, Romantic Fantasy

After a ruthless king slaughters the magical *Maji* population, Zélie gets a rare chance to restore magic and fight the monarchy, joined by a rogue princess and pursued by the crown prince. Danger lurks in Orisha, where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zélie herself as she struggles to control her powers and her growing feelings for an enemy.

This book is suitable for readers in Year 9+.



Eastbourne LitFest and Debate Success



We had a fantastic time at Towner Cinema for a special screening of *The Hate U Give*, organised by Eastbourne LitFest. Our pupils enjoyed refreshments on arrival, an engaging introduction to the film and the powerful screening which explored themes of identity, equality, racism and social justice.

The experience clearly had a strong impact on our students, with one pupil commenting, "One of the most inspiring yet harrowing stories I've ever seen, it's opened my eyes to police brutality and racism that still exists today. The cinematography was amazing!"

Another pupil said, "The character performances were so powerful. Being given a signed copy of the book was such a wonderful gesture! I can't wait to go home and read it." It was a truly inspiring and memorable experience, and we are incredibly grateful to Eastbourne LitFest and Towner for giving our students such a wonderful opportunity.

We are also delighted to announce that our Year 9 Debate Team are debating champions! Congratulations to Emilia Coe, Willow Fuller, Macey Kent, Xavier Martins and Sofia Virgo, who represented Seaford Head brilliantly in their first ever debating competition yesterday at Eastbourne College, competing against five other schools.

Having attended Debate Club with Miss Britton and Mr Kent since Year 8, the team have been working hard to master the World Schools debating format, researching topics and developing their skills with enthusiasm and commitment.

Their first debate, "This House supports the decline of traditional retail in favour of e-commerce," saw Xavier, Emilia and Willow argue for the opposition. Their strong performance secured a first-round victory.

The team then had a short time to prepare for an unseen debate, where Macey, Sofia and Xavier once again impressed the judges to secure another win and claim the overall title on points.

What an achievement for their first competition! We are incredibly proud of the whole team and grateful to everyone who made the experience possible.



The team's attention now turns to their next debate in November. We look forward to sharing more news soon!

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



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Headteacher



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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 (SFT) 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