Seaford Head School

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 13 November 2026: Term 2, Week 2



There are a number of Parent and Carer Evenings (PCEs) this term and we start with our Year 12 event on 19 November. I have been incredibly impressed by how this cohort have managed the step up between GCSEs and A Levels. It has also been lovely to see how quickly students who have joined Year 12 from other schools have settled in and become part of the Seaford Head family. I am confident that this group will secure the exceptional grades and the exciting progression routes that have become the norm for Seaford Head students.

We will also be hosting our termly Parent Forum Meeting on that date at 6.00pm. As well as revisiting the issues from the September meeting, we will be discussing the key transition points in our young people's education. It would be great to hear from as many parents/carers as possible about what makes transition arrangements strong at Seaford Head and where we could make things even better. We will also be looking at plans for next year's Sustainability Fair which we have scheduled for 19 June 2027.

I have had a fantastic week this week, interviewing our Year 11 students. They are a hugely impressive cohort and it has been a pleasure to hear how positive they are about school and the exciting plans they have made for the future. They are a credit to their families and our school; it is a positive reflection of how the home-school partnership has supported them through the last five years. When our students articulate how they have navigated the recent round of mocks and precisely identify the next steps on their "dream" career pathway, it speaks volumes about the fantastic support they receive from our staff and from Mrs Stanyard and the Careers Team. There cannot be a Year 11 cohort in the whole of the country who are more focused and determined to succeed. It is a privilege to be part of their educational journey and great to hear that for the majority of them their learning journey will continue with us into our Sixth Form.

I would like to commend all our school Eco Leaders who are involved in running the school's big switch off fortnight, which continues until Friday 20 November. They have put up posters around the school encouraging all members of our community to make small acts that can make a big difference such as switching off classroom lights and projectors when you leave a room; particularly at the end of the day. The team are then checking across all three sites to check that we are keeping these good habits. Our Eco Leaders continually remind us that we can make a difference if we all take positive action by thinking globally and acting locally.

I am writing this week's newsletter just after our fantastic annual Sports Awards evening held at the Amex. There will be a full report in next week's newsletter, but I would like to congratulate all our students who took part and thank Mrs Martin and the PE team for organising it. It was lovely to welcome Ella McCaughan back to Seaford Head who not only spoke at the event, but also delivered a cricket session earlier in the day. Ella is an inspirational role model to all our students, and highlights what can be achieved through a combination of hard work and talent. It's apt that this evening came hot on the heels of another great football performance by our Year 8 football team who defeated Hailsham Community College 8-0 to average last season's agonising 2-1 league cup final defeat. Mr Sutton described in his fantastic match report how, through teamwork and a collective effort, the team have gone from despair to jubilation.

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Isabella (Friston): **Can Do Attitude Key**



Sticking to our sporing theme, I just had to make Izzie from Year 12, who has just been selected to represent Great Britain in the Under-20 Épée Team at the Junior World Cup in Novi Sad, Serbia, my star of the week. For Izzie to earn her place in the Great Britain Under-20 squad at just 16 years old demonstrates exceptional dedication, determination and talent.

As well as being an elite sports performer, Izzie is an excellent student and valued member of our Sixth Form community, making a significant contribution to school life through her role as a Sixth Form Student Leader. Izzie is a fantastic role model and an inspiration to the wider student body.



Head of Year: Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Reason
7	**Bradley**	For fantastic work and presentation on your colour title page in Art, well done! Keep up the hard work!
8	**Ethan**	For being kind and supportive and helping another student with his Maths homework.
9	**Ruwandi**	For consistently producing high-quality sketchbook pages, well done and keep up this high standard.
10	**Miley**	For showing resilience and a great attitude to learning.
11	**Oliver**	For being the leading basketball points scorer in 3V3 history.
12	**Isabella**	For the amazing achievement of being selected to represent team GB in fencing.
13	**The whole of Year 13**	Well done to all of our Year 13s for making it through the mocks! We had great feedback from the exams team and have been really impressed by the progress you are making.

Future Dates



Thursday 19 November:	Year 12 PCE-In person
Thursday 19 November:	Parent Forum
Thursday 26 November:	Year 13 PCE-In person
Thursday 10 December:	Year 11 PCE-Online

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.

Opera Gala Evening

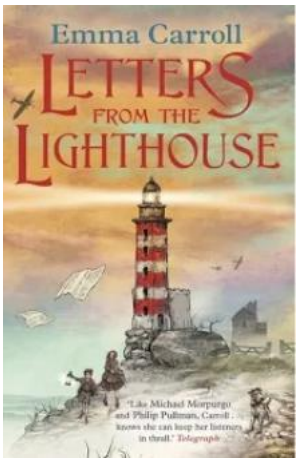
Intergenerational Opera are holding a fabulous Opera Gala Evening at St Leonard's Parish Church, Seaford on Sunday 29 November at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling Charlotte Wicks on 07966 621229 or by emailing intergenopera@gmail.com



Book Recommendations

Term 2, Week 2

Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

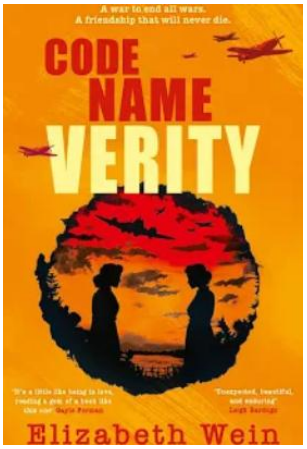


Genres: Historical fiction, Mystery

It is 1941. After her older sister goes missing during an air raid in London, twelve-year-old Olive and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to a remote village on the Devon coast. Olive is sent to live with the lighthouse keeper, and when she discovers a mysterious coded message, she begins to uncover secrets that the village would rather keep hidden. A gripping wartime mystery and a perfect read for Remembrance week.

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

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein



Genres: Historical fiction, Thriller

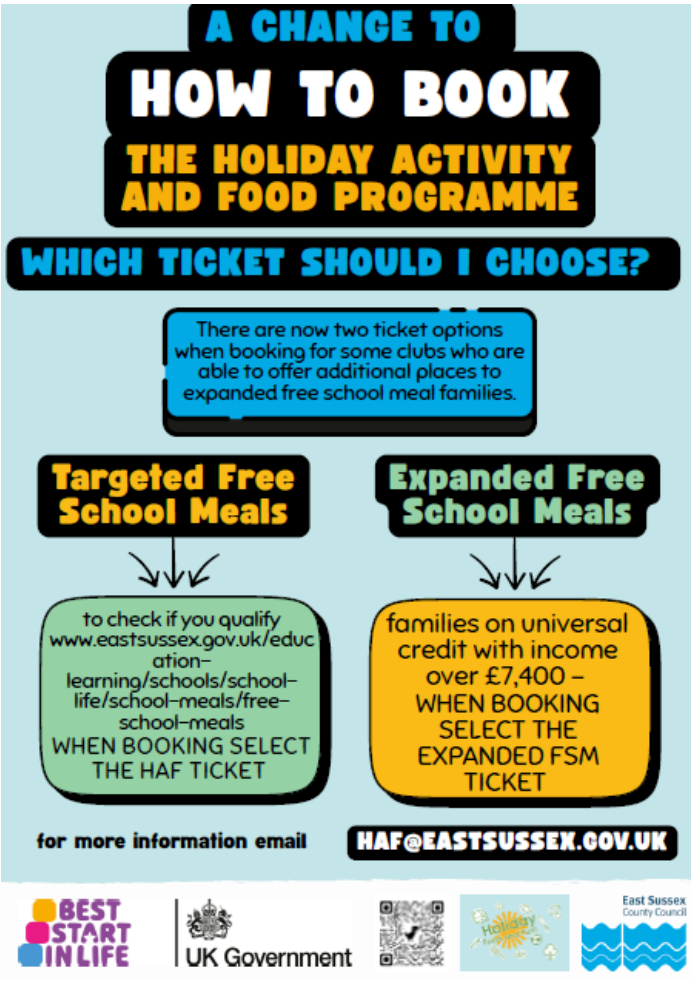
In 1943, a young British spy is captured by the Gestapo in Nazi-occupied France. Given the choice between revealing secrets and facing execution, she begins to write her confession, telling the story of her friendship with Maddie, the pilot who flew her into France. Nothing in this award-winning novel is quite what it seems, and its twists will stay with readers long after the last page.

We would recommend parents and carers check content warnings.

This book is suitable for readers in Year 9+.

FSM Holiday Clubs





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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DSL


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Mrs J Owen
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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