Seaford Head School

Achieving Excellence Together

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16 October 2026:Term 1,Week 6



It seems unbelievable that there is just 1 week remaining of what has been a very productive first term of the year. Our students should feel extremely proud of the way that they have approached their studies and school life in general since September. It is a genuine privilege to be the Headteacher at a school where students are always kind to each other and are prepared to work hard in pursuit of their goals.

Last Thursday we held our annual Open Evening for our Sixth Form. It was busier than ever, and I could not be any prouder to be the Headteacher of our school at these events. I was in the hall with Mrs Alvarez and our Executive Head Students gave fantastic speeches highlighting what it means to them to be a member of our Sixth Form. They outlined the impact that being a part of our community has made on them and how they have developed and grown. I was particularly struck by how welcoming students who joined the Sixth Form from other secondary schools had found Seaford Head. Alex, Nourhan, Masa and Freda articulately described what it was like to join the school in Year 12, whilst Nia outlined the wonderful journey, she has been on since joining the school in Year 7. When I went over to the Sixth Form centre after the two speeches, I was immediately greeted by groups of current Sixth Formers who were supporting subject presentations and providing an overview of the demands of every qualification that we have on offer. These students are the best possible ambassadors we could have for our school.

On Saturday morning we opened the doors for students, and families, who wanted a less formal tour of the Sixth Form site. It was a pleasure to hear from external visitors how they have heard such wonderful things about our Sixth Form. Mrs Alvarez and her team have been extremely busy visiting Year 11 assemblies in other East Sussex Schools, and it is lovely that they have been able to take such positive messages back to their former schools. Daniel and Amy returned to Gildredge House, Fin and Chloe went back to Ratton, Emme and Jonah returned to Cavendish, whilst Imogen went back to St Catherine's. As if our Sixth Formers haven't been busy enough this week, they also found the time to play their first football match of the season. Well done to all the members of the team who were part of a 7:2 victory against East Sussex College Hastings.

After the events that celebrated our oldest students last week, yesterday we held an event for the newest members of our community when we hosted our Key Stage 3 Information and Meet the Tutor evening for parents and carers of students in Year 7. As they approach the end of their first term in Seaford Head, they should feel extremely proud of how they have settled into secondary school life. They are at the beginning of a very exciting journey and have made the best possible start. Our Year 7s have also enjoyed sporting success this week as our girls' football team defeated a strong Cavendish side by 3 goals to 1. Miss Wells was hugely impressed by the girls' attitude and teamwork.

I am writing my contribution to the newsletter just as we welcome students in for the Wear Red Day. Seaford Head is a school community where everyone belongs, is valued and treated with respect, so it is fantastic that we can join with this national initiative to celebrate and promote our values.

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Ashley, Tian, Jude, Oscar, George (Friston), **Ethan, Callum, DT, Remi, Marley** (Cuckmere Haven), **Max, Tim, Harry, Peter, Bradley** (Beacon) and **Aaron, Pip, Callum, Rafferty** (Blatchington),
: **Working Hard Key**



I just had to celebrate the efforts of the group of our Year 11 students above. Three weeks ago, I had the pleasure of staying at Windmill Hill as part of the staff team who were supporting a Year 11 booster weekend with this group. The students were involved in a combination of Maths, English and outward - bound activities intended to develop their confidence, teamworking skills and knowledge of the English/Maths GCSE papers. It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with this group who were determined to make the most of this provision. It was also pleasing to be on the victorious axe – throwing team even though Mr Purdey failed to score a single point! A massive well done to the students for their positive engagement, a huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting this initiative and gigantic thanks to the staff who gave up their weekend to deliver the sessions.



Head of Year: Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Reason
7	Olive	For excellent work and effort with map skills, it's brilliant!
8	Sophie	For producing a stunning final piece based on the artist ROA, well done Sophie for taking your time and observing so beautifully. Keep up the amazing work!
9	Andrew	For making a brilliant start to the RS GCSE and producing a fabulous 15-mark answer despite not being here for the preparation and learning of content!!
10	Sophie	For always being focused, hardworking and committed in English. Keep up the fantastic work!
11	Archie	For showing such willing to read parts aloud (Scrooge, in particular), you give revision and every task your absolute best and for surpassing your target grade in the last few assessment essays. Keep being amazing!
12	Georgia	For always being a superstar and supporting the Sixth Form. We really appreciate all the time you have given up to make sure our events run smoothly.
13	Scarlett	For her incredible commitment to her studies, all this hard work will pay off!

Future Dates

Friday 23 October: End of Term 1
Monday 2 November: All students return for Term 2



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.

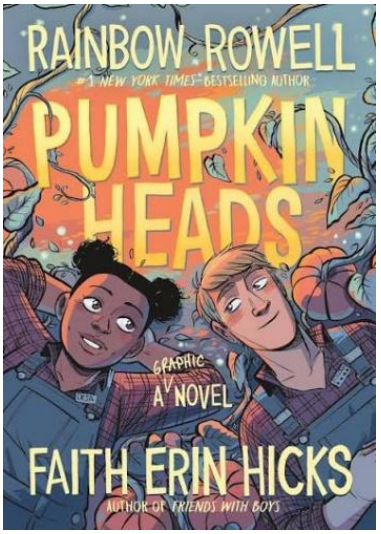
Considerate Parking

Just a reminder for all Parents/Carers to please park considerately around all of our school sites when dropping off and collecting students at the end of the day.



Book Recommendations

Term 1, Week 6

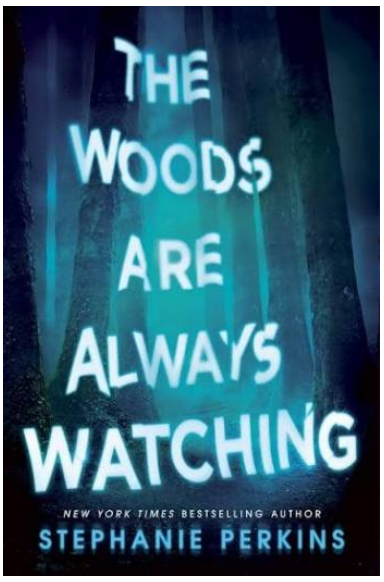


<u>Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell (and illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks)</u>

<u>Genres</u>: Historical Fantasy

This heartwarming young adult graphic novel about two seasonal best friends spending their very last shift together at a massive, magical pumpkin patch. Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. But now they are leaving school. Their last shift together. Their last goodbye.

The story explores deep friendship, embracing change, and leaving a place and person with no regrets. This book is suitable for readers in Year 7-8.



<u>The Woods Are Always Watching by Stephanie Perkins</u>

<u>Genres</u>: Teen fiction, Mystery, Thriller

Bears aren't the only predators in these woods. Best friends Neena and Josie spent high school as outsiders, but at least they had each other. Now, with college and a two-thousand-mile separation looming on the horizon, they have one last chance to be together—a three-day hike deep into the woods of the Pisgah National Forest. Simmering tensions lead to a detour off the trail and straight into a waking nightmare . . . and then into something far worse. Something that will test them in horrifying ways.

We would recommend parents and carers check content warnings. This book is suitable for readers in Year 9+.

Warhammer Club

Warhammer Club runs every week. Students paint miniatures and play games, including Warhammer 40k and Blood Bowl.

If you have any unwanted paints, brushes or miniatures you could donate, our students will be thrilled to have them! Thank you.



Student Success

Congratulations to Florrie who had her first street dance competition last weekend. She qualified for BDO Street Dance World Championships in December. She also came in an amazing 1st with her crew BN1, 2nd in solos and 3rd in duos. Well done Florrie!



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


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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