



NEWSLETTER

Friday 18 September 2026 : Term 1, Week 2



As we complete the first full fortnightly cycle of Term 1, I would like to commend our students for the positive manner in which they have returned to school after the summer break. I took some visitors on a tour of the Arundel Road site on Tuesday morning and our guests commented on how focused our students are and how the sense of purpose is palpable as you move across the site. This is exactly what I expect, but it is lovely to hear visitors react so positively to the learning they see taking place in our school.

After a summer holiday, I am always particularly pleased to notice students who have clearly made a conscious effort to make school a more positive experience and improve their academic performance. I always say to our young people that, "You are your message"; and by tucking shirts in, doing their tie up and standing up that much taller, students can send out a very positive message about how they feel about themselves and how they are approaching their studies and school life generally. From the super - smart young people I encounter across both sites, it's clear that the vast majority of our students are determined to work hard and be successful.

On Monday evening on the Steyne Road site, we are hosting our Welcome Evening for parents and carers of students who have joined us in Year 12. This group have made a very positive start and are at the beginning of a very exciting journey. We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form and it is little wonder that we received our highest ever number of applications this year. Last week we also welcomed 38 international students into the Sixth Form and it's fantastic to see all of our new recruits settle in and integrate so quickly. There is a fantastic buzz around the building and students have stepped up admirably to the challenge of Level 3 study.

Earlier this week, we notified parents and carers that next Thursday afternoon, we will be closing early for our annual Open Evening. It is always an enjoyable event and a lovely opportunity to celebrate the very best of Seaford Head School. The Open Events are also an essential element of our transition process; it is massively reassuring for Year 6 students to have a tour of the site with their parents/carers and meet staff and students in advance of their Transition Week next July. I would like to commend our team of student helpers in advance of this event for the excellent support that they provide for their younger peers. They are fantastic ambassadors for the school. On Friday morning students are expected to be in school in time for Period 2 which starts at 10.05a.m.

Next week we will be welcoming more visitors into school as part of our annual Spanish exchange. We will have more detail in next week's newsletter, but I would like to thank Mrs Derry and everyone involved in this for taking this opportunity to broaden our students' horizons and enrich our school curriculum.



Headteacher's Star of the Week

Hettie Franks, Yaa Owusu-Boakye (Friston),
Max Michael, Henry Boxall, Grace Gavin-Sommerville,
Dakota Kane, Joe Ward, Bronwen Williams
 (Cuckmere Haven), **Xanthe Farror, Benjamin Hale,**
Jasmine Harries, Isla Holmes-Ling, Grace Lancaster,
Grace Walkden (Beacon) and **Isobel Douthwaite,**
Ruby Foster, Florence Geddes, Ryan Hennessy,
Isabella Perry, Amelia Seymour (Blatchington),
 Miss Fraser and Mr MacDonald : **Respect For All Key**



In last week's newsletter Miss Fraser wrote a great feature highlighting the adventures of our intrepid world challengers who spent part of their summer holidays in Ecuador and I just had to make this group my stars for this week. Miss Fraser said it was a pleasure to spend time with these individuals and a privilege to watch them develop and grow as a result of taking part in such challenging activities. Miss Fraser and Mr MacDonald are stars for giving up so much time to support our challengers and they are already planning their next adventure. As outlined in last week's newsletter, the next World Challenge trip will take place in July 2028 to Costa Rica. If you are interested in being part of the World Challenge Team and joining the group for what is sure to be the trip of a lifetime, or you would like to find out more information, please email rebeccafraser@seafordhead.org

Head of Year : Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Reason
7	Riley Appleton	For your fantastic positive behaviour this week! You have shown great focus, enthusiasm and determination in your learning.
8	Pippa Pittman	For excellent concentration today and you show a good understanding of the text - keep on doing what you're doing and backing up your answers with evidence! Great work!
9	Lilley Hildersley	For making a fabulous start to your GCSE Physics course - Well done!
10	Sophia Lee	For a fantastic reading and outstanding contributions to your English class discussions this week. Your ideas about the characters and context of the play are consistently thoughtful, articulate and impressively well developed. You always bring such enthusiasm and insight to your lessons. A great start to Year 10 Sophia.
11	Samir Ahmed	For staying on after school to complete an English assessment.
12	Jonah Messer Stanley Atkins Florence Geddes	For your outstanding EPQ interviews, your ideas were amazing, we can't wait to see what you produce on the course.
13	Pal Patel	For your exceptional flipped learning notes for Economics, the hard work will pay off!

Future Dates

Monday 21 September : Year 12 Welcome Evening
Thursday 24 September : Year 6 Open Evening



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](#).



Sixth Form Open Days



Discover your future at
SEAFORD HEAD SIXTH FORM
your Future. Your Choice.

SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER
6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
10.00 AM - 12.00 PM

Students, Parents/Carers can attend one of our Open Days
on Thursday 8 October: 6 pm - 8 pm, or
Saturday 10 October: 10 am - 12 pm.

TALKS
Hear from our leaders, teachers and current students

TOURS
Guided tours of our fantastic Sixth Form facilities

MEET
Meet subject teachers and find out about our A level and BTEC courses

DISCOVER
Explore opportunities, enrichment and life in our Sixth Form

PARENTS/CARERS: PLEASE COME TO THE SIXTH FORM BUILDING

BE INSPIRED • BE CHALLENGED • BELONG • ACHIEVE We can't wait to meet you!

Rugby



SEAFORD RUGBY CLUB U16s

NEW MALE PLAYERS WANTED!

No experience needed.
Just bring enthusiasm and give rugby a try!

- ✓ Make new friends whilst burning off school stress!
- ✓ Build confidence & fitness
- ✓ Qualified coaching
- ✓ Competitive & social rugby
- ✓ All abilities welcome

TRAIN WITH THE U16s

Seaford Rugby Club @ Seaford Salts

School Year 11 or 12* Players

Training Sundays 09.30-11.30 &
Wednesdays 17.30-18.30

COME AND JOIN THE TEAM!

First session FREE and then minimal subs and kit

Contact: John 07943396766

[FIND OUT ABOUT SEAFORD RUGBY CLUB HERE](#)

• Players can be 15-17 years old*



Book Recommendations

We LOVE one of our books this week so much that we are recommending it for all readers!

Scythe by Neal Shusterman

Genres: Sci-fi, Adventure, Dystopian

In the far future, death, disease, and unhappiness have been virtually eliminated due to advances in technology. To replicate natural death and keep population growth in check, a group of humans known as Scythes are mandated to kill. As sixteen-year-old apprentice Scythes Citra and Rowan begin their training, they discover that not everything in their world is as simple and peaceful as it seems.

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

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

Genres: Novel written in verse, realistic fiction

The novel is written in poem format narrated by 16-year-old Camino, who lives in the Dominican Republic, and 16-year-old Yahaira, who lives in New York City. These two teenage girls are drawn together after a plane crash, leading them to discover that they shared a late father. They discover secrets and truths, but ultimately embrace sisterhood.



Student Success

Congratulations to Faye in Year 13 who has a piece of her stunning art work being displayed in a local art collection. Please see the poster for details of the exhibition if you would like to visit to view her piece. It has also been entered for the Farley Arts Trust Student Art Competition. Good luck Faye!



HOSPITABLE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTS

EMERGING SUSSEX CURIOUS MINDS

YOUNG ARTISTS
OPEN CALL

YOUNG ARTISTS AND MAKERS AGED 14-25 FROM ACROSS SUSSEX ARE INVITED TO EXHIBIT IN OUR SECOND EPIC OPEN CALL FOR ARTWAVE 2026.

SIGN UP TO ENTER YOUR ARTWORK FOR FREE AT [HOSPITABLE-ENVIRONMENT.COM](https://hospitable-environment.com)

VISIT THE EXHIBITION
17 - 20TH SEPTEMBER
10AM - 4PM THURS - SAT / 10AM - 3PM SUN

JOIN US FOR A CREATIVE CELEBRATION AND PRIZE-GIVING EVENT ON SUNDAY 20TH
12 - 2PM. EVERYONE WELCOME!

BN9 STUDIO, MARINE WORKSHOPS, RAILWAY APPROACH, NEWHAVEN, BN9 0ER

EMERGING SUSSEX IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM NEWHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL, THE ENJOOLATA FOUNDATION, AND THE CHALK CLIFF TRUST.



Student Success

Congratulations to Joey in Year 7 - Joey is part of England Elite Academy for rugby and at the weekend he took part in a tournament in Bradford and won player of the tournament!



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 Focused
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