



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26 June 2026 : Term 6, Week 4



It seems impossible to think that we are sending this newsletter out on Friday of the last full school week of the academic year. Next week we have residential trips and activities days before students have Friday off school whilst staff have their INSET day to make their final preparations for the new timetable which starts on the 6 July. These arrangements enable us to accommodate the full week of transition with current Year 6 students and allow all our students to make an early start to the new academic year. Our students should feel very proud of their efforts this year and starting the new timetable gives them the opportunity to raise the bar even further.

This week, due to the hot conditions, we massively relaxed our uniform expectations and made other adjustments to our delivery to ensure that our students could continue with their learning. I would like to commend our students for the positive way in which they responded to this challenge and thank parents and carers for the support that you provided. When I expressed sympathy to a Year 10 student for having to sit in a hot gym for his mock examination this week, he pointed out that he needs to get used to it as when it's the real GCSE next year, it could be even hotter. This typifies how our students who were in school this week responded to this challenge. In a separate communication I sent out earlier this week, we asked parents and carers to make sure that any underlying health conditions are logged for future reference, to ensure we can authorise absences accordingly.

Unfortunately, these extreme weather conditions are going to become more frequent across the region, so as a society we need to develop the individual and organisational resilience to manage. We will continue to look at adaptations that will help us with this and which hopefully can be implemented before extreme heatwaves become a more regular occurrence.

Although this recent heatwave can't be attributed entirely to global warming, the link between the climate crisis and the more extreme weather events that we are experiencing is scientifically proven. This makes the screening of the Public Emergency Briefing that we are hosting on Thursday evening even more timely. This screening has been scheduled instead of the usual Parent Forum meeting. There will be an opportunity to have discussions after the screening which the Forum will be able to revisit at their first meeting in Term 1 of next academic year. Tickets can be booked [here](#).

We had some lovely events towards the end of last week. The Year 11 leavers' celebration assembly was followed later in the evening by their Prom at the Amex whilst our Year 13s held their Prom in Brighton. Our students looked super - smart and a great time was had by all. A huge thank you to the respective Prom committees and all the staff who were involved in organising these events. After two consecutive nights of breakdancing, I could barely walk on Sunday morning; I am clearly getting too old for these types of events. Next time we see these cohorts in one space will be the rather different surroundings and atmosphere of their respective GCSE and A Level results days in August.

We had just said goodbye to our outgoing Year 11s, when we were welcoming a large number of them back for the Sixth Form induction days on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It was lovely to see them in S6H with their peers from across East Sussex Schools. These days highlight how our Sixth Form is going from strength to strength. Staff are incredibly excited about delivering their level 3 courses to these students in September.

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Izzy Vecchini (Friston), **Emmanuel Ajayi**, **Willow Fuller** (Cuckmere Haven) and **Scarlett Hiles**, **Ezra Drury-Gorham** (Blatchington) : **Honest Intentions Key**



As we say goodbye to Year 11 and 13 students who have reached the end of a key stage in their education, I wanted to make my stars for this week, students who are about to start their GCSE journey and are moving from Year 8 into Year 9. With this in mind, I asked Mrs Coburn to nominate Year 8 students who have stood out for all the right reasons this year. She would have happily nominated most of her year group, but I asked her to limit herself to the 5 listed above. She explained her nominations as follows: Emmanuel has shown great maturity throughout the year, consistently demonstrating a positive attitude and resilience. He has worked hard in all aspects of school life and should be proud of the progress and commitment he has shown. Scarlett has been an outstanding advocate for charitable causes throughout the year, showing real dedication to making a positive difference in the community, while consistently striving for excellence in all that she does. Ezra has consistently demonstrated reliability, maturity and kindness throughout the year, serving as a positive role model to his peers and making a valued contribution to the school community. Izzy has worked hard to channel her energy and enthusiasm positively into her learning, developing valuable skills and confidence that will undoubtedly support a very bright future ahead. Willow has quietly and consistently dedicated herself to working hard throughout the year, showing great commitment and determination while developing some truly impressive new talents along the way." These students are typical of the Year 8 cohort as a whole and they can look forward to the start of Year 9 full of confidence and excitement. They are on course to achieve great things in the future.

Head of Year : Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Reason
7	Molly Killon	It has been wonderful to see you grow in confidence over the last couple of weeks in Digital Literacy, asking questions when you are unsure and completing tasks to a very high standard. Keep up the great work!
8	Rory Cavell	For a great year of effort, kindness, resilience and an excellent attitude to learning, a real credit to his year group.
9	Teddy Carter	For working so well in French this week and completing an assessment and for consistent effort and hard work in English - Teddy has had a positive attitude this week and has really thrived!
10	Hayden Anderson	For such a fantastic Spanish lesson on Monday. You were incredibly focused and worked really hard. Well done, Hayden!

Future Dates

Thursday 2 July :

Public Emergency Briefing Film Showing, Arundel Road

You can book your free tickets for this event [here](#).



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](#).



Little Princess Trust

Congratulations to Mollie in Year 7 who made a fantastic donation over the weekend, by donating 14 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. This was the second time that Mollie has made a donation of this size. More information on the Little Princess Trust can be found here: <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



London to Brighton Charity Bike Ride

Last Sunday, Miss Fraser and Miss Meffen successfully completed the challenging 55-mile charity bike ride from London to Brighton in support of The British Heart Foundation. Together, they raised an impressive £750 for this worthwhile cause. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and dedication to supporting such an important charity.



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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Mrs J Root
LAC Designated
Teacher



Mrs C Callard
Asst Head of Year



Ms E Gallagher
Asst Head of Year



Mrs E Fleming
Asst Head of Year



Mrs T Mason
Asst 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 Fleming
Mrs Moloney
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