



NEWSLETTER

Friday 09 October 2026 : Term 1, Week 5



Next Friday 16 October is Wear Red Day, where we can all do our bit to Show Racism the Red Card. It is a great opportunity for us to come together as a community and join this campaign to promote and celebrate our Seaford Head values. I am proud to be in a school where everyone belongs, feels valued and respected. This provides a colourful opportunity to show that this is something we are all proud to support.

This week we have sent home a whole school communication regarding rewards and a number of individual letters regarding attendance. We are always keen to celebrate our students'

achievements across all areas of life and all of school achievements are based on good attendance to school. Students in all year groups give themselves the best possible chance of success if they are in school every day. Those students who display the necessary resilience to attend school even when they don't feel 100% deserve to be commended and we value the support we receive from parents and carers in helping our young people develop these vital life – skills.

Our students in Years 10, 11 and 13 are busy revising for their exams that start on Monday morning and continue after the half term break. Our Year 11 and 13 students are preparing for their mock assessments for all the public examinations that they will be sitting later this year, whilst our Year 10s are focusing on RS and their Option A subject. Our Year 10s should be inspired by our Year 11s, many of whom returned to school in September with two excellent GCSE grades already secured.

Last Wednesday afternoon we hosted our annual Careers Fair and were able to give all the students on the Arundel Road the opportunity to visit stalls during lesson time. It is so important that our students have big dreams for the future and events like the Careers Fair give students an insight into how they can turn these dreams into reality. Our Year 11 students also sat their Mock Interviews with local employers this week and it was wonderful to hear our visitors give such positive feedback about our students. I was massively impressed seeing our Year 11s looking so smart and determined to present the best version of themselves. A huge thank you to Mrs Stanyard and the team for organising and to the local employers who supported this event. It highlighted once again how fortunate we are as a school to receive such wonderful support from the wider Seaford community.

Although it is early in the year, our PE department are already celebrating some notable sporting success. Last week in football, The Cavendish School must have been sick of the sight of us as our Year 7 boys defeated them 7:0 and our Under 14s girls team secured an impressive 6:2 victory. Mr Sutton described the boys' performance as one of the strongest he had ever seen in this age group, whilst Miss Wells was super – proud of the team for sticking together and showing such great resilience against a very physical team. This week it was Gildredge House who came up against an inspired Seaford Head team as our Year 9s won a tough match 3:1. Mr Sutton made Hamza his man of the match who marked his debut with a hat trick.

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Anna Roderick and Annalise Hopkins

(Blatchington): **Respect For All Key**



I often use the Head teacher star of the week to highlight the impact that acts of kindness have on our community and this is particularly true this week. Mrs Novitt forwarded on an amazing email sent in by a member of the public who described how Annalise and Anna came to his assistance after he collapsed whilst taking his dog for a walk. He had laid unconscious for 2 hours when the girls found him. They were able to contact his wife as her mobile was on his dog's collar and the gentleman was taken home. It later transpired that he had suffered a brain haemorrhage and he believes that the kind and speedy response by the girls saved his life. It is typical of their kindness that when the man thanked them and offered to reward them, they asked him to donate to charity instead. I was very grateful to the gentleman for sharing this with us and we could not be anymore proud of Anna and Annalise. As he concluded in his email; they are a credit to their families and our school.

Head of Year: Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Reason
7	Xena Imanche	For being a superstar in English. She turns up every lesson and encompasses and promotes all our school values.
8	Amelia Binu	For working very hard in Maths and doing her best. She is making excellent progress as a result and it is a pleasure to be her teacher.
9	Jack Tkuczuk	For always being so engaged, focused, hardworking and a pleasure to teach. Keep working hard, making lovely contributions about Animal Farm and writing with secure knowledge and evidence. Well done!
10	Freddy Gerrish	For always reading the role of Mr Birling confidently and with enthusiasm, and for answering questions, making great contributions and completing the Seneca assignments consistently. Keep working hard!
11	Zack Beal	For performing amazingly in his Mock Interview!
12	For all of the students who helped with the Sixth Form Open Evening - Thank you so much for all of your help, we couldn't have pulled it off without you. Every role played was critical to the success of this event, thank you for taking on public speaking roles, representing your subjects, giving tours, greeting, and supporting with the admin to make the event a success. We are so proud of you all!	
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Future Dates

Thursday 15 October:

Year 7 KS3 Information and
Meet the Tutor 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](#).



Young Carers Celebration and European Day of Languages

Our First Young Carers Celebration of the Year

This week we held our first Young Carers celebration of the academic year – a chance for our young people to come together, enjoy some food and refreshments, connect with others and have some well-deserved time for themselves.

We were also joined by some of our amazing Sixth Form students, who spent time chatting with our younger students, sharing their experiences and helping us gather valuable student voice about school, the support currently available and what more we can do to ensure our Young Carers feel supported, listened to and valued.

We are incredibly proud of our Young Carers and recognise that some young people take on significant responsibilities at home alongside managing school, friendships and everyday life. Throughout the year, we will continue to create opportunities for our Young Carers to meet, build connections, have their voices heard and shape the support we provide.

Could your child be a Young Carer?

Some young people may be helping to care for or support a parent, sibling or another family member because of illness, disability, mental health difficulties or other additional needs. Families may not always realise that their child could be recognised as a Young Carer. If you think your child may be a Young Carer and we are not currently aware, please contact your child's Year Team. This will help us make sure they are recognised and can access the support and opportunities available in school.

A huge thank you to our Sixth Form students and everyone who helped make our first celebration such a positive and welcoming event.



European Day of Languages

On Saturday 26 September we celebrated the 26th anniversary of European Day of Languages, which had "Languages Unite" as its theme. Using this theme as inspiration, Year 8 Spanish students designed some beautifully inspiring posters displaying their love for languages and showcasing the importance of learning foreign languages. These are just a few examples of their amazing creativity!



Sports Awards and Create Music Event



Sports Awards 2026

It is almost that time of year again where we will be hosting our annual Sports Awards Evening. During the evening, we hold a raffle to raise funds that go towards the cost of trophies for our students and a guest speaker.

If you would like to donate a prize for our raffle or maybe even sponsor the evening, we would really appreciate anything you could offer!

In the past we have had prizes such as bottles of wine, chocolates, perfume, gift sets, a round of golf and a cream tea for two just to name a few. If you are able to help please send your donation direct to the school or if you require any further information you can email us on reception@seafordhead.org



Book Recommendations

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Serafina and the Black Coat by Robert Beatty

Genres: Historical Fantasy

This historical fantasy novel, set in 1899, tells the story of Serafina, a 12-year-old who lives secretly on a grand estate. When visiting guests' children start mysteriously vanishing, Serafina witnesses a terrifying entity—the Man in the Black Cloak—magically absorb and kidnap a young girl. Serafina teams up with Braeden to hunt the man in the cloak.

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



Dancing at the Pity Party by Tyler Feder

Genres: Autobiography, Graphic Novel

This 2020 graphic memoir shows Tyler's experience of her mother's illness and death while she was at university. Tyler uses beautiful self-drawn comic strips to tell of her mother's treatment, her subsequent death, Jewish mourning traditions, and her 'firsts' as an adult without her mother. Tyler's style is honest and humorous.

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



Inspiring Careers Fair and Year 11 Mock Interviews

Seaford Head School Careers Fair Inspires Future Pathways

This week, Seaford Head School was delighted to host our annual Careers Fair for students in Years 9 to 11.

The event brought together a wide range of local employers, colleges, our own Sixth Form, apprenticeship organisations and training providers, giving students a valuable opportunity to explore the many pathways available to them after school. Throughout the day, students spoke confidently with exhibitors, asked thoughtful questions and gained first-hand insights into a variety of industries and careers. From healthcare and engineering to creative industries, public services and business, students were able to discover the skills, qualifications and experiences needed to succeed in different professions. Representatives shared information about college courses, apprenticeship opportunities and employment routes, helping students to make informed decisions about their future education and career choices. Many students commented on how useful it was to hear directly from professionals and learn about real-world career journeys.

The Careers Fair forms an important part of Seaford Head School's commitment to helping every student develop the knowledge, confidence and aspirations needed to plan their next steps successfully.

We would like to thank all of the employers, colleges and apprenticeship providers who gave their time to support our students. Their enthusiasm, expertise and willingness to engage with young people made the event a tremendous success.

By encouraging students to explore opportunities, ask questions and think about their future ambitions, the Careers Fair helped to open doors and inspire the next generation of talent.

Preparing for the World of Work: Year 11 Students Impress Local Employers

It is always inspiring to see our Year 11 students stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing new challenges. Recently, our Year 11s took part in a series of Mock Interviews with local employers, giving them invaluable experience of the recruitment process and helping them prepare for their future education and career journeys.

Students approached the interviews with professionalism, enthusiasm and maturity. Employers were particularly impressed by the confidence shown by many students, the thoughtful questions they asked and the positive way they engaged in conversation. For many, it was their first formal interview experience, yet they rose to the occasion brilliantly.

The feedback from our employer volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. Students were praised for their preparation, communication skills and willingness to reflect on their strengths and areas for development. Employers commented on the high standard of responses and the respectful, professional attitude demonstrated throughout the day. The experience provided students with valuable insight into what employers are looking for, helping them to understand the importance of skills such as communication, teamwork, resilience and self-presentation. Many students reported that they learned a great deal from the feedback they received and felt much more confident about future interviews as a result.

A huge thank you goes to all of the local employers who generously gave their time to support our students. Their expertise, encouragement and constructive feedback made the experience both authentic and meaningful.

Well done to all of our Year 11 students for representing the school so positively. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, determination and professionalism they demonstrated throughout the day. The skills and experience gained will undoubtedly prove valuable as they take their next steps towards Sixth Form, apprenticeships and future careers.



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 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