



Seaford Schools' Transition Special

Transition Week at Seaford Head

For summer edition of our Seaford-wide community newsletter, we are celebrating the fantastic Transition Week that took place at Seaford Head School from the 6-10 July.

Around 240 Year 6 children from the main feeder schools of Annecy Catholic Primary School, Alfriston Primary School, Chyngton Primary School, Cradle Hill Community School, and Seaford Primary School attended for a full week of timetabled lessons. The early start to the academic timetable at Seaford Head allowed this group to access Year 7 lessons in advance of their official start of secondary school in September. This is a long-established feature on the Seaford Head School calendar, and it helps to ensure that our young people are "secondary school ready" and hit the ground running when they return as official Seaford Head students after the summer holiday.

We also take the opportunity in this community newsletter, to highlight some of the fantastic initiatives Seaford Head's most senior students who are just starting Year 13, are involved in. Whilst the school's new Year 7s were enthusiastically participating in the Colour Dash, the new Year 13s were holding our local MP to account and one student, Esme, was embarking on an exciting leadership course.

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Transition Week in the Classroom

Seaford Head was massively impressed by their "new" Year 7s as they threw themselves into the activities available, conscientiously applied themselves in lessons and made lots of new friends and positive connections throughout the week. In addition to the learning activities, there were lots to do outside of the classroom with the Festival in the Sun taking place on Thursday afternoon and the week coming to a colourful conclusion with the school's annual Colour Dash. As a consequence of the hot weather, participants were advised to take part in a colour stroll rather than a dash, but the new Year 7s found it incredibly challenging not to break into a run!



Making delicious treats in Food Technology



Trying out the saws in Design Technology

Welcome Evening and Festival in the Sun

On the Thursday evening before the start of the Transition Week, parents and carers were invited into school to meet the team of tutors and key members of staff who will be supporting their children on the Steyne Road site.

Mrs K, the Assistant Headteacher who leads Key Stage 3, and Mrs Mason the Head of Year 7, made presentations in the hall before parents and carers had the opportunity to meet their children's tutors.

As well as the staff presentations, Mya Mason, (formerly of Cradle Hill) from the "new" Year 8 spoke in front of a packed hall and provided a great insight into what it means to be a Year 7 student at Seaford Head School. Mya impressed everyone with her articulate and confident delivery and acted as the perfect ambassador for the school. Mya has enjoyed a fantastic first year of secondary school and has achieved a staggering 1202 achievement points since the start of Year 7.

The Welcome Evening that was held for parents/carers on the 2 July was the first event of the home-school partnership which will support our young people through the next 7 years of their education. Parents and carers were extremely positive and excited about what their children will achieve as they progress through school.

The scene on the Steyne Road site could not have been any more different on the Thursday of Transition Week. Instead of welcoming a hall full of parents and carers into school, the Steyne Road site was host to just under 400 children in the new Year 7 and 8 who were determined to enjoy all the activities that were on offer as part of the school's annual Festival in the Sun event.

Mr Beverley and the Year teams organised a fun-filled afternoon with children engaging in activities ranging from a penalty shoot out to line-dancing in front of DJ Gantz on the decks! There was something for everyone and it was a terrific way for all the students to interact outside of the classroom.

It was a fantastic event, and it was lovely to see how the new Year 8s looked after and welcomed the new Year 7s into the Seaford Head Community.





Alex from Chyngton



Kitty from Annecy



Active fun with Mrs Temple



Line dancing fun



Otis from Chyngton

Colour Dash

Seaford Head's annual Colour Dash took place on the 10 July, and it was the perfect way for the school's "new" year 7 cohort to finish off their Transition Week. They had a fantastic week and will be looking forward to returning to officially start Year 7 on 7 September.

The Colour Dash is organised by the Head of PE, Ms Martin, and her team. As well as being great fun, the Colour Dash raises money for Seahaven Storehouse, a foodbank which supports the local community. Even before they are officially enrolled in the school, our new Year 7s are making a positive contribution to their community!

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance to support the students as they completed the course. Students in Year 9 – 11 completed the Dash before lunch, whilst the new Year 7s and 8s completed the course just before 3.00pm. Students walked, jogged, or ran around the course making themselves as colourful as possible. As well as being responsible for covering the students with coloured powder, a number of Seaford Head staff took part in the Dash as well. It was a real family affair.

As is always the case at these events, there was a musical backdrop with a DJ and the Samba band keeping everyone entertained. Although it was a very warm afternoon, energy levels were maintained and it was the perfect finish to what had been an amazing transition week.



Colour Dash



Holly & Grace from Seaford Primary



Starting the Dash in style



Cerys from Cradle Hill, with Isabel, Yr10



Dorrie from Seaford Primary



Celebrating the end of Transition Week



Mr Harrison, Mr Miller & Mr Vaughan

MP Visit During Transition Week

A group of Seaford Head Sixth Form students were delighted to welcome James McCleary, MP for Lewes (including Seaford), for an engaging Q&A session on the final afternoon of the school's Transition Week, Friday 10 July.

James spoke about a wide range of topics, including his role as a constituency MP, the issues that motivate him in Parliament, and some of the key challenges facing modern Britain.

Seaford Head students represented the Sixth Form brilliantly, asking thoughtful, well-informed questions and demonstrating that they are more than capable of holding their own in a political discussion while remaining respectful and courteous. (There were no cries of "Order!" required during this session.) They challenged James on a variety of issues, from tuition fees and Britain's defences to electoral reform and the revolving door at number 10.

A huge thank you to James for taking the time to visit and engage so openly with our students. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to gain a greater understanding of the role of an MP, how Parliament works, and the importance of young people making their voices heard.

- Sixth formers left the session with a greater understanding of the political system and inspired to make a positive contribution to society.



James McCleary takes questions from our Sixth Form students

Sixth Form leadership & support from the Chamber of Commerce and Seaford Rotary

Esme Kosar in Year 13, has been appointed as the first-ever Youth Ambassador for the Seaford Chamber of Commerce.

Recognising an opportunity to strengthen links between young people and the business community, Esme took the initiative to approach the Chamber herself, writing to its Leadership Team and proposing the creation of this Youth Ambassador position.

The Chamber was so impressed by Esme's vision, professionalism, and determination that they not only agreed to create the role but also offered a generous contribution towards the cost of a prestigious leadership course to support her development.

Esme is currently studying Economics, Mathematics and Psychology at A Level, subjects that reflect both her analytical strengths and her interest in understanding the factors that influence decision-making and society.

In her new role as Youth Ambassador, Esme will help strengthen connections between young people and local businesses, bringing a fresh perspective to the Chamber while developing her own leadership skills and professional experience.

Whilst our new Year 7s were enjoying a fantastic Transition Week, Seaford Head Sixth Form students were highlighting some of the amazing opportunities that they can look forward to.



Esme Kosar





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Wishing you a happy summer break!

Lindsey Hudson (Alfriston), Lucie Brown (Annecy), David Etherton (Seaford Primary),
Andrea Keith (Cradle Hill), Amy Clarke (Chyngton) and Bob Ellis (Seaford Head).