

Information regarding the start of school September 2023

Start of year

The new academic year starts with staff training (INSET) days on Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September. We are looking forward to welcoming students **back** in school.

This year there are two major changes: **Organisation of the school day** and **Organisation of Student Support**

Organisation of the school day

The school day will be slightly altered and will now run from **8:30am – 3:00pm**. We will open breakfast club from **8:00am – 8:25am** where free breakfast will be available for all students. All students will line up for roll call at 8:30 for the start of the school day. **The gates will open at 8:00am for students attending the breakfast club and close at 8:30am.** At the end of the taught school day, there are a number of opportunities available to students including homework club.

Please pay attention to the start times for the first week as they are staggered to ensure that we go through routines and expectations with all students.

	Start times for each day week commencing 4 th September			
Year Group	Tuesday 5 th	Wednesday 6 th	Thursday 7 th	Friday 8 th
Year 7	8:30 am	10:30am *	10:30am *	8:30am
Year 8	No School	8:30 am	10:30am	8:30am
Year 9	No School	No School	9:30am	8:30am
Year 10	No School	9:30 am	10:30am	8:30am
Year 11	9:30 am	10:30am	10:30am	8:30am

* Year 7 - Please contact the school via email (office@seahavenacademy.org.uk) should childcare be an issue on these staggered starts, as we may be able to accommodate a small number of Year 7 students should the need arise.

Organisation of Student support

We have reorganised the school into 3 Communities each with 10 tutor groups, 2 from each year. These will be led by a Head of Community and an Assistant Head of Community. This will allow greater support and clarity on who to

contact should you wish to speak to someone about a pastoral issue. The Tutor should always be the first point of contact, but should you need further support, our Community Teams are available.

Uniform

We are extremely proud of our uniform, which we believe to be functional and appropriate for the busy environment of school. An acceptance of a place here at Seahaven implies an acceptance of our school uniform.

Seahaven Academy uniform is:

- Uniform black blazer (available from Intersport, Seaford)
- Uniform orange, black and grey tie (available from Intersport, Seaford)
- Optional Uniform jumper (available from Intersport, Seaford)
- Uniform black trousers or uniform black “Charleston” style skirt (knee length) (The skirt is available from Intersport, Seaford and black trousers are available from any retailer)
- White formal shirt (available from any retailer)
- Black formal shoes (plain, no trainers, boots, branded shoes or cloth shoes) with black socks or black tights.
- School coat (no hoodies – our school uniform is intended to be formal. Hoodies are an informal item of clothing).

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Further guidelines:

- Outdoor coats need to be removed when entering the building
- Hairstyles – extreme hairstyles, bleaches or dyes that are in clear contrast to natural hair colours are not acceptable or considered part of school uniform. Shaved patterns or insignia are also not part of uniform. Students presenting with such haircuts will be sent home and advised to dye hair back to a natural hair colour or have hair cut to a consistent length to remove the patterns or insignia.
- Make up – If worn, make up must be discreet and in natural colours. **Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted.**
- Jewellery – One stud or sleeper per ear and a watch. No visible facial or body piercings. Tattoos are not permitted.

Please note: Students should arrive to school in full school uniform and this will be checked at roll call each day. Students with incorrect or missing items will be offered an alternative from our uniform stock for the day.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that **students may not use mobile phones at school**. This means that students are not permitted to use mobile phones on site and if a phone is seen or heard for whatever reason, it will be confiscated.

We have this expectation in place for the following reasons:-

- Safeguarding – there have been occasions where mobile phones have been used inappropriately in school and this has led to avoidable issues that draw the support of staff away from the core function of learning.
- Learning – mobile phones are a distraction from learning in class where they have not been switched off and can disturb learning taking place.

Readiness for Learning

To ensure that students make outstanding progress in their studies, it is essential that they arrive to lessons on time and settle quickly to the task set by their teacher. They must be **fully equipped** and **ready to learn**. Each morning there will be an equipment check during tutor time.

Equipment List for all students

A bag large enough to fit an A4 folder (rucksacks are ideal) and a pencil case that contains:
2 pens (blue or black ink), 1 red pen, 2 pencils, a ruler, a sharpener, an eraser, 2 highlighters.
Optional items: Compass, protractor, glue stick, scientific calculator, colouring pencils

Students who routinely fail to bring this equipment to school will receive a sanction.

New Student Toilet Facilities

Our lovely new toilet facilities are being installed for our students. The cubicles will be full height to offer maximum privacy for the students. We want all students and parents to be aware that there will be CCTV in the communal/hand washing areas only. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students and to help with the management of the facilities. A set of these toilets will remain open during lesson time so that all students will have access to them in the school day. We will still be encouraging students to use these facilities during their breaks and lunch times.

Arriving to school

We are sure that many of you will have seen the fantastic news about the new school bus services from Saltdean and Denton to Seahaven that will fit with our new school times.

The new 492 school service will reduce the walking distance to school by departing from opposite Paradise Park in Newhaven at 8am each school-day morning, serving Denton Corner and Newhaven Station on route. It will arrive at Seahaven Academy at 8.20am. The return service will leave from outside the school at 3.15pm. Pupils from Saltdean, Telscombe Cliffs and Peacehaven will be served by the new 494 service which will leave Saltdean at 7.35am, reaching the school at 8.20am.

For further details please see this link: <https://www.buses.co.uk/routes-492-and-494>

Access to the school site

From the start of next term student access to the site will be via the trunk road onto the tennis courts instead of the steps. This is to accommodate increased student numbers.

