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Term Three News

As we reach the end of Term 3, it's hard to believe how quickly this year is progressing. It has been an exciting few weeks filled with academic achievements, extracurricular



activities, and moments of personal growth. Our students have shown exceptional dedication and resilience this term. Whether in the classroom or through independent study, they've continued to embrace the challenges presented by the curriculum. Teachers have been impressed by the level of engagement and hard work shown, which has

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been highlighted this week in our celebration assemblies. Over 100 students across Year 7-10 received awards in their year group assemblies to recognise and celebrate their hard work in lessons throughout this term.

I have had the pleasure today of meeting with students to congratulate them on their success in achieving the highest reward points for their year group. Please enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing the students back for Term 4. - **Mr Newnham-Reeve**

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd - 28th February - Year 11 Mock Exams 14th February - End of Term 3 24th February - Start of Term 4 6th March - World Book Day 13th March - Year 9 Parents Evening 14th March - INSET DAY 20th March - Year 9 Options Evening 3rd April - Year 11 Final Push Evening 4th April - Ski Trip 4th April - End of Term 4 22nd April - INSET DAY 23rd April - Start of Term 5 5th May - Bank Holiday 8th May - Year 10 Parents Evening and Visual Arts Exhibition 8th May - GCSE Starts 23rd May - End of Term 5

Be Kind. Be Confident. Be Ambitious.

Our kindness value shone through in a variety of the activities that took place in this term, where students have been looking after the environment that surrounds us.

Tutor group 7.4 and members of our Eco-Team were given the opportunity to work with the South Downs National Park and be a part of the "Re-Nature" Project. The aim of the project is to enhance the local biodiversity and encourage students to connect with nature through hands-on activities.



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During their visit the students explored the Sussex Downs, had the opportunity to take part in nature themed games and helped to plant new tress. The experiences and knowledge that they gained from the trip will help consolidate the work and learning in their Geography lessons.

Last week our Eco Club, worked with Cathy and Gemma from Sharing Skills to plant some new trees in our new outside classroom area.

Eco Club takes place every Thursday afternoon and is one of our many extra-curricular clubs that take place in the school. The timetable for clubs is <u>here</u> or on our school website.



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Creative Arts Day

During this term a number of our Year 9 students participated in Creative Arts workshops. They were working with teachers and guests on skills, knowledge and experiences linked to further study, careers and opportunities across the visual and performing arts including Photography, Drama, Music, 3D Design and Visual Art.





Next term there will be an evening event where parents/carers and students will be invited to hear guest speakers talk more about careers in the Creative Arts. The details regarding the event will be shared with parents next term.

Some of the student work from our workshops have been displayed in the gallery areas of our main reception.

Well done Year 9 on such positive engagement and confidence shown throughout the day.



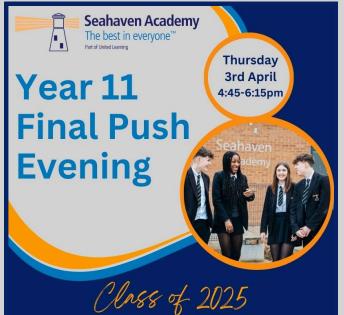
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Exams

We are extremely proud of how all the year groups have approached their exams with great focus and determination this term. It's been wonderful to see so many of the students staying calm, organised, and positive as they worked through this important period.

The results of the Mid Year Assessments for Key Stage 3 and Year 10 will be shared with students and parents at the beginning of next term.

At the moment the Year 11 are completing their last mock exams before their final GCSE exams and are approaching these with such maturity and resilience. Our morning revision area is really well attended by students and we have been really impressed with the number of students attending the Saturday revision sessions. Half term revision sessions are also being offered to students to help them prepare for the exams after half term.



Our Final Push evening for Year 11 will be taking place on **Thursday 3rd April** and we look forward to seeing parents and carers there.

Year 9 Options Process

The option process will start next term for our Year 9 students. Mr Storey will give assemblies to students and provide information to parents next term, but please ensure you have these key dates in your calendar.

Thursday 13th March 4-7pm - Parent Consultation Thursday 20th March - Options Evening

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Golden Ticket Reward Event

During this term, student's have been rewarded in lessons for demonstrating our school values. Each time students showed kindness, confidence or ambition in lessons reward slips were issued, which students could drop into the Golden ticket lottery box.





There has been over 9,000 reward slips added to the box over the term and today 70 students from Year 7 - 10 were randomly selected to take in the reward event.

During the event students were given party food, a golden quiz and then given the opportunity to take part in a FIFA X-box tournament ran by our student leaders, watch a movie with popcorn or enjoy creating some valentines theme crafts.





Each term we will be running golden ticket events to celebrate the everyday success of our students to recognise their achievements inside and outside the classroom.