



Seahaven Academy

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NEWSLETTER

Term Six News

As we reach the end of the academic year, I find myself reflecting on what has been a truly memorable and rewarding first year as Principal. It has been a privilege to be a part of such a vibrant and welcoming school community, and I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils, staff, and families have achieved together over the past twelve months.

From the very beginning, I've been struck by the spirit, resilience, and ambition that define our school. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on stage, or in the wider community, our students have continued to impress with their enthusiasm, kindness, and determination to do their best. This final term has been no exception, and I'd like to thank everyone—staff, parents, and carers—for the invaluable role you've played in making this a successful and positive year. **Mr Newnham-Reeve - Principal**

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th July - Barcelona Trip and Disney Trip

16th July - Values Day

17th July Values Day

18th July - Last day for students

21st July - INSET DAY

22nd July - INSET DAY

22nd July - Last day of term

Prom - Class of 2025



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At the end of June we said our goodbyes to the Year 11 students, when they came together to celebrate the end of their secondary school journey at the long-awaited Prom 2025 – an unforgettable evening of glamour, friendship, and celebration.

Held at The Hilton in Brighton, the event brought students and staff together for one final night of laughter and dancing. The venue dazzled with elegant décor and music from a live DJ. The highlight of the evening included the announcement of Prom King and Queen, and additional awards.



Year 6 Transition

As we said goodbye to our Year 11's this term we welcomed our new Year 7 students for their transition days at the beginning of July. The two-day programme was designed to help students feel confident and comfortable as they prepare to take the next step in their educational journey this September. Pupils took part in a range of fun, engaging activities – from science experiments and PE challenges to art projects. They also had the opportunity to meet their new classmates, explore the school building, and spend time with key staff, including their future form tutors and head of year. We are looking forward to welcoming them back as Year 7 students in September.



Year 5 Experience Day

We have also welcomed enthusiastic Year 5 pupils from the local primary schools for a special Experience Day designed to introduce them to life at secondary school. The day was filled with exciting taster sessions across a range of subjects, including science experiments in the labs, creative art projects, and energetic PE activities. Pupils had the chance to explore the school site, meet some of our teachers, and get a feel for the day-to-day experience.



We're excited to announce that our annual Open Evening will take place in September — the perfect opportunity for pupils in Year 6 and their families to explore the school, meet staff and students, and learn more about what makes our school a vibrant and welcoming place to learn.



YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 25th
September
5 - 7:30pm**



**Principal presentations
5:15pm and 7:00pm**



Awards Evenings

The Best in Everyone

Last week, we held our very first Best in Everyone Awards ceremony at the school. Over 50 students were recognised for their achievements throughout the year. The evening celebrated students academic performance, as well as their character and leadership.



We also introduced our Tymoteusz Balawender Beacon of Seahaven Award that is in tribute to Tym who was class of 2025, who sadly passed away at the end of Year 9.

The evening featured musical performances from Hong and Joe in Year 10, and was lovely to be able to welcome

Mike Shorer, the Chair of Newhaven Chamber of Commerce to the school who presented the Sparx awards. Thank you to our parents who walked our “blue carpet” to share and celebrate the success and achievements of our students.

United Learning Best in Everyone Ceremony

This term, we celebrated two exceptional members of our school community who were crowned winners at United Learning’s national Best in Everyone Awards ceremony, held at Oxford Town Hall on Friday 20th June. Year 11 student Chloe took home the Drama Award and IT Technician Daniel Young was named Business Support Colleague of the Year.

Held annually since 2013, the Best in Everyone Awards celebrate the achievements of students, staff and teams across United Learning, of which our academy is a part. Selected out of an impressive field of national candidates, the worthy winners were invited to collect their awards at the prestigious ceremony in Oxford.



Visual Arts Exhibition - Making our Mark

This term the Visual Arts department hosted our first external Art Exhibition at the BN9 Gallery in Newhaven. The event showcased the work the students had been completing in lessons and was open to the public. The positive response from visitors was overwhelming, with many impressed by both the quality and depth of the work on display. A huge congratulations to all the students who participated – and a special thank-you to the art department for bringing this inspiring event to life. We look forward to making the Art Exhibition an annual tradition!



Seahaven's Got Stars

Last week Seahaven's got Stars took place and it was absolutely fantastic. There was a number of performances across the board and choosing a winner was no easy feat. Every single act brought something special to the stage, making the decision was truly tough.... but in the end, the judges Mr Masters, Mr Davies and two of our Year 11 students reached a unanimous verdict and crowned Joe from Year 10 the winner. Joe performed a spectacular piece on the Viola; Bach Cello Suite No.1 - Prelude. Huge congratulations to all our amazing performers for your passion, creativity and unforgettable energy. You made us all proud.



Royal Festival Hall



20 of our students have recently taken part in a performance of the Magic Flute at the Royal Festival Hall. A number of schools within the United Learning group rehearsed for a number of weeks to be able to take part in this final performance, where they worked with professional opera signers and musicians. Joe from Year 10 was also invited to perform as part of the orchestra.

The students performed to a sold out theatre and were praised on how professional they were throughout the day and in their performance. Members of the Senior Leadership Team witnessed their performance and were

extremely proud of each student that took part. Thank you to Miss Pointing, Ms Bennet and the Music department for all their hard work supporting our students.

First Generation Scholars

This term, a group of our determined and forward-thinking students proudly took part in the First-Generation Scholars Programme – an exciting initiative that supports secondary school students who are the first in their families to consider going to university.

As part of the programme, students had the incredible opportunity to visit Goldsmiths, University of London, where they experienced life on a university campus and met current students and staff aimed at building academic confidence and raising aspirations.

One of the most memorable parts of the programme was a formal graduation ceremony, held at Goldsmiths to celebrate the students' hard work and achievements. Each student received a certificate and recognition for their commitment.

A key academic challenge during the programme involved writing an essay to university standards. Students were asked to research and reflect on the Windrush Generation and how Britain changed as a result of Caribbean migration after World War II. This topic not only developed their historical understanding but also encouraged deep thinking about identity, culture, and the impact of migration on modern Britain.

We are incredibly proud of the students who took part. Their curiosity, hard work, and willingness to take on new experiences are what this programme is all about.

The First-Generation Scholars Programme has opened doors, expanded horizons, and given our students a clearer sense of what's possible. We look forward to seeing how they continue to grow and achieve – both in school and beyond.



Year 7 Tennis Trip

As a special reward for their hard work, excellent behaviour, and positive attitude throughout the year, a group of our Year 7 students were treated to an exciting trip to the Eastbourne International Tennis Tournament – and it was a smash hit!

The tournament, held at Devonshire Park in Eastbourne, is one of the key events in the British tennis calendar and attracts top international players preparing for Wimbledon. For many students, it was their first time watching live professional tennis – and the experience didn't disappoint. Students spent the day courtside, watching thrilling matches and soaking in the energetic atmosphere, as well as taking part in the practice area.

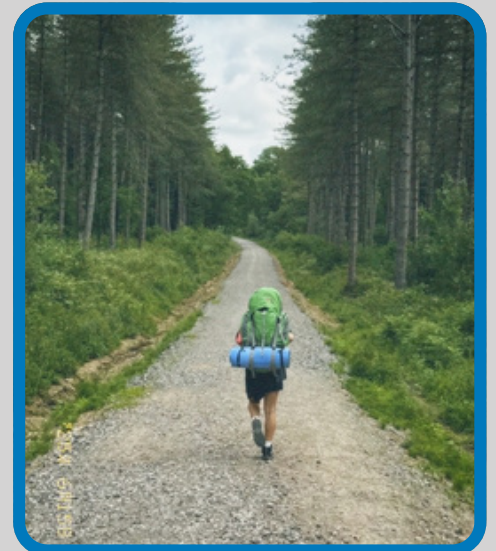
The reward trip is part of the school's wider commitment to recognising effort, encouraging participation, and broadening students' horizons through memorable experiences beyond the classroom.



Duke of Edinburgh

This term, a group of our adventurous and determined students took part in their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) camping expedition, completing a challenging but rewarding journey that tested their resilience, teamwork, and independence.

Over the course of two days and one night, students navigated a 20 mile route through the beautiful Ashdown Forest countryside, carrying everything they needed on their backs – including cooking equipment, food, and clothing. With maps and compasses in hand, they tackled the expedition route with determination and good spirits.



The DofE Award is all about personal development, and the expedition is a key part of that. Students not only built their navigation and outdoor skills, but also developed leadership, communication, and problem-solving abilities – all of which will serve them well both in and out of school. All the students passed their expedition, and the assessors were really impressed by how "fantastically well" they tackled the two days in the heat while remaining positive, enthusiastic and above all kind to each other. Congratulations to all the participants who completed the expedition.

Sparx Super League

Over the last two terms, our Sparx Super League has taken place. When students complete their Maths, English and Science homework points are generated to create their combined league position. This week students were awarded prizes for being in the top 3 of the league for each year group. Students were also entered into a prize draw to win a Surface Pro 6+. The winner of this prize was Freja in Year 9, who was a worthy winner as she also finished top of the Year 9 league by some distance.

A big thank you also to our main sponsors from the Newhaven business community whose kind donations meant we were able to reward

our students for their commitment to their homework. Our main sponsors were Newhaven Chamber of Commerce, Newhaven Port & Properties, SBFI Group and FM Conway.



Axiom Maths Excellence Programme



To celebrate their incredible commitment this year, our Maths Excellence Programme students enjoyed a fun and well-earned reward session — complete with Domino's pizza and a series of exciting escape room challenges!

The event marked the end of a fantastic year, where each student completed around 30 hours of extra maths, building confidence, pushing their thinking, and showing real dedication. Every student received a certificate for their hard work, and we couldn't be prouder of what they've achieved.

Eco Club Summer Picnic

To celebrate a fantastic year of eco-friendly action, our Eco Club hosted a summer picnic — complete with delicious food and sunshine.

The event was organised by Cathy and Gemma from our Eco Team and supported by Ouse Valley Climate Action and the Lottery Community Fund, and featured a tasty food generously provided by local business Mamoosh.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organised the event — and well done to Eco Club for a successful year!



Town Sports

This term, a team of our talented student athletes proudly represented the school at the annual Town Sports competition held in Eastbourne, competing against 12 schools from across the area.

It was a brilliant day packed with energy, determination, and team spirit as students took part in a wide range of track and field events. Our team gave it their all, and we're incredibly proud to share that we finished 5th overall – a fantastic achievement in such a competitive field!

Our students showed excellent sportsmanship, resilience, and pride in representing the school.

A huge well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to the PE staff and supporters who helped make the day such a success. We're already looking forward to coming back even stronger next year!



Rounders

This term, we hosted the Eastbourne Partnership rounders tournament. 11 schools competed across the week from years 7-10 to be crowned champions. The weather was perfect for the event and our students performed to a high level throughout. The highlight of the week was our Year 7 team winning the entire tournament without losing a game. In September we are looking forward to hosting the Netball Event.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was a huge success this year, filled with sunshine, school spirit, and some unforgettable moments of teamwork and triumph. Held on the school field, the day saw students from all year groups taking part in a wide range of events – from classic sprints and long jump to infamous tug of war. There was something for everyone, and the atmosphere was electric with cheering, encouragement, and friendly competition.



Staff and students alike were impressed by the determination and positive attitude shown across all events. Whether winning medals or supporting from the sidelines, everyone contributed to the day's success.

A big thank you goes to the PE department and all the staff who helped organise and run the event, as well as to the student leaders who supported timing, measuring, and encouraging their peers.

Well done to everyone who took part – we can't wait for next year's Sports Day!



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Support over the summer period

If you need support over the summer here are a few agencies that will be able to help.

Counselling and Mental Health

e-motion - East Sussex. Offers free online counselling project for young people aged 12-18 who live in East Sussex and have access to a computer or smart phone. You can choose to have counselling by weekly messages or 'real time' online messages. Support lasts for 12 weeks at any one time but if you feel you need more than this you are welcome to re-register.

To register and self refer: www.e-motion.org.uk or Email (for counselling): frankie@e-motion.org.uk

The Mix The Mix - Essential support for under 25s 24/7 crisis line by texting THEMIX to 85258.

You can also sign up for free counselling online if you are aged 11-25. The counsellors aim to support by listening to problems and helping in a confidential, safe space. To receive counselling from The Mix, please complete our counselling booking form via the secure link on the website. Counselling options are telephone, Video or webchat (choose either 4 or 8 sessions).

24/7 mental health crisis line Sussex Mental Health Crisis Line :: Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

- Call NHS 111 and select the mental health option
- Free crisis support text messaging service instead. Text the word SUSSEX to 85258 connected to a 24/7 mental health crisis line

Support for families

HAF Funding: FREE for children on benefit-related free school meals - Welcome to Holiday food and fun | East Sussex County Council. A range of activities and food is available during school holidays at our Holiday food and fun clubs. It's a great opportunity for children and young people to enjoy a range of fun things to do.

Family Hub East Sussex - Family hubs | Family hubs are a one-stop-shop for families to access activities or receive support in their local community.

You can get support if you are: pregnant, a parent of a child aged 0-19, a parent of a child aged 0-25 with SEND or a disability, aged 19 or under or under 25 with SEND or a disability.

end of term goodbyes

At the end of this term we are sadly saying goodbye to **Mr Davies, Mrs Gormley** and **Mr Wood**. We would like to wish them all the very best in their next adventure.

We are also saying goodbye to two members of staff who have been a part of Seahaven for many years and will be retiring..... Ms Bennett and Ms Christiansen.

Ms Bennett - has brought Music to Seahaven for the last 23 years. She has inspired countless students with her passion, patience, and deep love for music. She has been one of the driving forces behind every memorable musical performance at the school and will be deeply missed.

Ms Christiansen - has played a huge role in shaping the creative spirit of the school for over 30 years, not only as an art teacher but leading photography as well. Her eye for detail and passion for the arts has inspired many students. She has also supported Key Stage 4 students who have benefitted from the wellbeing workshops that she led around exam stress and anxiety.

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Start of Term Reminders

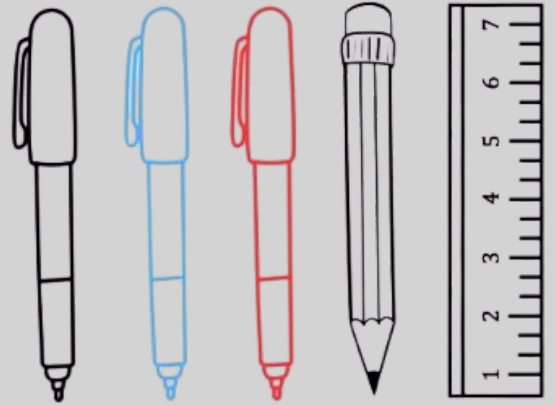
As we end of the end of the year, here are a few reminders to help you be September ready.

- Year 7 and Year 11 will return on Friday 5th September
- All other year groups return on Monday 8th September
- Arrival time: 8:30am

Student Equipment

Please ensure that your child comes fully equipped and ready to learn for every lesson. They will need:

1. Black pen
2. Blue pen
3. Red pen
4. Pencil
5. Ruler



Being prepared is essential for effective learning and helps maintain a focused classroom environment. As part of the students daily routine an equipment check will take place in tutor time. If the student doesn't have the correct equipment, then they will be issued with a same day 10 minute detention. We appreciate your support in encouraging good habits and responsibility.

Uniform

As you are preparing for next year, we'd like to remind families that all students are expected to arrive in full, correct school uniform from the first day of term. This includes appropriate footwear and any required PE kit on designated days. A full uniform list can be found on our school website. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of pride, equality, and readiness to learn. If your child has outgrown any uniform items that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful for any donations. Donations can be dropped off at the school office during school hours. Thank you for helping us maintain high standards and support our school community!

*Have a great summer
break and see you in
September!*