

Weekly Bulletin for Families

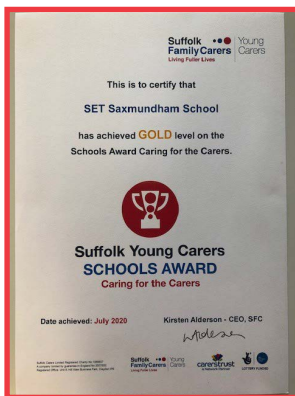
Message from the Head of School

This week we have been preparing for offering actual tours at Saxmundham for Year 6 pupils and families. These will be held on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 October. Please phone the office to book your place. We will be following the 'rule of six' and each tour will contain one family group. I am looking forward to showing off the School to old and new families.

We are delighted to announce that we have just been awarded Gold Level from Suffolk Young Carers. There has been a huge amount of work from the Pastoral Team to ensure our success. I am very proud of our 'first class' Pastoral Team. Here you can see Laura Bevan accepting this award on behalf of Saxmundham.



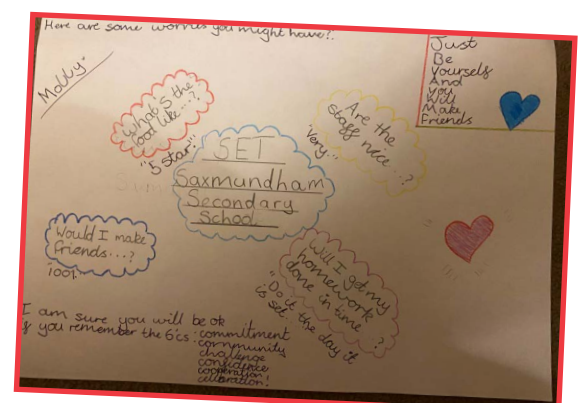
Mrs L Girling
Head of School



I went to SET Causton School on Friday to talk to them about Saxmundham. They asked amazing questions, the answers really mattered to them. They thought it sounded great that we both do enrichment on a Wednesday, we both have amazing pastoral teams, we both use the Thrive Approach, we both have three simple rules and especially that we both have gorgeous food.



Mrs L Girling, Head of School



MFL

Bonjour! I am Mrs Morton and I am the Subject Lead for MFL at SET Saxmundham. I am also the Lead Practitioner for MFL across the Seckford Education Trust. I am delighted to be able to give you some information about learning languages at SET Saxmundham. I am passionate about learning languages and believe it is so important to give every child the opportunity to learn a language. The process of learning a language brings so many benefits to our students. People who speak more than one language have improved memory, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills as well as enhanced concentration, ability to multitask, and better listening skills. All this is very true; however, first and foremost, I am a firm believer that learning a language creates an open-minded, culturally aware and tolerant individual.



At SET Saxmundham students will learn French in Year 7, 8 and 9. Our rejuvenated curriculum focuses on, in the first instance, teaching in chunks through speaking and listening. By doing this, students can flourish as their confidence grows due to their ability to link sounds and spellings and focus on their pronunciation. These skills are invaluable as they progress through KS3. We encourage as many students as possible to consider continuing French at GCSE level. A MFL GCSE gives students such a competitive edge when applying for their next stage of education. For those linguists who are keen to broaden their language skills further we will also offer German GCSE.

Mrs Morton

Breathe Boxes

Josh and Darcy (Year 7) are very proud to share their 'Breathe Boxes'.

These have helped them to cope with their transition to high school and they look forward to helping other students create their own boxes. Josh and Darcy have both had to overcome personal challenges so far this year and they have both said that the boxes have helped them settle in at SET Saxmundham and become more confident in their learning. A Huge WELL DONE to you both.

Mrs Bevan and Ms Gilardi

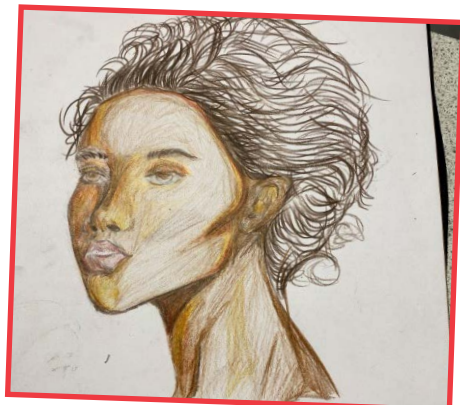
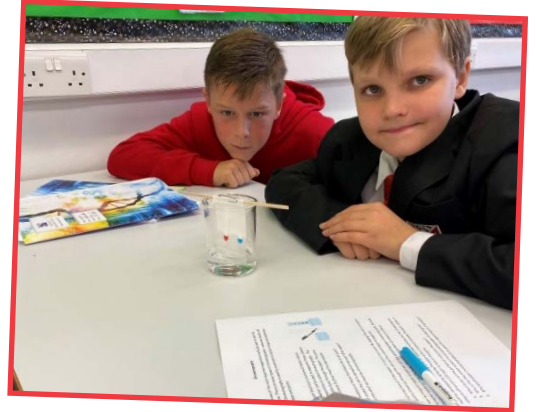


Forest Schools

Here we have Kyeron building his hedgehog house and Maisie and Grace hanging their bird feeders they made in Forest School this week.



Learning at SET Saxmundham



Dates For Your Diary

Year 7

Wednesday 14 October: “Settling In” Information Evening
Friday 16 October: Progress Checkpoint 1 - reports sent home
Thursday 10 December: Progress Checkpoint 2 - reports sent home
Tuesday 30 March: Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home
Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations
Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 8

Friday 16 October: Progress Checkpoint 1 - reports sent home
Thursday 10 December: Progress Checkpoint 2 - reports sent home
Tuesday 30 March: Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home
Thursday 29 April: Progress Evening
Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations
Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 9

Friday 16 October: Progress Checkpoint 1 - reports sent home
Thursday 10 December: Progress Checkpoint 2 - reports sent home
Wednesday 20 January: Year 9 Progress Evening with GCSE Information
Tuesday 30 March: Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home
Monday 10 - Friday 14 May: KS3 examinations
Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening
Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 10

Thursday 8 October: Progress Evening - POSTPONED
Friday 16 October: Progress Checkpoint 1 - reports sent home
Thursday 10 December: Progress Checkpoint 2 - reports sent home
Tuesday 30 March: Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home
Tuesday 4 May - Friday 14 May: Mock Examinations
Monday 21 June: Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening
Thursday 24 June: Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

Year 11

Thursday 15 October: Year 11 GCSE Art mock examination
Friday 16 October: Year 11 GCSE Photography mock examination
Friday 16 October: Progress Checkpoint 1 - reports sent home
Monday 2 - Friday 13 November: Mock Examinations 1
Thursday 3 December: Progress Evening - mock examination results
Thursday 10 December: Progress Checkpoint 2 - reports sent home
Monday 22 February - Friday 5 March: Mock Examinations 2
Thursday 25 March: Progress Evening - mock examination results
Tuesday 30 March: Progress Checkpoint 3 - reports sent home

Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

Tuesday 6 October: 9.30 – 10.30am	Tuesday 8 December: 9.30 – 10.30am
Tuesday 26 January: 9.30 – 10.30am	Tuesday 16 March: 9.30 – 10.30am
Tuesday 4 May: 9.30 – 10.30am	Friday 25 June: 9.30 – 10.30am

Other Events

Thursday 10 December: Achievement Evening (6.45 - 8.00pm)
Friday 11 December: Friends Christmas Fair
Tuesday 15 December: School Christmas Lunch

Year 6 Into 7 Transition

Wednesday 16 June: Transition Evening/ Meet the Tutor (5.00 - 7.00pm)
Tuesday 29 - Wednesday 30 June: Transition Days