

# Weekly Bulletin for Families

## Message from the Head of School

I do hope you have all had a lovely bank holiday and the weather was kind to you all. Each week the uniform of our students gets smarter and smarter. Thank you for supporting us in making this right.

Students have responded well to the reminders and most will remove inappropriate items with good grace and respectful behaviour.

I have seen students wearing trainers on non-PE days and while I am forgiving of black trainers until September 2021, orange, white and the many other colours I am seeing are not acceptable so please work with us in irradicating them in school.

Please can I reminder you of the arrangements around changing for PE:

Morning PE	Come to school in PE kit	Change after PE
Afternoon PE	Come to school in uniform	Change before PE

On a Wednesday if your child has a sport enrichment and have PE in the morning then they can stay in their PE kit.

PE teachers and staff will be monitoring this very closely next week.

We welcomed the Police in this week and they worked with all year groups on clarifying and discussing respectful behaviours. In particular Year 8 were engaged and asked many questions – Well done Year 8.

We also welcomed Clive Schlee – Chair of the Seckford Foundation, Laura Barlow - Seckford Education Trust Trustee and Mark Barrow – CEO of Seckford Education Trust. They walked the school and visited all classrooms and saw learners in action. Most of our learners were engaged in the learning. Our visitors were impressed with what they saw and could see the progress that the

school has made since September. As they were leaving, they were treated to a performance by Jess in Year 10 on the piano, she received a resounding round of applause with many compliments too. It was nice to be able to show the progress that SET Saxmundham has



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made. We know there is still much to do, but as a team it is much easier.

Mr Connell-Smith has been working with Mrs Lamming on planning the mock timetable for Year 10 students. All mocks will take place in the classrooms. Mr Connell-Smith and the Year 10 tutors will be supporting the students in preparing for their mocks.

It has been lovely seeing the students enjoying the sunshine outside during break and lunchtime.

Hot Chocolate Friday for KS4 was a real success. Students who have been getting it right all week were celebrated by having hot chocolate and chocolate muffin. They had been nominated by their teachers. Well done to you all. We look forward to seeing who is nominated next week.



Our Dora Love project 'Shine a Light' is nearly at the point of sharing to our Saxmundham Community. We have now displayed them on boards with QR codes, they will then be put around Saxmundham in our local businesses. We are very grateful for their support in our 'Shine a Light' project.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Thompson and Mr Woolvern for their hard work in supporting our Year 9 and Year 10 students with their ideas and creativity.

While the school was on lockdown we moved the library to the Atruim and it continues to work well. This term we have seen our new Resource Base being used really well. We have students having their 1-1 tutor sessions, mentoring, careers meetings and learning interventions. It is a real success and our students are benefitting. Thank you Mrs Sheehan, Mrs Gilardi and the Student Support Team.

The Leavers Hoodies have been (put on and) shared with Year 11 families via ParentMail. We do have a tight timeline to order these as we plan to present them on Friday 28th May. If there are any issues or concerns about this then please do contact us.



**Mrs L Girling,  
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# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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Power up your child's public speaking skills; vital for any career

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How to land a top job in the City: law, finance, consultancy and more

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# Dates For Your Diary

## Year 7

**Friday 25 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

**Monday 28 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

**Monday 5 July:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 8

**Friday 25 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

**Monday 28 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

**Monday 5 July:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 9

**Monday 21 June:** Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

**Friday 25 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

**Monday 28 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

**Monday 5 July:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 10

**Monday 17 May - Friday 28 May:** Mock Examinations

**Monday 21 June:** Year 9/10 “Is University for You?” Evening

**Friday 25 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 data entry deadline (all years)

**Monday 28 June:** Progress Checkpoint 4 checking week

**Monday 5 July:** Progress Checkpoint 4 - reports sent home

## Year 11

**Monday 19 April - Friday 14 May:** Y11 assessments

**Monday 24 May:** Data capture point 1. CAG – all subjects

**Wednesday 26 May - Friday 28 May:** School and Trust Q&A scrutiny of CAGs

**Wednesday 10 June:** Final data entry

**Tuesday 16 June:** Head of school signs off CAG grades

**Wednesday 17 June:** CAG grades submitted to the exam board

## Parents' and Carers' Open Forum

**Tuesday 4 May:** 9.30 – 10.30am

**Friday 25 June:** 9.30 – 10.30am

## Year 6 Into 7 Transition

**Wednesday 16 June:** Transition Evening/ Meet the Tutor (5.00 - 7.00pm)

**Tuesday 29 - Wednesday 30 June:** Transition Days