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Important Date!

Wednesday 1 September 2021

Start of term for Year 7 –
Induction Day

Thursday 2 September 2021

Start of term for Years 8-11

Students begin Michaelmas Term

Latest News

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To keep up to date with the latest news and events from the School, please remember that you can follow SET Saxmundham School on Twitter: @SETsaxmundham. Please also check our website for regular updates, and our Facebook page, just search for SET Saxmundham School on Facebook.

Safeguarding Update:

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Bevan (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Ms Coles (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Girling (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mr A Hume (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead) on 01728 633910 or for more information, please visit www.saxmundhamschool.org.uk/for-parents/guidance-information/safeguarding/
SET Saxmundham School's named safeguarding trustee is Mr R Lane.

Head of School's Welcome

My first year at SET Saxmundham has been a good year and I have enjoyed every minute of it. The SET Saxmundham team have navigated the extra pressures of school life during COVID restrictions. The students have met each change with good grace. I have been impressed with their attitude to their learning. We have had a successful year and I am really pleased with the progress that we have made. The ethos of our school is measured against our 6C's.

I am delighted to say we have seen many successes when looking through them.

We have seen our students showing **co-operation** when we introduced our new rules. They follow them and have shown real **commitment** in supporting others to do the same. I have seen our students showing **confidence** in the learning behaviours. I have seen excellent examples of learning in books showing real **commitment** to the **challenge** that our staff set for them in their lessons. I have seen students show how much they value their school **community** by wanting to become a part of the student leadership team and wearing their prefect tie with pride. Students have come to see me to discuss their ideas and thoughts and I have been so impressed and grateful. **Celebration** is a key part of our **community**. I have seen students delighted when they have received praise postcards and hero badges and the difference it has made to so many students achievements. Our students have been out in the Saxmundham **community**, bringing pleasure to others by our Shine the Light trail around the town and our students visiting a local old people's home and working on a project for them. Our Dora Love students have also shown confidence when they were interviewed on the radio. The final **celebration** was seeing and hearing about our students during enrichment week. The



Mrs L Girling
Head of School

school had a real buzz and it was all down to our student's **co-operation** with our rules and high expectations of learning behaviours.

Our school **community** will be building on from our successes this year and embedding the new initiatives we introduced, so that they come easily to all our school **community**. I am looking forward to working with our students and families next year so please do attend our School Forums to find out more.

We have an exciting year ahead of us one of them being SET Saxmundham School **celebrating** being open for ten years.

**Mrs L Girling,
Head of School**

Student Leadership Team

In the last few weeks, there has been an extra buzz in our classrooms and corridors, as Year 9 and Year 10 students have been readying their applications to become next year's student leaders. Following their letters of application, students were put through their paces with a formal interview. We were incredibly impressed, firstly by the quality of their letters and secondly by their outstandingly mature interviews. Each and every student chosen embodies our values of integrity, determination and collaboration.

We would like to congratulate Saskia and Blake on being appointed our new Head Students, and we know Evelyn, Abi and Lewis will do a fantastic job as their deputies. Jess, Kaitlyn, Oscar, Juanita, Eloise and Natasha will support them as prefects.

Having a strong Student Leadership Team is incredibly important to us, as we strive for excellence at SET Saxmundham. We are very proud of our student leaders and we can't wait to work with them next year.



Year 11

With the end of term, I would just like to say how proud we are of our Year 11s.

They have worked tirelessly through two lock downs and one enforced isolation period and then completed tag assessments between March and May. Students have completed over 4,800 assessments for the 'Centre Assessed Grades'. These have now been moderated and verified internally and sent off to the exam boards for their final grades. We look forward to celebrating with them on results day on the 12th August. The vast majority of students have their post-16 placements sorted and our careers team are still working with the last few. I personally wish them all the best in the future and look forward in hearing about their achievements.

Michael Connell-Smith, Assistant Head of School

Celebrating our Shine a Light project



Our project in numbers

- 25** Local businesses
- 25** Masks
- 28** Local primary schools
- 3259** Postcards given out to primary school children
- 3259** Primary school children watched our video
- 5000** Copies of the Shine A Light mask trail map printed and distributed

Website Traffic

Be the light in the darkness

To: _____
 I would like to deliver a light to you and thank you for _____
 From: _____

My Gran who was self isolating and could not see anyone for ages.

My Mum for helping me with my home schooling

The lady at the end of my road who checked on the old people next door when they had to stay in.

My Dad for trying to understand my maths work!

The volunteer who delivered my Grandad's medicine during lockdown.

The postman and Amazon delivery driver who brought my birthday presents when all the shops were shut.

Year 10 @ Pleasurewood Hills

Our first trip out since the pandemic started!



- Joint winner of the Dora Love Prize



GRADUATION OF THE BRILLIANT CLUB

Since mid-Michaelmas term, two groups of 12 students from Year 7 & Year 8 have been following the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme. Having experienced university-style learning in small group tutorials during the normal school day, they have had their final assessments and have now been awarded their 'university grades'.



Careers Update

With a trained Careers Leader and a Careers Advisor embedded in the school's team, time has been dedicated to understanding and capturing just how each of the Gatsby Benchmarks have been included in day to day school life, and how we can now do even more to ensure every student is equipped with understanding of opportunities and career pathways that are right for them.

Immediate attention was focused on Benchmark 8, with personal guidance through one-to-one careers interviews being offered firstly to all Year 11 students to help with Post-16 choices, and then all Year 10s to help them organise their thoughts, understand their strengths and use their final year to reflect constructively on these to help inform their future choices.

The stable careers programme required for Benchmark 1 is now approved and will be rolled out in full from September. It will be a packed programme that embeds careers in the curriculum to contextualise, personalise and localise the potential pathways. There's an early focus on understanding career management skills and building on these from Year 7. By the time students reach Year 11, the programme will have given them encounters with employers, inclusion in projects that help them evaluate their skills, dedicated events to focus on choices and transitions, informative assemblies, plus access to information and expertise that helps them discover who they are, what their goals are and how to achieve them.

To end the 2020/2021 year, work experience has been brought to Year 10 in school with some inspiring activities, a diverse line up of speakers and facilitators who will demonstrate different job roles and some fun and games too.



Our Year 10 students have participated in this project in the last few days of term. The students had to develop a soft drink product they learnt about job roles and imagining themselves in those roles and trying them out. They then created the actual product. The students had presentations and interaction from a number of guest speakers on various aspects of business, product development and marketing. They then delivered a short pitch for their product, all in a 5-minute presentation. The panel of judges scored the presentation - it was so hard to score as they all did very well indeed. A big thank you to Ms Coles and Ms Stockman for all the shopping and planning that went to the days.

Jenny Stockman, Careers and Mentoring
Hayley Coles, Careers Leader

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