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NEWSLETTER

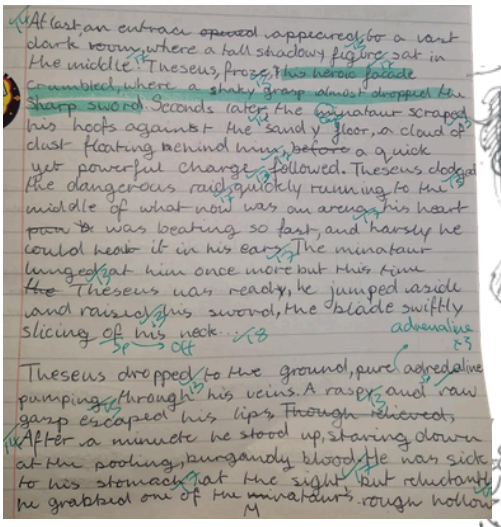
Headteacher Message

Today Miss Hart took a group of KS4 students to The Tower of London. The trip included an opportunity to see the Crown Jewels, learn all about the castle's history and hear the tragic story of Lady Jane Grey and The Princes in the Tower.

This week also saw a group of our students join the LitFest private screening of *The Hate U Give* at Towner Gallery. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to visit the gallery and help them feel valued, inspired, and at home in a world-class arts venue.

This Thursday we held an Academy fire drill. All of the students dealt with this calmly and sensibly. Over the next few weeks, we will be scheduling a lockdown drill. We will write to you when this has been arranged.

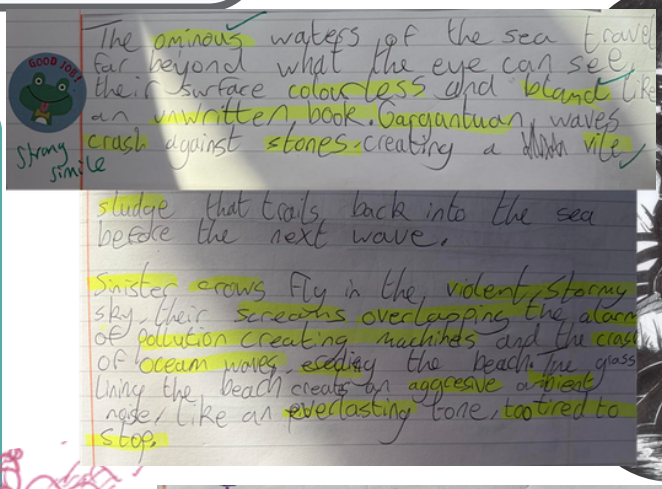
Have a lovely weekend.

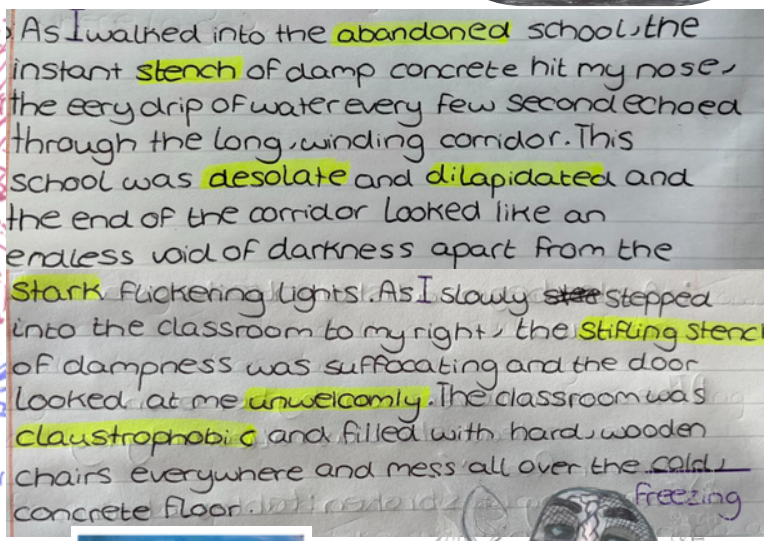


Students' Work

This week, our newsletter is decorated in artwork completed during Art Club, which takes place every break 1 & 2 in the art room. It's a quiet space; a space to be creative; a space to escape; a space to create.
Anyone is welcome, they just need to bring their imagination!

We have also shared some extended writing from Year 7. Year 7s have been writing descriptions inspired by Greek Myths, specifically Theseus and the Minotaur; Year 8 have been creating dystopian settings. We have been so impressed by their vocabulary choices and language devices.



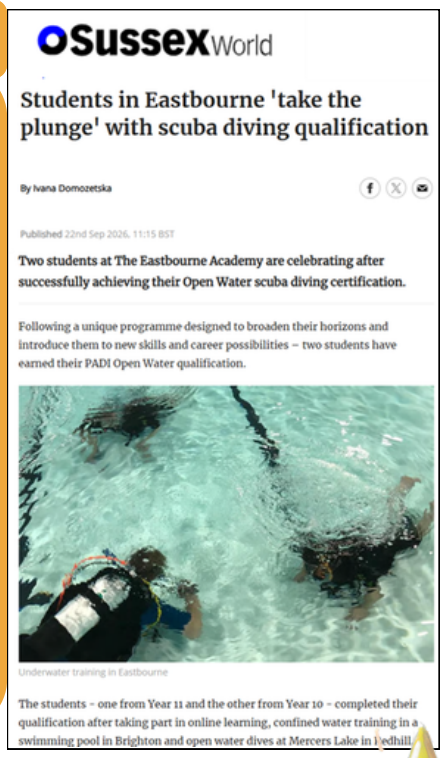


Attendance

All of the students who had 100% attendance this week will receive their prize on Monday.

In the Press

We were delighted to see our school in the press, as Sussex World published an article about our recent diving course and certification opportunity.



SussexWorld

Students in Eastbourne 'take the plunge' with scuba diving qualification

By Ivana Domozetska

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Two students at The Eastbourne Academy are celebrating after successfully achieving their Open Water scuba diving certification.

Following a unique programme designed to broaden their horizons and introduce them to new skills and career possibilities – two students have earned their PADI Open Water qualification.

Underwater training in Eastbourne

The students - one from Year 11 and the other from Year 10 - completed their qualification after taking part in online learning, confined water training in a swimming pool in Brighton and open water dives at Mercers Lake in Jedhill

E Scooters

We have noticed that there are a number of students who are arriving at school on e-scooters.

Sussex Police have launched **Operation Scramble**, a new operation dedicated to tackling the illegal use of e-bikes and e-scooters. In Sussex, e-scooters are currently illegal to use in public unless part of an authorised rental scheme.

We do not permit the use of or storage of e-scooters within our academy boundary or within our car parking area.

We have been informed that officers will be carrying out patrols, community engagement and education, as well as proactive enforcement across East Sussex.

Useful School Contacts

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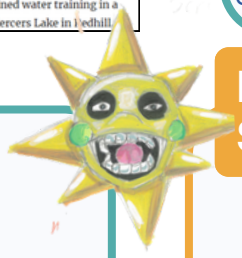

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Foodbank: 01323 409925
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Police: 101 (Emergency: 999)
Samaritans: 01323 735555
SPOA: 01323 464222
NHS: 111 (Emergency: 999)

Key Dates

28th-29th September: Yr11 GCSE Food NEA days
Thursday 1st October: Yr11 Geography Trip
Monday 5th October: Yr11 Inspire Scholars Study Skills Day at Sussex University
Wednesday 7th October: Schools Without Walls LINC Trip
Thursday 8th October: Yr11 Revision Evening
Friday 9th October: Ecofest Trip to Peacehaven
19th- 20th October: Staff INSET Days
Wednesday 21st October-Friday 30th October: School Holidays
Monday 2nd November: First day of Term 2