

Pupils Rocket to Success!

Ed Hawkings reporting...



A group of six Year 9 boys from Sweyne Park has had incredible success at the International Paris Airshow representing the UK in a rocket competition. The challenge itself was to launch the rocket they had designed and built to a height of 800 feet before splitting into two stages, deploying a parachute and carrying a raw egg safely to the ground in a time of 43 seconds! On the first day the team presented to a judging panel to explain how they had developed their rocket. At this stage the group were in first place, ahead of older pupils (up to 18 years of age) from the USA, Japan and France. The team were treated like VIPs and their tour of the Air Show included meeting Randy Sweet, an executive for Lockheed Martin Space Systems, a business specialising in planes and satellites. This was closely followed by speaking with a senior test pilot for the same company. The group also had the privilege to meet Robert Lee Curbeam, a former NASA astronaut who holds the record for the most space walks in one mission. They also spent time with Al Worden, an astronaut on Apollo 15 who has

walked on the moon, one of only 24 people. The launch took place on the second day and the team achieved a height of 752 feet, and a flight time of 45 seconds. This was a very impressive rocket launch. There were further amazing experiences including meeting the new French Prime Minister! Anticipation was very high at the Awards Ceremony and whilst the Sweyne Park team scored the highest in both the presentation and launch category, ultimately a cracked egg stopped them winning the overall prize. *"It has been a potentially life-changing experience for the boys, as each has gained a substantial insight into engineering as an exciting career full of opportunities. Everyone at The Sweyne Park School is extremely proud of the boys' commitment and engagement throughout every challenge and we will definitely enter a team next year."* **Craig Stevens**

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

YEAR 6 INDUCTION
I would like to welcome all our new, prospective, Year 7 pupils who have joined us today for their induction, and to thank all those families who attended last night's induction evening talk. On behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to wish all our new pupils every success as they start their new secondary school in September - certainly everyone

has been very impressed with the excellent start they have made this morning.

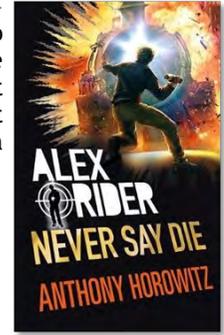
YEAR 11 PROM
As we welcome our new Year 7 pupils to the school, we of course said goodbye to our Year 11s at the School Prom on Wednesday night. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and we will certainly miss the year group, although many are going to stay on into our Sixth Form next year. Good luck to all our Year 11 pupils for whatever they are doing in the future!

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Book of the Week

NEVER SAY DIE
by Anthony Horowitz

Alex is back in another action-packed adventure! He is trying to put his life back together after the traumatic events of his last mission. But even Alex can't fight the past, especially when such a deadly secret is involved...



The much anticipated eleventh book in the best-selling Alex Rider series

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

- Ben, James, Isabella, Ellie, Emily & Luke (7JBI)
- Hannah & Sakithyan (7HFe)
- Mia & Maisie (7LGr)

Pupil Services

ESSEX YOUNG POET OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAND YOUR POEMS TO THE LIBRARY (32 LINES OR LESS ON ONE A4 SHEET) TO THE LIBRARY BY 7TH JULY

KEEPING SAFE

Long summer days are upon us and many adventures lay ahead. However, do please think carefully about where your adventures might take you and the risks that come with this. Rivers can have fast currents, derelict buildings, by their very nature have floors and walls that could fall in, and tides along the beach can come in swiftly and catch you unaware. Equally, please think about online safety: would you leave the front door to your house open for anyone to just wander in? Why do this on-line, talking to people you don't know in the "real world" and/or leaving your virtual front door wide open by not turning off location settings? On the subject of location services, Snapchat has opened up a new world of mapping. The default setting is ON. I would recommend that you either turn on "Ghost" or as you do on other social media sites, turn on "Friends" only. Have a wonderful summer, gain new experiences but keep safe. **Steph Whitcombe**

Headlines (Continued)

KEEPING SAFE
Please do take a moment to read the "Keeping Safe" box in this week's Sweyne Park Times. There may be issues you wish to discuss with your children, and as always, please feel free to contact us at the school if you have any questions.

future. They are having their leavers' celebration event on Thursday 6th July. For pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13, details of Results Day information and support will be published on our website shortly, as in previous years.

Thank you.

YEAR 13
Congratulations to Year 13s who have, as of today, now finished all their A2 exams, and we wish them every success for the

Parents' Time

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:

9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday
5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays

Class of 2017

On Wednesday 28th June, the Class of 2017 celebrated their five year journey of hard work and achievement at The Sweyne Park School. Luckily the weather was kind and the clouds could not dampen the spirits of this unique fantastic year group as they arrived wearing beautiful gowns, sharp suits and dazzling smiles ready for the paparazzi-like parents on the red carpet! Inside, the school had been transformed into a magical wonderland with ceilings crowded with balloons and the walls encrusted with glittering lights. The atmosphere was electric with sparkling conversation, jubilant laughter and some questionable dance moves! *Shah Monnan*

