

Congratulations!

Mr Woods, Miss Banks & Mr Monnan reporting... Congratulations to all our students who sat external exams this summer. We are all proud of our pupils and wish everyone every success for the future. There are always things we can do better as a school but there are lots of results to celebrate this year. Well done and good luck!



Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

WELCOME BACK

I hope that everyone has had a lovely summer break. In particular, a warm welcome to our new Year 7 pupils, and to all our new students joining us in the Sixth Form. We wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

EXAM RESULTS

Our A-Level exam results were very positive this year, and we are delighted with how many students are going on to prestigious organisations for either University or an Apprenticeship. Our AS results showed the same, strong progress as was made by Year 12 students last year, and this bodes very well for the future. Inside this edition of the Sweyne Park Times are full details which you may wish to read. GCSE Results were also positive, despite huge changes this year and far

tougher exams. The school achieved its best ever "Basics" results (71% English/Maths combined passes) at grade 4 and highest ever EBacc results (English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Modern Languages combined). 13 pupils have achieved at least one Grade 9 (equivalent to an A** - the new measure above an A*) and 100% of pupils gained 5A*-G grades. Nonetheless, there are still areas to improve and we will be working hard this year to continue our relentless drive for the best possible standards. There is no question the exams and marking are getting tougher.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and carers that statutory policies are available on our school website, and can also be requested from the main office. In line with our behaviour policy, it is my duty, at the start of each year, to remind parents and carers about issues relating to serious matters, such as possession of offensive objects, illegal substances etc. in school, can result in permanent exclusion - thank you, as always, for your support of our strong stance on this.

Book of the Week

WONDER - by R J Palacio

August was born with a terrible facial deformity - whatever you're imagining, it's probably worse. It's so bad that the doctor actually passed out when he was born. It means that 10-year-old August has always been home-schooled by his Mum. But now it's time for August to start school. This is a beautiful story written from the points of view of August, his sister and some of his new friends. It's sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, but definitely heart-warming and it will remain with you long after you've finished reading.



ONE OF THE FREE BOOKBUZZ CHOICES FOR YEAR 7!



Wednesday 13th September is ROALD DAHL DAY!

To celebrate the birth of Roald Dahl 101 years ago, you will be given a yellow sticker. Yellow was Roald Dahl's favourite colour.

Just write your favourite all time Roald Dahl book or character on your yellow sticker and wear it all day!

Also, see if you can identify which book the Roald Dahl quotes come from in the Library's competition.

Show My Homework Update:

Owing to some technical difficulties that Show My Homework have been encountering, we have unfortunately not been able to launch this as planned. We are hoping that it will be operational next week. Please keep an eye on the school website for updates.

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Aaron, Connor, Amy, Teagan, Elliot & Isaac

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Pupil Services

YEAR 7 CHOOSE YOUR FREE BOOK!

Once you have decided which free book you want, fill in your choice on the bookmark. Don't forget to include your name and tutor group! Then hand the bookmark to Mrs Waghorn in the Library or you can drop it in the Quick Book Drop Box outside.

Choices must be handed in before Friday 15th September.

www.bookbuzz.org.uk



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



A-Level Success



Tom, who achieved 3 A* grades in Maths, Further Maths and Chemistry and an A in Physics, which means he has secured a place at Emmanuel College, Cambridge to study Natural Sciences.

Congratulations to students in Year 13 who have achieved a very good set of exam results this year, making far stronger progress than in 2016. We are proud of the fact that we have remained an inclusive Sixth Form and that our students have secured such excellent destinations for the future.

- 42% of grades at A-Level were A*/A/B
- 68% of grades at A-Level were A* - C
- Students on the BTEC courses also achieved very well with an average grade of Dist*

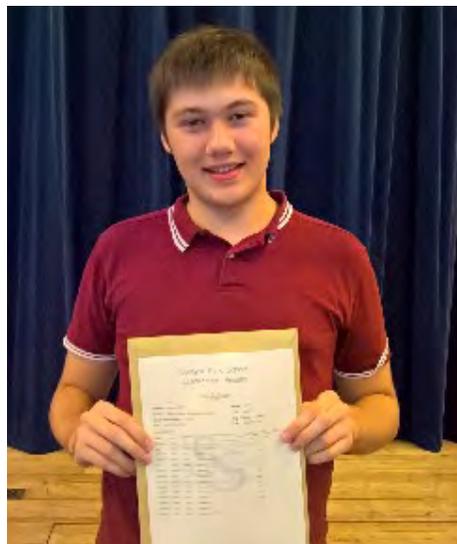
Good luck to everyone for the future!



Sadia, a pupil in our Hearing Impaired Unit, who achieved a C in Creative Writing and 2 D grades in Politics and Psychology, is going to study Child Development at the University of East London.



Bethany contended with serious medical issues but achieved 3 A grades in English Literature, Creative Writing and Government and Politics.



Henry, who achieved an A* in Maths and A grades in Computing, Further Maths and Physics, is off to Manchester to study Astrophysics.

AS Results

Students in Year 12 also performed very well, and made strong progress, despite all the new changes to A-Levels. Notable achievements include Robert, who achieved 4 A grades (A* grades are not awarded at AS) in Chemistry, Maths, Physics and Sports Science; Ellie, who achieved 3 A grades in Business Studies, Computer Technology and Psychology; and Frankie, who achieved A grades in Religious Studies and Government and Politics with a B in History.



A delighted Robert receiving his results.