



Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 13 January to Friday 17 January 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

I hope you had a pleasant break over the festive period and have not been too disrupted by the snow and frost this week.

January can sometimes feel a little flat after Christmas, but we have started where we left off with some lovely student recognition in each of our Community assemblies. We also had lots of families here on Thursday evening for one of three events. The first of which was a session on revision strategies for parents and carers of Year 10 and 11. This was delivered by an external company 'Positively You' who did some work with our students last term; we also had families in for a GCSE Art information evening and an information evening for all of those students who are going on our up and coming ski trip to Italy.

On Friday, a group of Year 9 students participated in a Theatre workshop which I was lucky enough to pop down and see. The drama studio was filled with the sound of singing and the students performing a scene from Wicked. I was blown away by the quality of work and engagements from them. The visiting theatre company could not have been any more positive with their feedback of how engaged and talented our students are.

Looking into next week, we have our Year 10 Business trip to Euro Disney Paris departing on Sunday, and vocational exams continue for some of our students. We can also look forward to some warmer, brighter weather.

Have a lovely weekend

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Choc With The Head



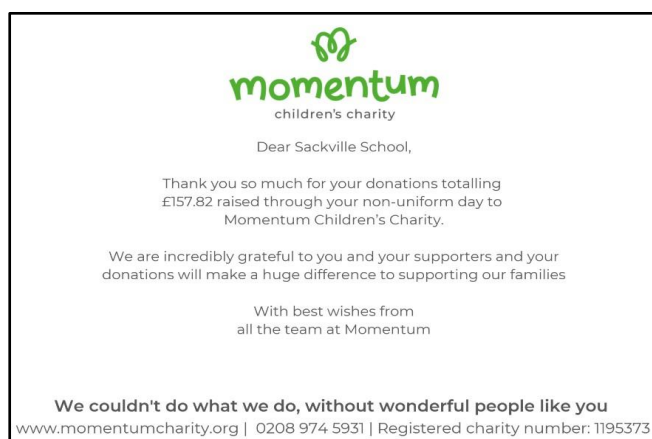
Ms Meloni was taking the assembly for Yousafzai today, so I had the honour of meeting with a fantastic group of Attenborough students and Mrs Ellis. I always love being asked to deputise for Ms Meloni at Hot Choc with the Head, as I get to sit with some brilliant young people and talk about their experience at school and ways we can improve even further. It is so nice to recognise the great work they are all doing on a daily basis and all of them had been nominated due to their high attitude to learning scores in their autumn reports. Keep up the good work Attenborough and hopefully I will get the chance to deputise again soon!

Have a great weekend

Mr Pete Cowlin
Deputy Headteacher

Notice Board

- **For the attention of Year 9 parents** - You should by now have received an email inviting you to consent to the Td/IPV and meningitis ACWY vaccination which is due on the 3 February 2025. If you have any concerns please contact the vaccination team on 01273 696011.
- **Pop Up Uniform Shop** - Dates that our uniform shop will attend Sackville can be found here on our [website](#).
- **Well done to Attenborough and Yousafzai** – £1161.06 was raised last term and has been presented to Jigsaw South East.
- **Well done to Attenborough** - £157.82 raised from last term that has been donated to Momentum Children's Charity - www.momentumcharity.org.



Key Dates

Saturday 11 January - Wednesday 15 January 2025

Thursday 16 January 2025

Tuesday 21 January 2025

Wednesday 22 January 2025

Thursday 23 January 2025

Thursday 30 January 2025

Thursday 30 January 2025

Tuesday 4 February 2025

Thursday 6 February - Saturday 8 February 2025

Wednesday 12, Thursday 13 and Friday 14 February 2025

Friday 14 February - Saturday 22 February 2025

Monday 17 February - 21 February 2025

Thursday 27 February 2025

Friday 28 February 2025

Business Studies Trip to Disneyland Paris

Year 12 Information Evening

Year 10 Berlin Information Evening

Sixth Form Trip to the Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court

Year 11 Study Evening

Year 12 Higher Education Fair

Year 9 Options Evening - **Rearranged to 6 March 2025**

Year 9 Consultation Evening - **Revised Date**

Year 11 Srt Trip to the Tate Modern

Year 10 History and German Trip to Berlin

SCHOOL SHOW - Footloose

Ski Trip to Tonale, Italy

HALF TERM

Year 7 Consultation Evening

Year 12 Trip to Pinewood Studios

Current Vacancies

We have two support staff roles available at the moment. If you would be interested in any of the following or know anyone else who may be, please call Katie Dawson, Headteacher's PA for more information, or apply directly following these links:

- [Exam Invigilators](#)
- [Cover Supervisor](#)

Extra Curricular Activities

[Spring 2025 Term](#)

Sackville News

For all the latest news here at Sackville, follow the link below to the news section of our website -

[Sackville News](#)

We also publish a half termly newsletter and the latest edition can be seen here [Sackville Newsletter Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

Next publication date: **W/B 14 February, 2025.**

Sixth Form News

I would like to invite and encourage all our Year 12/13 families and students to attend our sixth form information evening on **Thursday 16 January 5.30-6.30pm in the main hall area**. Not only will you have an opportunity to find out some vital dates and deadlines for Year 12 and 13, but you will also have the opportunity to attend bespoke sessions for individual year groups about futures planning and the practical help you are able to give your child and raise questions and queries about any aspect of Sixth Form life for your child. We strongly encourage attendance. This event will be run and led by our specialist Sixth Form team and will certainly be an hour well spent.

Additionally, the following **Thursday 23 January, 4.30-6.30pm** Year 12 families and students in particular will have the opportunity to attend our Higher Education Fair. There will be over 20 universities and apprenticeship providers there to answer your queries and enabling you to fact find about university and apprenticeship life, as well as a presentation by Exeter University for those interested in following the university route.

Futures - Find It Out Thursday



This hands-on event is open to students aged 14 and over and offers a fantastic opportunity to experience life on a land-based campus. From getting up close with our animals to exploring the world of agriculture and environmental studies, this day is designed to inspire and inform students about the diverse and rewarding careers in the land-based industries.

Our sessions include: Agriculture, Animal Care, Blacksmithing, Equine, Furniture Making, Upholstery, Gardening and Landscaping (Horticulture) and Tree Surgery (Arboriculture)



Here at Sackville School, we are lucky to be able to run a Higher Education Fair, where multiple universities, colleges and apprenticeship organisations visit us here for our students to ask any questions concerning their choices of the future.

Our next fair will be on Thursday 23 January 2025, from 4.20 - 6.30pm and will be held in the Main Hall and P block.

We look forward to seeing you there, and if you have any questions students can talk to their teachers, communities or email Mrs Smith - hsmith@sackvilelschool.org.uk.

Medication, Illness and Vaccines

Medication

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their community team.

We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.

Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant community office, thank you in advance.

Vaccinations

Just a reminder of the following vaccination dates for this year as below:

Monday 3 February 2025 - Meningitis ACWY and Td/Pv for Year 9 (x2 vaccinations one in each arm)

Friday 11 July 2025 - HPV vaccination for Year 8

The consent will be online and details will be sent out 4-6 weeks prior to these dates. If you have any queries please contact the immunisation team on 01273 696011 ext 2043.

Lost Property



Please could you ensure that all items of school uniform, PE kits and pencil cases are labelled. This will make reuniting property a lot faster, easier and more successful.

We are trialling a new system to help get unlabelled lost property back to students, we have a google document that is updated regularly with any garments that find their way to the lost property, if you believe an item is something you are looking for, please contact Mrs Hill (shill@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Lost Property Itinerary - as of Friday 10 January 2025.

Please note, any lost property that was collected during September and October will be donated to a local charity shop today (Friday 10 January 2025) if not reunited by then.

We advise that if students ever lose any uniform or property then they should visit their community office after they have checked with Mrs Hill if their property has been handed in.

External Clubs, Services and Events

Kings Centre

BIG SISTER

A programme designed by girls, for girls to help them discover the journey of getting active together

Free* or discounted membership at any Places Leisure centre for girls aged 9-15
*Proof of eligibility required

Want to join us?
Here's what's included...

- Unlimited gym use during Junior Gym hours
- 1:1 gym induction (11-15 year olds)
- Unlimited swimming
- Age-appropriate classes including We Move classes every Monday 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- Free access to Places Leisure App and Virtual Studio which includes a Big Sister channel

[Click here to find out more](#)

BIG SISTER | **SPORT** | SUPPORTED BY **Places for People** | **Places Leisure**

WSSC Drop In Clinic

allsorts youth project | **west sussex county council**

Free LGBT+ online drop-in clinics for West Sussex School Staff

Allsorts is offering free drop in clinics for any West Sussex school staff to attend and is an opportunity to ask questions and/or seek LGBT+ related support

Mon 2nd Dec | Thu 16th Jan
Mon 10th Feb | Thu 13th Mar | Mon 28th Apr
Thu 22nd May | Mon 23rd Jun
All 3.30 - 4.30pm

For more details alice@allsortsyouth.org.uk

Unite Fitness Gym

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"

10% OFF

FOR ALL SACKVILLE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS!

UNITE FITNESS

TeamForge

TeamForge: Teamwork Through Gaming

What is TeamForge?

A pilot project developed by the SEND Commissioning Team West Sussex County Council and Quest Mentoring. It's designed for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), aged 13-18. All sessions promote teamwork in a fun way.

There will be two pilot projects, the first starts in the week beginning 13th of January 2025 and the second starts in the week beginning 21st of April. In these 12 week pilots participants will play Valheim, a Viking-themed online game. They will play with other young people and take part in workshops and develop teamwork skills.

How TeamForge Works

1. We promote the benefits with community organisations and parents/carers. We invite young people with SEND aged 13-18 to join TeamForge. Through applications and selection we ensure the right mix of committed participants, with an appropriate gaming setup, who are available two evenings a week.
2. Upon successful application, parents and carers will be sent a range of information: a project overview, a timeline, tech setup guides, an online safety guide and links to the Skills Builder Teamwork benchmarking. All designed to help prepare participants.
3. The first week starts with an online introduction webinar and Q & A as well as a tech support session. Weeks 2 through to 11 each contain a skills workshop and a gaming session both led by professional mentors. The project culminates in week 12 with a fun, in-person activity. These two sessions will start at 5pm on two evenings a week.

What are the benefits?

TeamForge helps young people gain confidence, work effectively in teams, and develop life skills. TeamForge offers a unique opportunity for growth.

Get Involved!

TeamForge has achieved Skills Builder Impact Level 4.
Visit www.questmentoring/teamforge to apply and get more information.

Scan for the TeamForge webpage | Scan for the Disability Register webpage

west sussex county council | **Children first** | **QuestMentoring.com** | **Member of Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP**

East Grinstead Volunteer Fair

Learn, Grow, and Give Back

East Grinstead Community Volunteer Fair 2025

Do you need a volunteer opportunity? Come to the Community Volunteer Fair and you can find one!

Saturday 1st February 2025
11am - 1pm
Chequer Mead Theatre, De La Warr Road, RH19 3BS
Everyone is invited - come and enjoy some free food!

For more information visit:
www.communitypeople.org.uk/what-we-do/volunteering

COMMUNITY PEOPLE | **HSBC UK** | **CHEQUER MEAD THEATRE**

This event is proudly organised by Community People Mid Sussex (Registered Charity no. 1158780) and sponsored by HSBC, united by a shared goal of supporting and strengthening local communities.

Visit www.questmentoring/teamforge to apply and get more info.

Here is the [link](#) for more information on this event.

External Sports Clubs and Events

Netball

Looking for a Netball Club?

SOUTHDOWN NETBALL CLUB

Ages 10 to 15, Tuesdays 18.30 - 20.00, East Grinstead Sports Club

Southdown Netball Club is a friendly club that makes netball accessible to all. We aim to help develop confidence and the ability to work as a team, teaching ball-handling skills and movement whilst having lots of fun. We offer age-appropriate coaching with opportunities to play matches, coaching children from Year 5 to Year 10.

For more details and to arrange a taster session please email: secretarysdc@gmail.com

EG Sports Club, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, RH19 4JU

CD Phoenix Sussex Netball Club

We're looking for new players to join our U14/U15 development Squad!

Matches: Sundays: AMEX, Falmer (every fortnight) and The Woodside League at The Triangle (once a month)

Training: Thursdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm @ Sackville School (indoor) and East Grinstead Sports Club (outdoor)

With teams ranging from U7s up to the Senior Open Squad, CD Phoenix is one of the largest and longest running clubs in the region, celebrating 30 years this season.

Qualifying players for this age group will currently be in Year 9 or Year 10. Netball experience is a bonus, but all are welcome! We are looking for keen players who want to develop their game or enjoy a new sport!

To register interest and sign up for a taster session just drop an email to our recruitment team via cdphoenixdevelopment@gmail.com

CD Phoenix NC has Gold CAPS accreditation

Football

CRAWLEY & MAIDENBOWER PANTHERS FC

PLAYER RECRUITMENT - U12 GIRLS

We are seeking a few match-experienced players to join our U12 Girls Purple team (children currently in school year 7)

Playing matches in the SCWGFL Premier Div on Sundays

- FA-qualified coaches
- Weekly training sessions
- Full kit provided

For more info call our lead coach Rosco on **07961 636231**

ACCREDITED CLUB

Triathlon

Cricket

Felbridge & Sunnyside Cricket Club
Girls Winter Academy
 7pm Fridays every 2 weeks
 starting 11th October
 10 sessions for £25
 At Lingfield College Main Sports Hall
 Run by ECB qualified coaches who
 will work on core skills, soft &
 hard ball cricket
New Players are Welcome
 Contact Helen on 07983 549259 or helenbrooks@outlook.com
 or Aaron on 07833 971799

EAST GRINSTEAD TRIATHLON 2025
11TH MAY 2025
 KINGS CENTRE, EAST GRINSTEAD

SPRINT TRI £50
 400M SWIM - 26KM BIKE - 5KM RUN

AQUA BIKE £39
 400M SWIM - 26KM BIKE

YOUTH & TRY A TRI £32
 200M SWIM - 11KM BIKE - 2.5KM RUN
 (£8 day pass required for non BTF members)

INFO AND ENTRIES VIA
WWW.EGTRICLUB.COM/TRIATHLON

Safeguarding

As always, if you are aware or have any worries regarding the safety of our students then contact our safeguarding team. Contact details below:

Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Millican - amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Street - pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Steer - asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Flude - dflude@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Hunt - shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Pearson - jpearson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Dupoy - jdupoy@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowling@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Bull - sbull@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Vallally-Godfrey -

avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk

MAMHET

MULTI-AGENCY MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TRIAGE (MAMHET) The MAMHET brings together professionals to help identify and respond to presentations of children in mainstream secondary schools and Alternative Provision Colleges (WSAPC) where the school are concerned about the child's emotional health and the potential risk of suicide.



Please follow the link to read about the referral pathway:

<https://sackvilleschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/MAMHET-Professionals-Leaflet-March-2024.pdf>

Safeguarding at Sackville
 PRIORITISING SAFETY & WELLBEING

Keeping our students safe is everybody's responsibility

If you need to talk to someone about an issue that is worrying you, you can speak to your form tutor, Community Team, or a member of your Safeguarding Team which includes Ms Meloni (Headteacher).

 Mr Millican Lead DSL	 Mr Street - Deputy DSL	 Mrs Steer - Deputy DSL and CP Officer	 Mrs Flude - Welfare Officer
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Additional members of our Safeguarding Team

 Mr Endersby CTL PE	 Mrs Hunt SENCO	 Mr Pearson - CL Youssafai	 Mrs Valentine Head of 6th form
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...you feel down or sad

...something is bothering you

...you are concerned about a friend

...you are worrying about something at home

Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email: safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk if...

 Mr Dupoy - Deputy Head of 6th form	 Mr Cowlin Deputy Head	 Mrs Bull - 6th form Pastoral Support	 Mr Vallally-Godfrey CTL Computing
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BAFFLED DEPRESSED
STRESSED EMBARRASSED
PRESSURE ANNOYED
FUMING CONFUSED
GASSED HANGRY
ANXIOUS WHATEVER
OVER IT VIBING
DONE KNAACKERED ALRIGHT
BETTER BORED
HORMONAL SOUND RAGING
Blessed CHILLED

**WHATEVER YOU'RE FEELING,
WE'RE HERE.**

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 childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Tackle loneliness head on



Building Connections is an NSPCC service that empowers young people experiencing loneliness.

Building Connections

An NSPCC service

Want to get an online nude taken down?

 **Report Remove**

Having your nudes shared can feel scary. But it's not your fault. Report Remove could help you confidentially remove them from the internet.

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Scan for more



Many young people said they didn't feel equipped to cope with loneliness.

- The service has been created for young people up to the age of 19 who are experiencing loneliness.
- Across 11 online sessions, young people work through a seven-step programme with a befriender.
- Each Building Connections session gives young people tools that'll help them find a way through loneliness.



Hi, I'm Michelle 

"Whether a young person feels confident sharing their experience of loneliness or finds it more difficult to open up, that's okay. We're here to support them. Each session will help them find tools and build resilience to cope with loneliness."

Michelle, Building Connections Befriender

Build SUPPORT. Build CONFIDENCE. Build CONNECTIONS.

 **Search Building Connections**

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