

Sackville News



16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the end of term and much has been happening in the school community as the festive season gets underway.

At the end of November, we celebrated Unison's 'Stars in our Schools' day when we express our gratitude for all the fantastic work done by our support staff at Sackville. The school simply would not function without them and their daily dedication ensures that the student learning experience is as good as it can be in a positive and supportive environment.



We have had some **well decorated trees** in the school and were both touched and grateful to **Mr Keenor** for donating two beautiful real trees in memory of his son, Paul, who tragically died last year. One of them was then donated to the **Rotary Club** at East Court at the end of term. We were also very pleased to sing at the **town and tree lighting ceremony on the High Street** recently. I

enjoyed accompanying our youngsters who were in hearty voice and the East Grinstead Concert Band was in fine form, as ever.



Continuing with the musical theme, we always look forward to our service of **Nine Lessons and Carols at St Swithun's** and this year was no exception. The service was very enjoyable with excellent readers and singers, well supported by our sixth form **Head Team** who ensured that everything went smoothly. We are most appreciative to the church for their warm welcome.



The congregation in St Swithun's



Kieran Carter delivers a reading



Chair of Governors David Hoare with Mrs Bush

The last week of the Christmas term is always a very busy one. For some students and staff it started on Saturday with a trip to practise their German and visit the **Christmas markets in Cologne**.

As they reach the end of their first term at secondary school, it is also a special time for **our year 7 students** and they have been celebrating in many different ways. Last Friday, they held a **charity fair** in which tutor groups put together a number of fun and innovative stalls for us all to enjoy. Over **£200 was raised for Cancer Research and St Piers' College** and a good time was had by all! It was particularly good to see senior student mentors from the sixth form and year 11 coming along to support; this is what community is all about.



The orchestra at St Swithun's



The Year 7 Fair

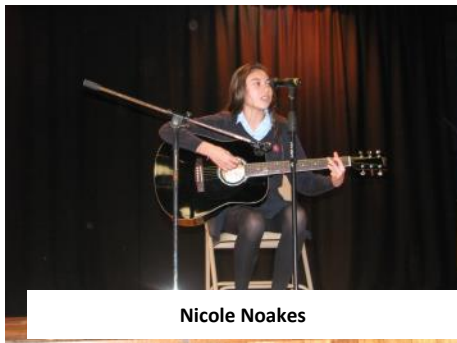


Year 8s in Cologne

This week, we held two **year 7 assemblies** to celebrate the way in which they have settled into the school so well. Awards were presented for commendable effort in subjects and every tutor group put on a small performance to entertain the many parents who attended. The finale was a carol sung by all and accompanied by the headteacher on the piano! Both events were very enjoyable.



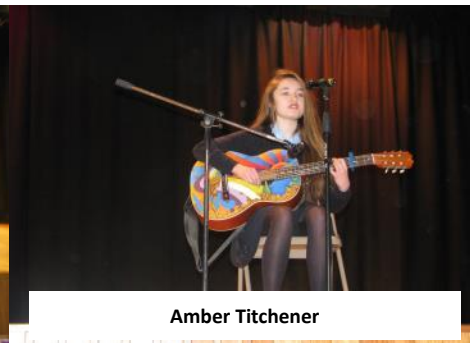
The following day was the turn of year 8 to enjoy a celebratory assembly. As well as receiving certificates for effort and achievement, the students were entertained by some fantastic singing and dancing.



Nicole Noakes



Charlotte Nield and Eve Lewis



Amber Titchener

The final week of term in December would not be the same without **Christmas dinner** and at Sackville we decided to lay on two! The first was a traditional lunch open to the whole school and superbly cooked by our canteen staff. I cannot imagine getting such a fantastic Christmas Dinner for the price anywhere else! The atmosphere was truly festive and staff and students sat down together pulling crackers and having a good time.



Not to be outdone, the **sixth form had their own Christmas dinner** on their last day of term. They chose a rather more modern menu but enjoyed themselves with the added bonus of several raffle prizes drawn by the Head of Sixth Form and the Headteacher! They left in good spirits to begin their festive break.



Experiencing a real sense of achievement and reflecting on progress thus far were key themes underpinning our **year 11 PPE (mock) exams results event** held on the last Tuesday afternoon of term. Students were issued their results in a very similar fashion to how the final occasion will be in August; this way the impact of their overall performance is well understood rather than receiving the results from different subjects lesson by lesson. Anticipation built once the students were gathered in the hall and prepared for this by Mr Endersby, Mr Hayden and myself. I was very proud of their response as a year group. They cared about what these results meant, they shared and discussed them with their friends and were already thinking about the journey ahead, which will include a 'PPE



round 2' in early March.

I emphasised to them my pledge that we will stand together with them all the way over the next few crucial months; they are not on their own! As a token of appreciation for their positive attitude and for good luck as they move into 2017, all students were given a **special pen** with Sackville logo and motto; hopefully perfect for their studies and in the examination halls!

Our **commitment to sport** remains as strong as ever with a good number of teams taking part in fixtures week in, week out. Also, all younger students were able to enjoy **the interform indoor athletics** competition at the end of term and they were ably led by the older students, our sports leaders.



Congratulations to our **U14 girls football team** (a team made up of year 8 and 9 students) who have made it through to the **quarter finals of the county cup**, having beaten Bishop Luffa (Chichester) 3-1, after going a goal

down. This was a great result making the long journey worthwhile. They weren't as relaxed as in the photo during the game!

Our **boys** have also been excelling themselves in **rugby** with, for example, tremendous **wins over Notre Dame School** recently for both the U13 and U14 teams.

Finally from me, I would like to mention how proud I was of our students for the contribution they made to the **opening of the new exhibition "Rebuilding Bodies and Souls" at the East Grinstead museum**. This focuses on the remarkable story of the **McIndoe Guinea Pigs** and the way the town responded to this remarkable treatment during the war years. I was delighted to receive the following letter in recognition of the students' work:-

Dear Mr Grant,

On behalf of all the trustees of the East Grinstead Museum, I am writing to thank you for allowing seven of your students to serve at the recent launch of the new exhibition, "Rebuilding Bodies and Souls". They were absolutely brilliant. The first tranche, particularly, was, literally thrown in at the deep end. They used their initiative to organise themselves and got on with the task in hand with quiet efficiency.

As you are aware, Mark Slawinski, our Learning Officer, is trying to establish interactive relationships with all schools in the area, hopefully to our mutual gain. At present Sackville is one of the few to actively co-operate.

All the trustees join me in re-iterating our appreciation of the help given. All of the students are to be congratulated. They are a credit to their parents, the school and, not least, to themselves.

With my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Dorothy Hatswell

The end of a term usually brings with it some **staff departures** and I would like to wish the following staff all the very best for their new ventures in the new year. **Nic Robinson**, Curriculum Team Leader of Geography is moving to Hove Park School to become Head of the Humanities Faculty there; a very well deserved promotion. **Charlie Jones**, our Transition Coordinator and teacher of PE, is moving to Hampshire with another well-deserved promotion to second in charge of a PE department. Finally, **Dawn Yendell** is leaving to go travelling, undertaking very worthwhile environmental projects starting in Madagascar. Exciting and successful times no doubt lie ahead for them all and we are extremely grateful for their wonderful contribution to the students of Sackville.

I will sign off with some photos of today's final assemblies which were full of good cheer! I hope you all have a wonderful festive season and a prosperous and happy new year.

Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher



The staff 'dance'

Our amazing junior choir

Year 7 students' karaoke

The year 8s film it all!

The Sackville band

7ACE Mannequin Challenge

Sackville Governing Body welcomes Lisa Godfrey

Chair of Governors David Hoare writes:-



Sackville's governing body has a new member, **Lisa Godfrey**, to whom we would like to extend a warm welcome. We are very fortunate to have had three people put their names forward to join us as a parent governor and we now have our full complement of 13. I think Lisa's own words are the best summary of what she will bring to the school:

"I have decided to apply for the role of parent governor and would hope I can make an important contribution to the school. My relationship with the school spans almost a decade, with three of my four children having gone to Sackville and my fourth joining in 2017. Professionally, I am a nurse by background and have held executive director roles in the NHS for the past 15 years. This has given me strong insights into the statutory and mandatory responsibilities and accountabilities of public sector organisations but also a great deal of respect for the crucial role governors play within organisations. A role I hope I would excel at."

December in the MFL department



It's been a busy month in the languages department. We started December with a presentation to year 10 students of the GCSE certificates achieved during their Fast Track GCSE exams last summer. An amazing number of top grades were achieved by this group of young people, a point Mr Green was rightly keen to make the students remember.

Last weekend, a large number of year 8 students left for their trip to enjoy the culture and Christmas markets of Cologne. Trip leader Mr Thompson described the trip as very successful, and from the pictures it certainly seems the students were having a great time.



Frohe Weihnacht aus Köln. Hier macht es viel Spaß
(Happy Christmas from Cologne. We are having a great time here)

Chelsea Sargent has written an account of the trip:-

On 10th December we left our family and friends to go to Aachen in Germany. We set off on a six hour journey which was not really the best part, but it was made easier by the teachers giving us clear instructions and helping us to understand what we were doing. The coach driver also drove nicely so we felt safe.

On the first full day in Germany, we went to the Christmas markets and I brought lots of lovely presents at the markets for family and friends. There were lots of different stalls. We also went to an ice skating rink - I was not very good because I managed to knock down three people and a teacher.

On the last full day at Germany we travelled to a theme park called Phantasialand and it had some fun rides. My favourite bit was the actor jumping out at us and making us laugh as we queued. He tried to scare us and was successful.

I would like to thank my teachers for taking me. It was a new experience and I felt I understood a bit more about Germany. I think I know a bit more German now and I certainly have lots of stories to tell.

Thank you Chelsea for writing this the day after arriving back in time for this edition of Sackville News!



Finally, we are delighted to announce the inaugural edition of our French newspaper, Le Bulletin Tricolore, produced by the students of our French lunchtime club.

Click on the image of the bulletin to the left to read this edition in full!

We would like to thank our lunchtime club and Mrs Tonnerre for their work in producing this excellent publication.

Meanwhile in maths ...

Over in the maths block the arrival of the festive season has been marked in one year 7 class by the study of fractals. Mrs Smith explains:-

Year 7 students created a fractal Christmas tree this week. The tree is based on a Sierpinski Triangle which is made by dividing a triangle into four smaller triangles, removing the central triangle and then repeating for each of the three remaining triangles. If you repeat this process forever, you get a fractal. If you are interested in this, try these YouTube links:

[Our Christmas tree is based on the fractal zoom.](#)

[The base of the tree is based on the Menger Sponge.](#)

[Even the star is based on a fractal called the Koch Snowflake.](#)

If you would like to find out more about fractals visit <http://fractalfoundation.org/>.

Well done to 7H1 for all their enthusiasm and interest.

Bottle flipping and dabbing, and inspiration from homework

The perfect "dab" creates two right-angled triangles.



Does Paul Pogba achieve perfection in both arms, one arm or not at all?

Bottle flipping and the dab certainly have been inescapable this term! It's been good to see the science department setting homework which asks the students to explain the physics of bottle flipping.

It that's not enough, how about this from the Grange Academy Maths Department newsletter?



If you are still puzzling over this, the answer of course is that no-one associated with Manchester United can any longer achieve perfection.

Meanwhile, inspired by one of Mr Roberts' science lessons, Miles Brindley has gone home and grown some amazing salt crystals. Great work!

AS Law and Politics trip to the Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court

Mrs Fleming writes:-

On Friday 20 AS Law and Politics students visited the Supreme Court and the Houses of Parliament at Westminster to find out more about how our laws are made and the importance of the separation of powers in our constitutional monarchy. The students were able to visit the exhibition and the three court rooms including the Judicial committee of the Privy Council below where they found out that the Supreme Court can also hear appeals from other countries such as Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.



Later they toured the Houses of Parliament and were able to sit in the public gallery to watch members of the House of Commons debate parking charges (riveting stuff!). The students also learnt about the history of Parliament and the importance of the powers use in the scrutiny of the government.

News from Food Technology

Miss Owens writes:-

The Rotary Club `Young Chef Competition`

On Wednesday 7th December Rosie Boyle, Adam Stevens, Amy Lopez and Mimi Ward (year 10) took part in the **East Grinstead Rotary Club `Young Chef` Competition**. Students had to produce a two course meal. All students produced highly skilled dishes including homemade pasta, authentic curries, meringues and soufflés. The four students were excellent ambassadors for the school, and were commended for their professionalism and maturity.

Amy Lopez came third, and Mimi Ward came second in the competition. Mimi will now proceed to Oxted School for the semi-finals in January.



Year 12 students catering at `Little Stars` toddler group at the Jubilee centre



On Monday 12th December the year 12 food and hospitality students Ellie Fleming, Millie Marsh, Danny Vater and Jess Pearce catered for the **toddler group Little Stars`** Christmas event held at the Jubilee centre. Students showed great enthusiasm and dedication towards this event, giving up their Friday to bake things such as quiche, minced pies, fruit flapjacks and bread sticks for 40 adults and 90 babies and toddlers. The students served refreshments and their baked products.

The event was a great success and the students' attitude and baking skills were complimented. They have been asked to return in January. Staff and parents commented that the students were a credit to Sackville School. The students look forward to helping in more events in the New Year.

Year 12 work experience week: 17th-21st July 2017

Mrs Valentine and Mrs Rooke write:-

Many of you may be aware that with your help and support, we ran a very successful year 12 work experience last July. Our programme is continuing this academic year and the designated work experience week is 17th-21st July 2017. We are once again on the search and look out for help with placements for our 200 year 12 students. We would be grateful if you would consider offering a work experience placement to one of our sixth form students (aged 16 or 17 years) in this week.

We appreciate offering a whole week may be difficult, but we would be grateful if you could offer any amount of time. This could involve shadowing of someone in the work place or undertaking certain duties or some observation. We would love to hear from you if you can help.

Our students' opportunities are enhanced greatly if they can show they have undertaken some work experience, no matter how short or limited this experience may be. It is an invaluable opportunity to extend the students' learning – we can reflect this positively in references and on UCAS applications.

Our main aim for students is to give them an insight into working life and to give them the opportunity to work alongside adults, undertaking new tasks and developing their self-confidence. In addition, students have been given a list of employability skills on which to focus. Along with other things, these include:

- Personal presentation
- Enthusiasm and commitment
- Communication and literacy, and
- Time management and organisation

Please let us know if you would be able to help as we are endeavouring to place students in an environment that is of interest to their future career plans. Please contact either erooke@sackvilleschool.org.uk or hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Meet the Professionals - help needed!!

As part of our expanding **Futures Programme** at Sackville, we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a '**Meet the Professionals**' evening alongside Year 8 Options on **9th March 2017**.

This has been incredibly successful in the past due to members of our community volunteering to take part, sharing their experiences and helping shape our students' career paths. So whether you run your own business, work for a large corporate company or work in the public sector and are able to give up a couple of hours of your time we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Rooke at erooke@sackvilleschool.org.uk for further details.

Christmas 2016 - Do you have Christmas in your heart?

Every year Jim Roberts reads an address at our end of year assemblies. Here is what he said this year.

It is good to be here again, having missed out this time last year through being in hospital. I don't intend to make this about me but it has certainly been a different year.

On a wintry evening in November my wife and I were discussing the purchase of a new Christmas tree. I had seen one on the net at a good price and my wife was suggesting when we could go and purchase it for the following weekend which would be the proper church calendar start of advent on 27th November, the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

I was concerned that at 6ft, nearly 2 metres, it might be too large and I showed her how high I thought it would be; then I asked a friend how tall he was and he said 6'1" so I asked him over to where we were sitting and explained our query, and my wife could see how big the tree would stand. The man said he did not celebrate Christmas and how he disliked it. He sounded like Scrooge, with almost a 'Bah Humbug' in his voice.

He explained that his parents had both been teachers who did not have faith or believe and they had never celebrated Christmas or birthdays. So this man and his brothers and sisters had been encouraged to think for themselves and come to their own conclusions.

He went on to say that he had cooked for a large number every year for the last few years at Christmas but this year had decided he was no longer prepared to do it and that was that.

I said nothing more and my wife and I resumed what we were talking about and how we might change our plans and choose a smaller tree. I was left, however, thinking, about the friend, that "He really doesn't have Christmas in his heart" and, for a moment, that left me feeling quite sad.

That was the moment I started to think about this year's end of term. I guessed my phrase "Christmas in your heart" was not likely to be my original thought, although I couldn't remember having heard it before. I looked it up on the net and sure enough there are songs and other references to it. So, it may not be original but I am claiming it for now. What I want is that we will all have the spirit of Christmas, that peace and goodwill, some genuine love in our hearts.

My message is for everyone in our community here, whatever your background, whatever your beliefs, it isn't about imposing my beliefs or religion on anyone. It is about truly being a member of this community; that means caring about other people, putting others first before you, accepting who and what you are without wishing for something else, being grateful for all you have and not constantly yearning for more.

In our community, we are all pleased to see that school is out and we can have a rest for a couple of weeks. At Christmas there is the extra excitement of looking forward to time with family and friends, special meals, presents, good times to be had and shared. I am as excited as the next person!

My hope, my prayer this year for the whole Sackville community, our community, is that we may all have some Christmas in our hearts – and that means we will be kind to each other, to our friends, to our families; we will be grateful for everything we have and we will say thank you out loud and we will mean it; we will enjoy it all without moaning about the cost or the worry or the work involved.

A man on the radio the other day said "If you haven't got the spirit of Christmas in your heart you won't find it under a tree." – I think he is right.

May I wish each and every one of you a peaceful, joyful, happy and blessed time and may it be filled with love and Christmas in your hearts. Happy Christmas.

Jim Roberts
December 2016

News from the LRC

More of Mr Roberts here, as Mrs Rose writes:-

This term has gone in a flash, with preparation for the festive period creeping up on us all too quickly. Trying to decorate the LRC with as much tinsel as *taste* would allow!

We invited students to come in to enter our Christmas word search which was very popular and the winners were Dan Beard, 8RRE, Bea Chappell, 7LWM, Ileana Fletcher, 7MBN. These were the first correct entries drawn at random. Well done to you all and hope you enjoyed the prizes!

Students could also complete some Sudoku puzzles or make paper chains at lunchtime. The Sudoku will be something we will continue to offer as an activity at lunchtime at it seemed popular with some students. We were lucky enough to have Mr Roberts come and read Christmas stories, poems and witty ditties in the LRC in the



Jim Roberts and friends by the Christmas tree



last week of term. This is a treat that has now become a tradition and makes us all feel very festive. Mr Roberts always wears some great Christmas jumpers which is a treat for the eyes (even if sun glasses should be worn with all the flashing lights).

That just leaves me to say Happy Christmas to all students and parents. Have a peaceful and restful holiday with best wishes for an exciting 2017.

eSafety advice from Mr Lea

Apps

Apps are small, specialised software programmes which can be downloaded to a mobile device to carry out a particular function. Young people love to personalise their own devices by downloading apps which carry out fun and useful functions from looking up the weather forecast, to playing games and sharing photos on a social networking site. There really seems to be an app for everything these days!

You can download apps via a 'shop' or 'store' on your mobile device, for example [Apple's App Store](#), [Google Play](#) and [Windows Store](#). You are able to download most apps for free and some will be paid-for apps, normally paid for via an online account or charged to your monthly phone bill or to your pay as you go credit.

How can I make sure apps are safe?

It is possible for apps to contain viruses and some smartphones are more prone to malicious apps. Smartphones run on an operating system (much like a computer), the three main ones are Google Android, Apple iOS and Microsoft Windows Phone. Apple and Microsoft approve every app that gets to their store so there is some degree of quality control. Android phones use software that allows developers to produce and upload any app. It is always worth reading reviews of the app on the relevant app store to check that other users have not had problems with it. Installing anti-virus software on your device can also help.

Can I check if the app is age-appropriate?

It is worth checking the age ratings on apps, where available. For Google Play and Windows Store, apps are rated through [the PEGI system](#). On other app stores such as **Apple's App Store** and the **Amazon App** store, app developers provide these age ratings and they are not generally independently rated. You can also look at app reviews online. For example, [Common Sense Media's rating system](#) relies on developmental criteria to determine what content is appropriate for which ages.

Mobile phone use

Mr Street has this to add to what Mr Lea has said:-

With Christmas fast approaching and only 10 days before the big man pops down our chimney tops we understand that top of many of our students' Christmas list is a new mobile phone.

With this in mind we have done a lot of work on e-safety this term to ensure our students stay safe online and we have highlighted the risks associated with sexting through assemblies. All students have been given the information card on the right:

As parents it is good to know what apps your child is downloading and we recommend the following website to help your child stay safe online:

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#tips

We wish you all a safe and merry Christmas.



Miss Bains becomes part of the Oldland milling team

When the forecast is for strong southerly winds where will you find a member of our staff? Heading to Ditchling to prepare a windmill for grinding flour. **Narinder Bains** has become a fully qualified member of the milling team.

Miss Bains says 'It is a dream come true. I chanced upon the mill on an open day and decided there and then that it was about time I pursued my dream of being part of a team operating a windmill'

A part of our industrial heritage since about 1703, this windmill has been lovingly restored by a dedicated team of volunteers. Miss Bains, a member of Sackville support staff, is now a weekly volunteer and part of the team that regularly grinds flour. It really has been a school affair. For the first time ever recipes for Oldland Flour are being posted on the mill website. These recipes have been devised with the support of our staff in the Food Technology Department. Mrs Smeaton, Miss Owens and Mrs Beale have offered advice and sampling to help create these recipes. They have helped make history.



In the picture you can see Stuart Meier, Head Miller at Oldland Windmill, together with Professor Fred Maillardet, chairman of the trust which owns Sussex's oldest working Windmill, congratulating Narinder Bains on her appointment to the milling team.

Update from Rwanda

Something to contemplate as we enter the festive season. Former Sackville teacher Karen Mundy, who now works for Rwanda Aid, updates us on Innocent, for whom the school community raised money three years ago.



It's 3 years since I visited Sackville to do a talk about Innocent, to which the school community responded so generously. I was fortunate enough to see him recently whilst doing some farm training follow-up. He has just finished his exams and will start his final year of secondary school in January, sitting his A levels in November 2017. He is studying Maths, Economics, Business Entrepreneurship and Computing. I am unsure how Computing is taught in a community with no electricity, but from the lesson I observed a few years ago, the teacher had one small laptop and showed the class the functions available on the computer. The charge went on the laptop 15 minutes into the lesson...

Innocent is now living in a small house in the centre of the village. The person who owns the house has kindly let him live there for free. It's far from ideal, with the roof leaking whenever it rains, which is most days at the moment. He has covered the walls in old newspaper in an attempt to insulate the room and make it lighter. Despite the vast challenges in his life, Innocent remains positive and always has a big smile on his face. He was wearing his fleece and 'Mr Happy' t-shirt that we bought him 3 years ago: looking rather shabby these days, but good to know he still has it.


He is working during the holidays by carrying cement where classrooms are being built. He earns £5 a week, which is much better than the £3 a month he was earning by cutting grass. Life still remains a struggle and the next step is to have a good plan for when he finishes secondary school. I'm unsure if he'll make the grades for University, but you never know....

He'll spend Christmas in the village, not with his mum who still lives a few valleys away (about 5-6 hours strenuous walking each way). I really hope to meet his mum one day, but the road is too bad at the moment for the motorbike. The older Rwandan generation really have seen as bad as life can ever get.

Sports news

A really variety of sports fixtures played since the last Sackville News, but some very positive results for Sackville here.

Girls' sports results

Netball					
U15	 <p>Sackville (Player of Match Hannah Green)</p>	24	5	Oathall	
U15A	Sackville	19	4	Imberhorne	
U15B	Sackville	18	4	Imberhorne	
Football					
U14	Sackville	3	1	Bishop Luffa	
U12	Sackville	1	7	Warden Park	
	Sackville	5	1	Imberhorne	

Boys' sports results

Rugby					
U14	Sackville	38	10	Notre Dame	
U13	Sackville (Tries Joe Sheridan 4, Jack Sands 2, Ben Aubrey, Elliott Vincent, Luke Peel, Ben Bartlett, Bradley Stuart)	55	10	Notre Dame	
U12A	Sackville (Tries Ellis Beynon, Noah Roberts)	10	15	Warden Park	
U12B	Sackville (Tries Jamie Young 4, Harvey Burgess 2, Josh Barlow)	40	25	Warden Park	
U12	Sackville (Callum FitzHenry, Noah Roberts, Saul Monge, Jamie Davis, Ellis Beynon, Jamal Webb)	30	5	Uplands	
Hockey					
U16	Sackville	0	4	Hazelwick	
U15	Sackville	1	2	Oathall	
U14	Sackville (Fynn Jones, Player of match Ollie Kebbell)	1	1	Tanbridge House	
	Sackville (Luke Holman 2, Fynn Jones)	3	4	Oathall	
Football					
2 nd XI	Sackville (Player of Match Matt Rogers)	3	4	South Coast College	
U13	Sackville	4	0	Blatchington Mill	
U12A/B	Sackville	3	0	Hazelwick	
U12A/B	Sackville	0	3	Hazelwick	
U12C	Sackville	2	0	Hazelwick	
Basketball					
U15	Sackville	18	28	Notre Dame	
U14	Sackville	36	6	Notre Dame	
	Sackville (Theo Judge 12, Elliott Broomfield 10, Tom Mooney 6, James Young 6, Orwa Khaier 2, player of match Ronnie Parr)	36	14	Oathall	
U12A	Sackville	23	12	Oakmeeds	
U12B	Sackville	3	6	Oakmeeds	
Badminton					
KS4	Third in Mid Sussex Tournament				

Sports reports

Miss Offler writes:-

U12 Girls Football vs Warden Park

The U12 Girls football team played their first game against Warden Park on Tuesday 6th December. The girls were excited to be playing in their first full game of the season and had high spirits entering the game.

The first half was rushed, with Sackville struggling to find their feet. Warden Park took advantage of this, scoring three goals in the first 10 minutes. Once Sackville had settled into the game though, the distribution of the ball was much better, allowing Liv Staff and Shannon Feeney the opportunity to test Warden Park's defence and keeper with some shots on target. By the end of the first half the score was Sackville 0 – Warden Park 4.

After a good half time talk, the girls went into the second half showing a lot more motivation and determination to be on the attack. Their resilience paid off when Louisa Orme stormed past their defence and slipped the ball under their goalkeeper. Once again, Sackville had opportunities, with a lot more attacking movements, but were unfortunate to not score any more goals. Warden Park kept on attacking and their movement off the ball was strong. After a tiring game for both teams the final score was Sackville 1 – Warden Park 7. Player of the match went to Louisa Orme.

Well done to the team in their first match. We now look forward to developing aspects from this game into our next to make further improvements.

The team: Emma Smyth, Ella Kosifou, Liv Staff, Freya Ohta, Louisa Orme, Emma McManus, Scarlett Green, Shannon Feeney, Skye Caffyn-Baptie, Keira Drewry, Emma Stefanescu.



U12 Football vs Imberhorne

The Sackville U12 Girls Football team were looking to make improvements after their game earlier in the week against Warden Park. The girls came with a positive attitude and were looking forward to their first match against Imberhorne on home turf. The team started off the first half with some great passes and some strong defending. You could tell straight away that the girls were motivated to improve on their previous game and they had listened to the feedback very well. With their determination to be the stronger team the ball was moved really well up the pitch via Freya Ohta and Liv Staff allowing the ball to be passed through to Shannon Feeney who managed to slot the ball past the keeper to make the score 1-0.

In the excitement of the first goal, the team found themselves being put under pressure; however, they rose to the occasion and some excellent clearances from Keira Drewry and Emma McManus alongside a couple of key saves from Emma Smyth kept Imberhorne at bay. Just a few minutes later we were back on the attack and Shannon managed to slip through Imberhorne's defence to score her second goal of the game. Imberhorne were showing no signs of giving up. After displaying a great pass through our defence, Emma Smyth was 1 on 1 with their attacking player. Emma made an excellent move out towards the ball but Imberhorne managed to cleverly side step her. Keira worked extremely hard to chase Imberhorne down but unfortunately they found the back of the net for a well-deserved goal, making the half time score Sackville 2 - Imberhorne 1.

Moving into the second half the team were looking to make further improvements and the girls took on board all the feedback they were given. Once again a strong start to the half allowed plenty of opportunities for Sackville and resulted in Skye Caffyn-Baptie setting up Shannon getting her third goal of the match in the first 3 minutes. Shannon then tried to return the favour for Skye, making an excellent cross into the box, but unfortunately Skye was denied by the keeper. This didn't stop her and shortly after Skye found the back of the net having made an excellent shot on target. Towards the end of the game, Freya set up Louisa Orme with an excellent pass to allow Louisa to turn and score an excellent goal from the edge of the box.

With just 2 minutes to go Imberhorne made their final attack, testing Emma Smyth in goal who made some excellent saves, making the end score Sackville 5 - Imberhorne 1. Well done to the team for putting in place the feedback from our previous game in order to make some great improvements this time. We look forward to some more games after the Christmas break.

The team: Emma Smyth, Ella Kosifou, Liv Staff, Freya Ohta, Louisa Orme, Emma McManus, Scarlett Green, Shannon Feeney, Skye Caffyn-Baptie, Keira Drewry, Emma Stefanescu.

U14 Girls Football Third Round Cup Match

On Friday 2nd December Sackville's U14 Girls Football team travelled to Bishop Luffa to play in their third round cup match.

Bishop Luffa scored within the first 5 minutes of the game, but the team didn't let this get them down. Sackville were unlucky to find the back of the net plenty of times during the first half with some excellent efforts coming from Lucy Plumb, Millie Knowles and Poppy Nicholls. Bishop Luffa also challenged our defence, making Ellie-Mae Taylor, Amber Davies and Kaycei Champion work hard to keep the ball away from Hannah Plumb in goal.

At half time we made a couple of switches within the team. With no substitutes to work with, the girls knew they would have to dig deep in the second half. After a positive half time talk the girls went out with a renewed energy, showing they were ready to make their comeback.

Within the first 3 minutes of the second half, Millie Knowles, Poppy and Lucy worked together to break away down the pitch, setting up the first goal for Poppy. This lifted the team's spirits even further and you could see the determination ooze out of each of the players. Just five minutes later, Lucy was set up very nicely for her first goal of the game. Both teams started to settle even more into the second half and Bishop Luffa had some good chances on goal; however, Sackville's defence did a fantastic job of keeping a high line which forced Luffa to be offside and have to retreat. Sackville continued to push forwards and a corner kick from Lucy went straight through into the middle of the box where there was a slight scramble for the ball by both teams. Eloise Bassett managed to eventually get onto the end of it and pushed the ball to the back of the net, making the score Sackville 3 – Bishop Luffa 1. With just 3 minutes to go Sackville kept the ball moving until the final whistle blew.



Congratulations to the team who are now through to the quarter finals! We look forward to seeing who our opponents will be in the next round.

The team: Amber Davies, Rachel Canepa-Anson, Eloise Bassett, Kaycei Champion, Millie Knowles, Taylor Goodall, Ellie-Mae Taylor, Issy Carrick, Poppy Nicholls, Lucy Plumb and Hannah Plumb.

Year 9 Handball Development Day

On Monday 5th December, eight GCSE PE students in year 9 went to Tanbridge House to develop their handball knowledge. This day was to help provide access to handball development in the local area and to help raise the profile of handball.

Pupils were lucky enough to have coaching from a variety of staff, including Mark Hawkins (Team GB handball player), who played at the London 2012 Olympics. The day included a number of workshops, teaching pupils the basic rules of the game, alongside skills such as shooting and tactics for attacking and defending play. Pupils had the opportunity to play a game of handball, allowing them to apply everything they had learnt throughout the day.

Those that attended have learnt a lot about this developing sport and showed excellent progression throughout the course of the day. We look forward to developing this in the future and entering some handball tournaments!



U14 A&B Netball vs Imberhorne

Sackville's U14 Netball team faced Imberhorne on Wednesday 23rd November. Both teams started off extremely well, showing great communication and teamwork. They worked hard to ensure they were getting free for the ball and worked hard on making sure their passes were accurate.

Their passing was clean and they worked hard to stay on their players. The A team kept a high pace and used some good tactics throughout the match; however, the B team soon discovered the high speed they were playing at meant they were getting tired quite quickly. This led to Imberhorne having the greater amount of possession, forcing Sackville to try much harder to match their opponents. They did a great job doing this and it was evident in both teams' play that they were hungry to succeed.



For the A team there was some excellent defending on the part of Skye Ure and Erin Harnett and great moving in and around the goal circle from Aliya Harvey, Megan Stratford and Siobhan Thomas. In the B team there was some great movement from Heidi Crowther and some key passes from Amber Davies and Faye Adams.

After two very closely fought games the final results were Sackville A 11 – Imberhorne 9 and Sackville B 1 – Imberhorne B 5. Great teamwork and sportsmanship was shown throughout both games, well done girls!

The teams:

A Team: Megan Stratford, Erin Harnett, Katie Cooper, Aliya Harvey, Skye Ure, Siobhan Thomas, Keira Ellis.

B Team: Heidi Crowther, Amber Davies, Keira Ellis, Harriet Allison, Faye Adams, Abbie Hoskins, Gracie Jervis, Lauren Thorne.

Final piece of sports news concerns the fantastic **Crowther girls** and their **trampolining** success. Both came first in their groups at the Regional Schools Trampoline Competition earlier this month. This means they have made it through to the zonal finals in Somerset in February. We wait to hear how they have got on!

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