



Sackville News



18th December 2013



Dear Parents

As we move towards the end of a long term I have no doubt that teaching staff, support staff, students, governors and parents have all earned a well-deserved and tremendous break!

The school has been very vibrant over the past three months, as shown in the previous editions of Sackville News. I am delighted to hear many parents tell me that they like the informative style of this publication. Communication is of the utmost importance and I am always eager to think of ways for further improvement, so please do not hesitate to contact the school with your ideas. Working together always produces the best results and it was good to hold a second Headteacher's Surgery last week: one example of such a process in action.



With Christmas fast approaching we were very pleased to receive an impressive fir tree for our reception area, kindly donated by **Doves Barn Nurseries** to whom we are very grateful. Doves Barn is a family run nursery in Felbridge; if you find yourself shopping there please do add to our thanks for their generosity to Sackville. Our Year 9 students have organised a collection of items for the **East Grinstead Foodbank**, collecting them at the foot of the tree. The collection of food is very impressive indeed – thank you to everyone for their generosity. We have also acquired a fine artificial tree for the hall with remote control lights; parents can imagine the hours of fun this is giving some of our youngsters! Thank you to Max Birtles, Head Boy, who managed to organise the purchase of it at a very good price and just in time for our Winter Concert on Wednesday 5th December.

The **Winter Concert** was a great success, with a high level of participation from students of all year groups and welcome support from the Sackville Community Choir. The enthusiasm of the performers was striking; they gave it their all! The variety of talent was also great to see. A packed programme did not finish until 9.45 but we were kept so well entertained throughout.

Our busy musicians were then stars of the show at the **Rotary Christmas Tree lighting ceremony** in East Grinstead on the afternoon of Saturday 7th December. I was privileged enough to be there supporting our Junior Choir and was proud of their excellent, confident singing in front of a large audience. As if this wasn't enough, the group also visited **Gatwick Airport** last week and I enjoyed joining them there for charity carol singing too!



Since our last publication there have been many enjoyable events taking place here at Sackville.

In mid-November we had a visit to the school from the **Mayor of East Grinstead, Cllr Margaret Belsey** and her consort. She visited classrooms on a normal school day – a very wet and windy one at that – and was most impressed with the conduct and enthusiastic learning of the students. Cllr Belsey then had lunch with the Head Team and actually returned a few hours later to our **Sir Patrick Moore Memorial Astronomy Evening**.



This was a fantastic event celebrating the life of Sir Patrick and his association with East Grinstead. We were entertained by fascinating astronomy talks and then celebrated the achievement of fast track Astronomy GCSE by so many of our students. A memorial bench was also unveiled which will sit by our Observatory.

Two days later, many students in the same year group were part of an awards ceremony where they received certificates for their **fast track languages** qualifications. Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend. With GCSEs now all being fully examined at the end of the course (i.e. in summer of Year 11) it is good that these students have certain achievements under their belts already which might take off a little of the pressure later on.



On Tuesday 26th November the Sixth Form treated us to a **quiz to raise money for Children in Need**. It was very well organised, with many varied rounds and fish and chips thrown in. Much fun was had by all. The Senior Leadership Team got off to a roaring start but then well and truly perished on the music round, so well done Maths for putting us all in place! The event once again showed the fine leadership and organisational skills of our Sixth Form. As ever, they are a tribute to the school.



Many Sixth formers then went on to perform fantastically at the **Performing Arts evening** last week. Three hard hitting pieces were performed – including one about the Moors murders – and the talent and energy shown by our young actors was breathtaking. Well done to everyone.



Two of our students won the **Rotary Young Chef competition** held at Sackville last week – Sophie Gallimore (Year 10) and Laura Holden (Year 12). It was great to see Imberhorne and Sackville students supporting each other so well despite being in competition with each other and the Sackville winners were very gracious in their victory! We are grateful to the Rotarians who visited us and supported the event. The semi-final is due to be held at Imberhorne in the new year.



Our **sporting successes** continue, with our Y10 netballers recently defeating St Bede's School in an exciting semi-final with a final against Brighton College pending. Our Y11 footballers defeated Imberhorne in the



Mid-Sussex County Cup semi-final and were only narrowly beaten by Forest in the final on Monday 16th December. It was a pleasure to watch the game and I'd like to thank the parents and students who made the journey to Horsham for the final.

The parental turnout at both our **Year 7 grades afternoon** and the **Year 11 reports afternoon** was excellent. Thank you for this – and it was good to meet so many of you. Such support is absolutely key to the students' success. It was also good to hear from many of you that **Show My Homework** is proving very helpful to all.

Our Year 11 students took the majority of their **mock examinations** last week and have worked very hard to achieve their best. I am full of admiration for the way in which they faced the challenge. Depending on the subjects studied, some had to face several papers within a short space of time and we are mindful of this in relation to future planning. The results will be issued in a **mock exam results afternoon** early next term so students can experience something close to reality and assess well their strengths and weaknesses as they enter the final 6 months of study.

This week we held two very enjoyable **celebration assemblies for our Year 7 students and their parents**. Many awards were presented, fond memories of the term were revisited and it was all rounded off with a carol accompanied by the Headteacher on the piano!

On Tuesday evening this week we enjoyed the wonderful **Gym and dance Show**. The number of students participating and the standard of the performances put on are testament to the amount of work that goes into making this evening such a success. The students and the PE department deserve fulsome congratulations.



We look forward to **celebrating last summer's GCSE and AS level achievements of our Sixth formers at a special end of term Christmas lunch** on Thursday 19th December, when they will be presented with their certificates. This is a new style of presentation this year and we hope it works well. On the same day, we have our **Year 7 carol service at St Swithun's**, so a busy time will be had by all!

It just remains for me to wish you all the joys of the festive season and to thank you for your support and loyalty in my first term at Sackville – it has been greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2014.

Julian Grant



SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSING AT
1.30pm ON
FRIDAY 20TH
DECEMBER, THE
LAST DAY OF
TERM BEFORE
CHRISTMAS

"This is the nicest
school I have ever
taught in"

Visiting teacher,
Friday 6th December

Year 8 trip to the Somme Battlefields



An early start woke the Year 8s up ready for a trip to France. To start the day we went by coach and Eurotunnel to Calais and then made the first part of the journey southwards to stop at Vimy. Here we were able to walk around the trenches fought in by both the British and German soldiers. It almost felt like we were fighting ourselves!

We then continued to the Somme Battlefields to visit the Newfoundland Memorial Park, near Beaumont Hamel, where many Canadian soldiers in the Newfoundland Regiment fought on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. Whilst we were there we were split into two groups and walked around the site. There was plenty to see here including the area of No Man's Land, shell craters and a memorial to commemorate some of the thousands of lives lost in this tragic battle. There were also several cemeteries with graves of the men who had died there.

Our last stop before we headed home was at the cemetery at Pozieres where we laid our own wreath on the memorial. This gave us plenty of time to reflect on what had happened here nearly 100 years ago and on the soldiers that had fought here for their country.

Jess Shephard 8RWS

Year 12 Media Students Media Trip

2013's COSMAT conference at the Duke of York's cinema in Brighton was attended by Sackville's Year 12 Media students. The annual event this year brought together legendary film producer Stephen Woolley (*Company of Wolves*, *Interview with a Vampire*, *Stoned*) and British film & TV director Nigel Cole (*Calendar Girls*, *Saving Grace*, *Doc Martin*) to talk about their experiences in the British film industry over the past thirty years and to offer insights into what their particular jobs entailed.

Stephen Woolley gave an entertaining and thorough talk about what he regarded as the five stages of film production from the initial idea right through to the marketing of the product and left students in no doubt that however glamorous the film industry may appear, it hides all the hard graft that makes the moments of magic we see on the screen. This talk was peppered with clips from Woolley's career including *The Crying Game* and the big-budget Hollywood version of *Interview with a Vampire*.

Nigel Cole's career is no less interesting, and he talked us through the ups and downs of making a career as a film director in the UK and Hollywood. His main message was if you're serious about making films, then go out and do it...use a smartphone, edit on a laptop...just create something that shows your vision.

The event culminated in a screening of Woolley and Cole's 2010 collaboration, the Brit-com *MADE IN DAGENHAM* and a Q&A with the director.



Year 7 French Students visit the Christmas Market in Lille

On 6th December, 93 eager Year 7 French students set off for France at 6 o'clock in the morning. Noise levels rose as coaches approached Dover and there was some relief that the stormy weather which some had feared had passed quietly by.

Students arrived at the Christmas market for lunchtime and proudly ordered their lunch of hotdogs or crêpes in the French they had practised in class in the previous week.

The afternoon continued on Lille's big wheel in the main square. It was a clear and sunny day and students were not only able to see the magnificent buildings of the main square but also the countryside for miles around. It was a testing time for those with a

fear of heights and also for those who feel the cold as this was an open-air ride. But all participants were glad they had overcome their apprehension and enjoyed a memorable experience.

Students then toured the old town with their teachers and were impressed by the array of stunning buildings and shop displays. They searched successfully for their treasure hunt clues and filled in their booklets.



There was then a period of free time during which students bought presents, returned to the Christmas market or visited other shops.

And finally, students wolfed down chicken and chips, (that famous French speciality), and ice-cream before embarking on the coaches again for the return to England. It was a long and exhausting day but thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Prizes for the best photos of the day and the best completion of booklets will be issued in the final week of term.

In Year 9, there will be a residential French study visit and we look forward to many of the same students, and more, travelling to France with Sackville once again.

Year 8 Bowling Trip

On Wednesday 20th November a group of Year 8 students celebrated their outstanding progress made in Year 7 with a trip to the Hollywood Bowl in Crawley. The students were selected due to the academic progress they had made across all their subjects while in Year 7. The students played 2 very competitive games amongst themselves which were played in an excellent atmosphere and all students behaved in true Sackville style: superbly.

Katie Steer (Year 13 Travel and Tourism student) helped organise the trip as part of her studies and she did a fantastic job in her role. Katie provided a prize for the top scoring bowler of the day, who was Ella Wheeler (8DYL).

Well done to all students involved.

Create and Cook

Miss Owens and Mrs Smeaton were very excited to attend the launch meeting for this year's "Create and Cook" competition, at South Lodge Hotel in Horsham at the beginning of December.

Unknown to us at the time, the chef demonstrating was to be crowned as "Masterchef 2013" a few weeks after we met him. We were treated to an amazing dish made with a selection of local ingredients, such as mackerel from the south coast (only caught that morning), "Crawley Beauty" apples, horseradish grown in the hotel's kitchen garden and the latest trend of foraged leaves!



We shall be running the competition next term with Year 9 catering classes and will choose the best 3 pairs to enter the county finals. The students need to make a 2 course meal, using local produce. If any parents have any connections with local food products (meat, veg, fruit or even honey) please contact us!

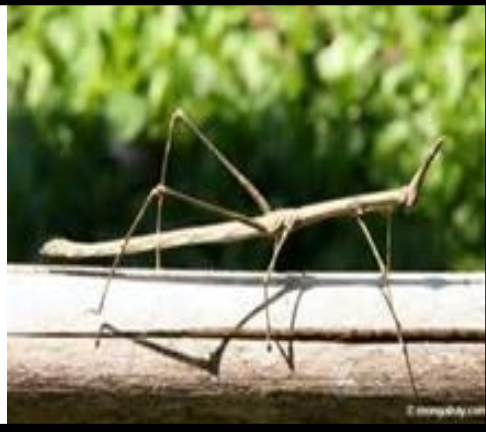
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STEVE BROWN VISIT FOR YEAR 7 & 8

On Friday 30th November Year 7 and 8 students received an assembly from Paralympic athlete Steve Brown as part of the Sky Sports – Living for Sport initiative. Steve competed in London 2012 and captained the wheelchair rugby team to 5th in the world. He was kind enough to share the story of his life with Sackville students who were hooked on his every word. His hard hitting story delivered the message of perseverance and determination in a manner the pupils could understand and relate to. He was also able to share an insight into the fierce world of wheelchair rugby or murder ball. A group of students from Year 7 and 8 then had the opportunity to take part in a workshop focusing on improving teamwork, communication and leadership skills. The pupils were engaged throughout and asked a lot of question about Steve’s life and his current occupations. After the workshop Steve took the time to hand out t-shirts and sign autographs for all the students who left the sports hall with beaming smiles. Sackville would like to extend their thanks to Steve and Sky for another great day; we look forward to the next visit.



WANTED: Stick insects or similar bugs! If you have any unwanted stick insects then please see Mr Coomber or Connor Panter (Year 13)



GAY.
LET'S GET THE
MEANING STRAIGHT.

Sackville has been striving to raise awareness of and cut down on homophobic language in society. Posters like these have been appearing round the school

Year 11 GCSE Drama Performances

On Wednesday 27th November, year 11 GCSE students performed an evening of scripted drama to a packed audience of friends and family. This was a very important assessment as it was worth 30% of their overall GCSE grade. At this stage in their course, the students were given the freedom to select their plays from a wide range of genres and styles, choosing those that particularly inspired them. This meant that the audience were treated to a wide range of extracts: 'The 39 Steps' and 'One Man Two Guvnors' inspired by the current West End productions, the latter of which our students went to see on a trip last year; 'Find Me' by Olwen Wymark; 'My Mother Said I Never Should' by Charlotte Keatley; 'The Importance of Being Earnest' by Oscar Wilde; and Carol Ann Duffy's adaptation of 'Hansel and Gretel'. In addition to students being assessed on their acting, they also showcased a range of technical work including lighting, set design and props.



Special mention must go to the following students who achieved A and A* grades: Zach Beckett, Poppy Bunton, Emma Cook, Nicole De Barra, Jack Gibson, Rhian Gillah, Tristan Hall, Millie Hogman, Tom Marrable, Joe Taylor, Meghan Taylor, Abbie Thompsett, Hugo Vincent.

All students who participated should be incredibly proud of their achievements. It truly was a superb evening of drama and really showed off what Sackville Drama students can do. You made us very proud!

Gifted and Talented MUNGA event (Model United Nations General Assembly)

On Wednesday 13th November, 17 of our year 9 gifted and talented students attended a MUNGA event hosted by Oathall Community College. The students participated in small groups and were allocated a country to represent for the day's activities. They were required to research the characteristics of their countries and a range of current global issues (such as clean water in Africa) ready for debate.

The students dressed smartly as international delegates and contributed to various debates with students from Oathall, Oakmeeds and Imberhorne throughout the day. This included some impressive public speaking performances from our students who also lobbied other countries for support in amending UN policies on issues such international adoption.

Our students responded brilliantly to the challenge. They all played an active role for their country in what proved to be a very entertaining, thought provoking and productive experience. Our students were particularly impressive while introducing their countries at the lectern to the other delegates numbering in excess of 100!

I was immensely proud of all of our students on the day, and they should be praised for their faultless behaviour and the enthusiasm with which they approached such a different and challenging experience. Well done to all those students listed below who were part of the Sackville MUNGA team!

Josie COOPER

Caitlin MURRAY

Jordi CROWTHER

Elise FLUDE

Matthew BLAND

Maisie HODGE

Henry LAGRANGE

Rosy NAPPER

Gareth LEUNG

Rienel BRONILLA

Thomas AXTELL

Cara TURNBULL

Gus NYE

Katy BAULCH

Thomas DEAN

Charlie MAIN

Rebecca CRAWLEY



Poets' corner ...

Mr Roberts writes:

Last year, I was talking with a friend, in the village where I live, about Christmas at Sackville. I explained that at lunchtimes for a few days, I read some Christmas poetry in the Library to raise our spirits in readiness for the coming festivities and holidays. My friend is something of a poet and I suggested he could use his skills to produce a poem especially for us. I imagined he would forget but a day or so later I met him and he handed me a piece of paper with this, his Christmas offering for us.

Christmas at Sackville

A wintry star hovers
Above Grinstead East
Children anticipate
Their Christmas feast
Sackville agog
With Yuletide cheer
As it always is
At this time of year

And for the staff
The chance to take
Some precious time with family
A welcome break;
Each to celebrate in their own way.
For every creed
A special day.

The Spirit of Christmas
It's ours to cherish
This enchanting joyride
We all can relish,
A magical trip to savour
Festooned with friends
And festive flavour

Now is the time
For family cheer
A toast for mankind
Be it spirits or beer
And so I wish you
A Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

By Mr Graham Burnett, of Southwater, West Sussex, 2012

May I add my greetings, and wish and pray for a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas to each and every one of you.

Jim Roberts



Sackville Santas

On a cold, crisp November morning more than 300 people gathered at Chartham Park Golf Course in East Grinstead, to raise money for charity. The event was the annual Santa Run for the St Catherine's Hospice.

Drama Teacher, Miss Fisher, was there very early to hand out the Santa uniforms to the runners as they turned up to run the 3k course. So many runners turned up that there was a shortage of costumes, as competitors of all ages wanted to run and raise lots of money for charity. Christmas songs were played to raise the spirits on the freezing morning and a mass warm up was held by gym instructors before the race began.

The course led the runners around the back nine of the golf course and people with young children and buggies took part in the fun run. Competitors from Sackville included Kieron McClure, who finished an excellent second and Tom Daunt who finished in third place. Miss Fisher came home with a personal best for the run. Can you spot the other Sackville Santas from the picture?

By Tom Daunt



Rotary Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday 11th December 2013, 8 students took part in the Rotary Young Chef competition held here at Sackville. There were 4 students from Imberhorne School and 4 from Sackville.

Our Students were: Year 10 : Emma Sizer and Sophie Gallimore
 Year 12: Laura Holden and Maddy Cook.

Two Chefs arrived to Judge the competition as well as the Rotarians. The students cooked 2 courses in 1 ½ hours. They then had to present the food first to the chefs and then to the Rotarians.

We found it very nerve wracking and pressurised being watch by professional chefs and having strict time limits. Our teachers could not help us at all.

We presented our foods and waited for the presentation, Mr Grant came along for this and we were really pleased as Sophie Gallimore was announced 2nd and then Laura Holden (me) came first.

Both I and Sophie will go through to the next round to be held at Imberhorne in January 2014 where we have to cook 3 courses in 2 hours.

It was a great experience and we would like to thank everybody who helped out that day.



Sackville has been awarded 'Healthy Schools' status for another year! Well done to Mr Street for gathering all the evidence of what a healthy environment we have.

East Grinstead Foodbank

The East Grinstead Foodbank will be open over the holidays should anyone need it. Ideally a voucher should be asked for in advance, but in an emergency just phone the Foodbank and they will do their best to help.

Our Christmas opening hours and contact details will shortly appear on the Foodbank website, but just so you have the details, they are as follows:

Monday 23rd Dec - Last session at Trinity Methodist Church (1-3pm)
Wednesday 25th Dec - Closed
Friday 27th Dec - Telephone Service
Monday 30th Dec - Telephone Service
Wednesday 1st Jan - Closed
Friday 3rd Jan - First session at Jubilee Community Centre (1-3pm)

If a client needs to redeem a voucher on a day marked 'Telephone Service', they should phone the Foodbank on 07983 209940 and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for them to come and collect their food from Trinity Methodist Church.

<http://www.eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk>

Michael Clements – cycling bear

Michael writes:

After the horrific events that took place in the Philippines, the people there need as much support as possible. I decided I should do something to help raise money but I wasn't sure what I could do. In the end I decided on a cycle ride of 100km but I was quite apprehensive as I have never cycled that distance before and had no idea how long it would take or how hard it would be! I spent about a week collecting sponsors from around school, from friends at air cadets and from family, before my ride. I promised my mates that if I raised over £100 then I would do the whole ride in my monkey suit and within my first day of collecting sponsors I was at £150!

I began my ride on Sunday morning with the help of my friend Jake Griffiths Ellis who joined me for the first 30 km of my journey, using the Forest way and Worth way. The day went quite well except for a few incidents, including falling off my bike while trying to ride no handed! The journey wasn't as tiring as I expected but it still took a long time! My friends Rohan Pritchard and Scott Latham came along with me for the last leg of the journey and gave a lot of support as I came to the finishing point. The day took about 8 hours overall and I managed to raise a total of £340.

It was a lot of fun and made a change from my normal weekend. Big thanks to Rohan, Scott, Jake and all my sponsors for their support!



Year 12 English Trip: Stratford, Shakespeare and Selfies

Nathan Abel writes:

On the 21 of November around 25 of Sackville's finest literature students travelled up to the birthplace of Shakespeare himself for a trip that consisted of a talk on his plays and then a live production of Anthony and Cleopatra.

We arrived in the early afternoon at the luxurious Premier Inn. Unfortunately, Lenny Henry was nowhere to be seen, so instead we set out to explore the wonderful old town of Stratford. Once we had worked out how to actually navigate the town, we discovered that there were plenty of market stalls and insightful areas linking to William Shakespeare, even including a street performer dressed in white re-enacting what appeared to be a one man show of Richard II.



Shakespeare

Then we went on to have an hour and half long talk on Shakespeare in the Shakespeare centre itself which was both entertaining, useful and relevant for the text "Measure for Measure" which we are currently studying. We discussed the moral aspects of the play and how we as a modern audience viewed certain aspects compared to how people reading the play in the time it was written would have. It was also very insightful to see examples of how different companies had staged their versions, ranging from the simplistic to the obscure, which included actors with only their heads coming above the stage to represent prisoners: one which was found rather entertaining by the group!

Once the talk was over it was a short trip back to the hotel where we had time to get ourselves ready for the evening meal and theatre performance. The meal was brilliant, an 'Around the world all you can eat buffet'. It's safe to say that everybody got their money's worth, as the plates came back to the table piled high with exotic spiced meats,

vibrant colourful sauces and, of course, chips.

At 7:15 we headed to the Swan theatre to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Anthony and Cleopatra, directed by Tarell Alvin McCraney. Anthony was portrayed as a powerful and charismatic by Jonathan Clarke. He was joined by American actress Charise Castro-Smith who played a fierce and determined Cleopatra. The play itself also contained some mesmerizing dance sequences and convincing performances from all the cast including Samuel Collings who played Ceaser. Music and Set were also effectively used including one particular actor with a surprisingly impressive soprano voice! The set was particularly impressive from the great seats we had in the gallery. The element impressive to a lot of us was the use of having pools of water onstage which were used effectively throughout in many differing scenes.

After such an exciting day, there was nothing any of us wanted more than to make our way back to the hotel where we all collapsed thankfully into our beds.

The next morning we awoke bright and early for our hearty and nutritious breakfast of McDonalds and Starbucks. We had to get up our energy for the tour of Shakespeare's house, still standing after all these years with many of the original contents still inside. The tour was led by young children from a local school, and they all had an impressive knowledge on Shakespeare and his early lifestyle, and we were able to learn a lot from them!

Overall the Stratford trip was a huge success, which was both insightful and entertaining!

"The teaching staff at Sackville are to be commended for their success in sparking a sudden (and welcome!) spurt of enthusiasm and effort!

Along with many of his peers, he thoroughly enjoys school and actively looks forward to his lessons every week.

Other activities that have been arranged for year 7 - e.g. the overnight camp and the French trip have also gone down very well."

Parent of a year 7 student



Quick reminder that the school's online payment system is up and running. It's the easiest way to pay for school trips, revision guides, PE kit and to top up student lunch cards. No waiting for cheques to be banked or worries about sending cash in to the school.

Full details are on the school website. It is safe and secure and no additional charges are passed to parents for using this service. If you haven't got an online code for your child, please contact the accounts office. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

Three Year 11s Ben Randall, Sam Karl & Marcus McCabe, who also play for Forest Row Juniors, have been selected for the Sussex County FA U16 representative side for the 2013/2014 season.

U12 FOOTBALL COUNTY CUP

SACKVILLE 3 UCKFIELD 0

Sackville started slowly against a lively Uckfield team who put the home side under pressure from the start. The Sackville defence remained strong until a back pass gave an opportunity to Uckfield to score but they placed the ball over the bar from close range fortunately.

This seemed to stimulate the Sackville team into action with Theo McFarlane creating havoc down the left hand side of the pitch. Theo hit the crossbar, missed the near post and the far post in a very short space of time.

Tom Wallis started to control the game from the centre of midfield, and with one of his well-placed passes, he put Kai Day through but his shot was saved by the keeper. Jason James-Bettell began to get himself into some goal positives on the left of the attack which eventually led to him getting a one against one with the goalkeeper but again he was unable to take the chance.

The best chance of the half was created by Keiran Smith, Ayo Odeyinde and Tom Wallis combining, to give Kai Day a great chance from the six yard box, although his shot was cleared off the line to prevent the goal.

Sackville put all the pressure onto Uckfield, but Uckfield still looked dangerous on the break. The Sackville defence of Brice Major, Reid Jenden, Morgan Fletcher and Ethan Harrison-Gray gave Matthew Tomkinson in goal great protection.

The second half proved to be a different game altogether as Uckfield pressed forward for most of the first fifteen minutes. However, they created few chances and were left shooting from distance thanks to excellent defending from the back four Ethan Carrick, Reid Jenden, Brice Major and Morgan Fletcher. They worked fantastically well as a quartet to give Uckfield no chances.

Eventually, Sackville was able to break out and with Keiran Smith putting Kai Day through with a well-timed pass, he was able to score after his first shot was saved, and he was able to do a well-placed follow up tap in. Tom Wallis combined well with Kai for him to have a shot. Tom's driven shot beat the Uckfield keeper. Then the best goal of the season was scored by Theo McFarlane. His 20 yard shot from the left of the goal, went past the Uckfield goalkeeper and into the top right hand corner of the goal. He saved the best to last. A great result against a goal side which means Sackville move on into 3rd round of the cup.

Team:	Kai Day
Matthew Tomkinson	Jason James-Bettel
Brice Major	Sam Tarpey
Reid Jenden	Ben Sanders
Morgan Fletcher	James Foreman
Ethan Carrick	Ayo Odeyinde
Keiran Smith	
Theo McFarlane	

U12 FOOTBALL – AREA CUP

SACKVILLE 3 FOREST 4

Sackville was under pressure in this game by a physically large Forest team. At the start of the game however Kai Day put Sackville in the lead with excellent finishes from close range. This led to Forest gaining lots of possession and ultimately corners. At these corners Matt Tomkinson in goal was outstanding with his ball handling skills and shot stopping.

Ayo Odewinde was able to increase the Sackville lead with an excellent finish on the left and at half time Reid Jenden just missed, hitting the post.

Sackville kept a clean sheet until 12 minutes to go. This led to Forest eventually gaining an equaliser. Sackville could not keep possession and with two minutes to go Forest got in the lead for the first time in the game. Sackville rallied and Kai came close but for an excellent save by the Forest keeper.

Team:	Kai Day
Matthew Tomkinson	Jason James-Bettel
Brice Major	Sam Tarpey
Reid Jenden	Ben Sanders
Morgan Fletcher	James Foreman
Ethan Carrick	Ayo Odeyinde
Keiran Smith	
Theo McFarlane	

U14 FOOTBALL – COUNTY CUP

SACKVILLE 3 CAVENDISH 2

Team:

Devon Frost	Benjamin Tyler
Adam Farren	Thomas Dean
George Cave	George Saunders
Jake Gadd	Oliver Donovan
Daniel Elliott	Harry Bryant

Due to unforeseen circumstances the team began with just 11 players in its squad. As ever with Sackville teams when their backs are against the wall they will always give a performance that shows outstanding commitment. The Year 9s didn't disappoint. This year has seen a slow start to the season with one draw and one defeat however they were 3-nil up by half time. Cavendish are past winners of their Area Cup and were a good footballing team, but Sackville outfought them and had a superior cutting edge around their opponents penalty box.

Goals from Harry Bryant, Daniel Elliott and George Saunders were a just reward for a first half that was as much down to hard work as great pass and move football. Hard work was what was needed in the second half after conceding an early goal. It was backs against the wall for much of the second half as the 11 players had to keep working hard to defend from the front and try and hit Cavendish on the break.

Another goal was conceded with 10 minutes left to play, which caused a nervous end to the game but the team stuck together and showed superb character to hold on to a well-deserved win. Notable performances were Devon Frost in the first half with an excellent fingertip save from a shot from distance. The whole of the back four: Adam Farren, George Cave, Ben Martin and Jake Gadd, played with great commitment throughout the game. The man of the match was George Saunders who played a complete midfield performance, strong in every tackle and dominant going forward. Every player should be proud of their contribution to a fine team performance; I hope this is the beginning of a change of fortunes for the team.

U14 BOYS HOCKEY

SACKVILLE 4 BEACON 4

Team:	
Ben Thomas	Adam Farren
Matt Roberts	Thomas Knowles
Bryn Fagin Adams	Oliver Roberts
Rienel Bronilla	Joshua Byrant
Caspar Parsonage	Conor Dickson
George Cave	

Beacon started the strongest, scoring first due to Sackville failing to clear the ball. This spurred Sackville into action and after an excellent cross by Conor Dickson, Oliver Roberts was able to convert at the far post. Beacons were able to take advantage of another poor Sackville clearance. It was from this point that Sackville, through Adam Farren, George Cave and Rienel Bronilla, started to dominate the game down the right hand side of the pitch. Thomas Knowles soon found a chance finishing from close range.

Then the best move of the game saw Adam and George linking up brilliantly with a number of passes which led to a great finish at the far post by Joshua Bryant making the score 3-2 at half time, with Sackville in the lead.

After half time Sackville were under consistent pressure for the first fifteen minutes with the pace of the game taking its toll on the players, who were tiring quickly. During this period of the game, Ben Thomas (Year 8) in goal made some excellent saves but was beaten twice at close range by the Beacon players who were quicker reacting to the ball.

Sackville began to push forward in the last ten minutes and gained a number of short corners. An excellent cross by Adam Farren found Joshua Bryant at the right post of the goal and he swept the ball in to get his second goal of the game and make the final result a draw.

U14 BOYS HOCKEY

SACKVILLE 0 HAZELWICK 5

Team:	
Ben Thomas	Adam Farren
Matt Roberts	Thomas Knowles
Bryn Fagin Adams	Oliver Roberts
Rienel Bronilla	Joshua Byrant
Caspar Parsonage	Conor Dickson
George Cave	

In their second match of the season Sackville travelled to a very sandy Hazelwick pitch to play against a team a year older and physically stronger.

Sackville actually played the much better hockey with George Cave linking really well with Adam Farren, Harry Fleming and Oliver Roberts on the right hand side. Unfortunately, Sackville conceded two goals to two individual pieces of work by Hazelwick Year 10 players. This did not stop Sackville attacking and they were unlucky not to convert. The defence of Ben Martin and Matt Roberts coped very well with the Hazelwick attacks, and in the second half Sackville dominated the game with both the left hand side Archie Monge and Conor Dickson combining well and on the right Nick Bailey, George Cave and Joshua Bryant. Hazelwick went on to score a further three goals.

Sackville performed better than their performance against Beacon and should grow in confidence from playing a much older team, and playing the better hockey.

U14 NETBALL

SACKVILLE 24 MICHAEL HALL 6

Team:

Rebecca Crawley	Lizzy Aronson
Jordi Crowther	Vicki Pellett
Beth Keen	Cara Turnbull
Charlie Main	Bathsheba Yates

On Thursday 21st November the U14s hosted Michael Hall for a friendly netball match. The game started well and was very close from the outset. We scored 3 quick goals and were passing the ball well. Michael Hall came back though and brought the score level at 3-3 to finish the 2nd quarter.

After a quick discussion and thinking of how to push ahead, we started the second quarter. Michael Hall caught us on the break and took the lead with two quick goals, we then had to focus and compose ourselves. Some great passing in the centre of the court from Cara and Charlie pushed the ball into our attacking third and great

shooting by Jordi and Beth saw us regain our lead by the end of the second quarter to 10-5.

We continued to dominate throughout the next two quarters, with excellent defending from Vicki and Lizzy and good movement in the centre court from Bathsheba and Rebecca and we finished the game with a convincing 24-6 win.

Well done girls for a great performance.

Player of the Match: Jordi Crowther.



U14 NETBALL

SACKVILLE 18 MILLAIS 9

Team:

Beth Keen	Vicki Pellett
Olivia Steer	Charlie Main
Lottie Tobin	Jordi Crowther
Josie Cooper	

On Tuesday 3rd December the U14s hosted Millais for a friendly match. The girls started the game well, but from the outset it was clear it was going to be a tough match, with neither side gaining any great advantage and at the end of the first quarter the score was 3-3.

The second quarter started better and 3 quick goals from Olivia and Beth made it 6-3. However Millais brought it back

quickly to 6-5, but again our girls used the pressure well and another two quick goals saw us finish the half 8-5 in the lead.

It was a great start to the third quarter with Beth scoring 3 quick goals and a fantastic shot from Olivia made it 12-6. Millais came back at us, making the score 12-8 and they were continuing to put the pressure on us. However our girls held their composure and scored a further 2 goals to finish the quarter 14-8.

Our girls continued with great passing and movement in the final quarter scoring a further 4 goals and only conceding 1 to finish the game with a 18-9 win. Well done girls for a great team performance.

Players of the Match:- Lottie Tobin and Charlie Main



U15 BOYS HOCKEY

SACKVILLE 3 OATHALL 1

Team:	
Owen Jones	Adam Woods
Joe De Souza	Freddie Webb
Thomas Beswick	Robert Ure
James Partridge	Lucas Day
Adam Farren	Gabriel Turner
Liam Rieley	Ollie Lucas
Nick Martin	George Cave

Sackville had never beaten Oathall before, losing to them and drawing in the other games last year. However, a much improved performance in the first half saw Sackville going ahead through a crisp finish at the back post by Freddie Webb. This led to an onslaught of attacks with many short corners which Sackville could not convert. Owen Jones did make two excellent saves to keep a clean sheet in the Sackville goal. Nick Martin and Adam Farren began to dominate the game and it was an attack down the right that gave Gabriel Turner his chance which he took just before half time.

In the second half Sackville was put under pressure by Oathall, who scored immediately at the start of this period of the game. This led to a little bit of panic in the Sackville defence and Oathall could not convert any chances they were given.

When eventually Sackville began to take control of the game again it was Nick Martin who found Lucas Day inside the D who slotted home from 12 metres.

Sackville created a number of other chances with Lucas coming close again but they could not increase their lead.

An excellent first game of the season.

U16 BOYS HOCKEY

SACKVILLE 2 TANDRIDGE 1

Team	
Jordan Toogood	Adam Farren
Jack Unwin (Cpt)	Oliver Akehurst
George Crawley	James Gunn
Joe de Souza	Adam Lord
Erwan Ferrieux	Cailean Burns
Nick Martin	Tom Marrable

Sackville played Tandridge House in their opening game of their under 16 boys hockey campaign. They started the game without six of the regular team due to many different reasons and excuses. This allowed many boys to make their debuts.

All of these boys performed admirably, some were outstanding. The regular players played fantastically well with Sackville having to soak up a lot of pressure as Tandridge looked to dominate the game. This led to the first goal of the game through a close range shot by Tandridge.

This spurred Sackville into life with Nick Martin attacking well down the right, where his cross found Oliver Akehurst who slotted it home coolly. Sackville

maintained the tempo with Adam Farren getting a grip in the midfield and James Gunn finding his feet on the right wing. This led to another flowing move down the right and a cross to find Oliver Akehurst who again fired it home from 12 yards.

Any attack Tandridge had was extinguished by Jack Unwin's excellence at sweeper and George Crawley's brilliance as a centre back.

In the second half Tandridge did not even manage a shot on goal as Sackville dominated. Adam's hard work made the keeper make an excellent save and had two shots just past the post. Nick Martin was very unlucky to hit the post with the keeper beaten.

An excellent performance by a new and scratch Sackville team.

Doughnuts all round!

U14 BOYS HOCKEY V TANBRIDGE HOUSE SCHOOL

SACKVILLE 2 TANBRIDGE HOUSE 0

Sackville played at EGSC with a slightly depleted team as a number of players were missing due to a football cup match. This meant that a number of players were playing in unusual positions. So, it took a while for the team to settle down. Matt Rogers was excellent in defence allowing Sackville to keep a clean sheet during this transition period. Then Tom Knowles and Harry Fleming started to dominate the game in midfield. This led to Tom Knowles having a chance which he took from close range. Josh Bryant looked threatening but was unable to convert.

In the second half Sackville completely dominated the play with Tom Knowles putting Conor Dickson in a couple of times. Sackville created very few chances in the D even though they had plenty of possession. However, Josh Bryant was able to convert from close range to double to score.

Team: Elliot Bramwell, Matthew Rogers, Dan Wheate, Christopher Oglethorpe, Conor Dickson, Daniel Grant, Tom Knowles, Harry Fleming, Josh Bryant, Oliver Roberts, Nick Bailey, Archie Monge.

SACKVILLE U14 HOCKEY V OATHALL

SACKVILLE 3 OATHALL 3

Sackville started very slowly against a well organised and skilful Oathall team. A few defensive errors led to Sackville putting themselves under unnecessary pressure as they were unable to clear from their own 16 yard area. This led to Sackville conceding eventually from an Oathall short corner. Then just before half time Oathall were able to double their score. Sackville came to life as Rienel Bronilla and Harry Fleming linked well down the right hand side leading to a fabulous cross that found Josh Bryant unmarked but he was unable to convert the chance.

In the second half Sackville's performance was much better with the midfield of Adam Farren, George Cave and Tom Knowles linking well. Leading to a short corner which was well linked between Adam and Tom, with Adam scoring from close range. Unfortunately, Sackville immediately conceded from a move down the left hand side by Oathall.

Sackville began to mount some pressure with both Daniel Grant down the left and Harry Fleming on the right playing well. From this pressure Adam Farren scored from a short corner. Then a diagonal pass from Adam hit a Oathall stick in the D to hit the wrong foot of the goalkeeper to get the equaliser.

Team: Team: Elliot Bramwell, Matthew Rogers, Dan Wheate, Christopher Oglethorpe, Conor Dickson, Daniel Grant, Tom Knowles, Harry Fleming, Josh Bryant, Oliver Roberts, Nick Bailey, Archie Monge

Year 11 Mid Sussex County Cup Final Vs Forest School

Monday 16th December

The anticipation was building on a damp Monday morning when not unexpectedly the venue for the Cup Final was moved from Haywards Heath Football Club to Forest School due to heavy rain the night before. This was unfortunate but still the team got themselves prepared well and arrived at Forest school in the right frame of mind. Forest started brightly and this resulted in them winning a rather fortuitous free kick deep in the Sackville half within striking distance. An absolute thunder bolt of a free kick fizzed over the defensive wall and into the roof of the net. This put Sackville immediately on the back foot and within five minutes Forest was 2 nil up after a mix up at another Forest free kick delivered into the Sackville box. For most teams this would have spelt the end of the game but the Year 11s found some strength from within their ranks and also from the superb supporters they had on the side-lines brought along by Mr Maywood, led in their chanting by chief cheerleader, Ben Whiteman and augmented by Headteacher Mr Grant. The pitch was by now deteriorating but still Sackville tried to play their way back into the game. At half time the formation was changed to try and get some width into the game and take advantage of the few grass areas out on the wings. The second half was very even and the game was a battle of the midfield players. Sackville's midfield trio of Lewis Power, Ben Randall and Jack Unwin all played a part in getting Sackville going but sadly their possession didn't result in any goals.

Unfortunately the game ended with no further goals and Sackville's valiant cup run ended with it.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all the students and staff who turned up to support the team, especially Mr Elsdon who helped with the officiating, all the parents who have supported the team on the day and for the past five years. I am very proud to have managed this group of players for the past five years and I wish them all the very best in their future footballing careers.

Squad members: Sam Howes, Alex Pearse, Aaron Baston, Michael Tarpey, Dogan Dilek, Lewis Power, Ben Randall, Jack Unwin, Harry Middleton, Daniel Witt, Christopher Clark, Jamie Thompson, Joe de Sousa. Injured squad members: Ben Whiteman and Marcus McCabe

Sam Howes

Sam's career at West Ham goes from strength to strength. You might want to read how he is doing on the Hammers' website here http://www.whufc.com/articles/20131203/haycock-pleased-with-cup-progress_2236884_3559793. You can click on this link if you are reading online!

East Grinstead Keisen Judo Club

Lyle Slocombe achieved a silver medal at the recent South Coast U16 Open Competition in Worthing. Lyle's coach said, "A silver medal is a terrific achievement for Lyle, and is great preparation for the British Championships in Sheffield in a month's time".