

Sackville News



23rd July 2014

Dear Parents

As we rapidly approach the end of the school year I would like to express my personal thanks to the whole Sackville community for your tremendous support since joining last September. It does not seem possible that a year has passed! I spoke recently with Maggie Robson, my predecessor, who is enjoying retired life in Cumbria with the challenges of a new puppy! She sends her fond regards to all.

During 2013-14, we have been working hard on three key areas of progress and it is perhaps a good time to reflect briefly on how things are going.

Student progress and attainment: Parents will be aware that we had a good set of results last summer, much improved after the disappointment of the previous year's which did not sit in line with achievement patterns over time. Our focus this year has been to sustain this improvement, not least through tightened **tracking of progress against targets** and swift, appropriate **intervention** when performance falls below the minimum expectation. Keeping a positive, supportive and persistent approach to this has been important. **Governors** are now attached to departments and monitor progress against **milestone** targets regularly. We also look at **progress by cohort**, which is important in ensuring that there is no pattern of underachievement in a particular group. A particular focus this year has been on the performance of students who are in receipt of the pupil premium – and this work has been ably led by our new **Inclusion Manager Mrs Nibloe**.



Offering **encouragement and reward** has been important, and I have been pleased to see examination breakfasts, regular celebration breakfasts and teas and the Sixth Form Christmas dinner amongst many initiatives to help students **feel valued** as they work hard to achieve well.

Mr de Souza's appointment as **Raising Standards Leader** is key to further development in this area. The **new style of reports** will hopefully assist with clarity of feedback to parents.



Leadership and Management: For me, a high priority has been **direction, visibility** of leadership in the school and effective, efficient and regular **communication** with all stakeholders. I hope students and parents have experienced evidence of this and have felt it to be beneficial. There is always more to achieve and the creation of the **Parents' Focus Group** is, I believe, key to this. No good school can rest on its laurels and we strive to listen carefully to all feedback and ideas for further improvement. Indeed, involvement of **students, parents, governors, support staff and teaching staff** – the whole community - in this respect is key to our successful future. Closer liaison with the **local primary schools**, assisted by the EGGs network, will help strengthen the quality and consistency of the learning journey from childhood to adulthood.



The **Senior Leadership Team** has been restructured to provide a sharper focus on our improvement priorities and our **Middle Leaders** have been assessing carefully their roles and the quality their department offer. A new structure of subject review and planning now takes place with regular SLT and governor liaison.

Mr Street is currently leading an evaluation of our **mission statement** as well as a new **behaviour for learning policy** for next year. The revised school **uniform**, keeping all that is good about the current one but at the same time smartening it further, should be a welcome development for next year.

Teaching and Learning: The quality of the **classroom experience** is obviously of the utmost importance for all of our students. **Mr Feist** and **Mr Hayden** are leading this vital strategy and this year has seen regular classroom **'drop in' visits** as well as **formal subject review observations** and **appraisal observations**. We are getting to know ourselves better, recognising where our strengths lie and where we need to improve. We developed the **Sackville Standards**, with student input, during the first term as



a framework for classroom expectation and, as teachers, have spent considerable time looking at our **learning objectives** for lessons and related **planning**. A programme of **in-service training** has been initiated which began with an INSET day led by teams of our own staff in January looking at important areas of learning. Interestingly, **student feedback** told us that beneficial changes were felt after that day in terms of pace and feedback so we know that impact was made. What matters is that it is sustained, so we now have a series of **development sessions** on Mondays after school where staff work in mixed teams and department groups taking this further. Recently, such a session was

led by a **visiting consultant Helen Day** who gave us food for thought about **questioning**. We were looking at this from a student perspective and it challenged us all to be more creative in our approach.

Our **Teaching and Learning Steering Committee** spearheads this work and the use of IRIS video technology for honest evaluation has been very helpful. Watching yourself teaching on video isn't always comfortable but it does assist in assessing the impact of the teaching on the learning of the students, which is what really matters.



Summary: I hope the above gives a useful flavour of the important and significant work we have been doing this year. As in any good school, we know there is a lot to do if we are to be the very best we can be and I do know that staff and students are giving their all. The disappointment of the Ofsted report of April 2013 has been met with a determination that I believe is second to none. We are a strong community and our honesty and our commitment are reflections of that strength. We have received



robust monitoring and support from our Ofsted inspection partner, **Stephen Long**, and parents will know from previous editions of Sackville News that he has given us positive feedback through the year. Not settling for one source of external scrutiny, we have also invited in another experienced inspector, **Christine Jones** and an experienced School Improvement Partner, **Mary Carrigan**, on various occasions to examine our work further and give us helpful feedback. Like so many visitors to the school, whether it be teachers, parents, local dignitaries, they were keen to emphasise what a lovely school Sackville is. Now, we just want to be the best!

Our last few weeks

In many ways, the positive feeling of our busy last few weeks of term since year 11 graduated can best be summed up by these letters and emails sent to the school. They by no means cover all of the events that have taken place, but they are certainly a tribute to the whole school community. Thank you.

Local Accountant visiting the school: "I just wanted to say that the four lads who escorted me around the school yesterday were a credit to themselves and the school. They were very polite and talkative – I do like having the door opened for me even in this age of equality!! I enjoyed myself again talking to the students so do call on me in the future."

Geography field trip to Wales: "Friday afternoon - Whilst acting as back marker to a group of 50 students walking along a very narrow riverside track, I encountered a mature couple walking the other way. They asked if I was the teacher and after a cautious confirmation, they launched into effusive praise as to how polite each and every student had been.

Saturday evening - I was accosted by one of a number of very mature lady graduates (probably from the late 1940s/early 1950s) staying at Swansea Uni. for a conference. She said that our students were delightful, well-mannered and very caring.

Sunday - The miner guide at Big Pit (Blaenavon) who took some of our students round said they were a great credit to the school and a pleasure to work with."

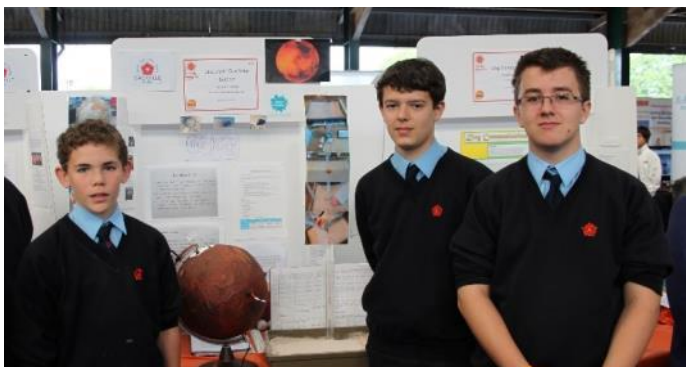
Eggsfest, Wednesday 9th July: "I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank Sackville School for what can only be described and an "amazing" EGGSFEST event on Wednesday evening.

My daughter attends The Meads School and was part of the 300 strong choir who performed at the end of the show. What an amazing experience for all the children, young and slightly older, and the opportunity to share their skills and talents with the huge audience who attended.

How I didn't shed a tear during the last song I will never know, but I will cherish the memory and experience."

New Intake induction programme: “Just a quick note to say thank you! My daughter came home today after her three day induction and when asked how the day had been, she said it was 'awesome'. She then went on to tell me how, annoyingly, I had been right as she'd made many new friends that weren't in her form! I've never had any concerns about her ability to adjust to secondary school and make new friends, however it's reassuring that she too is feeling confident about the next chapter in her education.
Thank you once again.”

Sackville staff have contributed a great deal of their time to providing a varied enrichment programme of activities for students this summer and these are mostly covered elsewhere in Sackville News. We do review carefully all of our provision, so please do feed back via our Parent Focus Group coordinator, Mr Street (pstreet@wsgfl.org.uk) if you have any thoughts and ideas for next summer. It is always best to note them now before we all forget in the new year!



I was delighted to visit the **South East 'Big Bang' fair** at the South of England Showground on Tuesday 1st July. Our students did themselves proud in presenting their work on space education and the visiting scientists were clearly impressed with the conversations held. Whilst we did not take away a prize this year, the students performed commendably well. It has also been confirmed that they have achieved the **Crest Award** for their endeavours after rigorous assessment at school – well done! I am looking forward to holding an end of term celebratory breakfast with them. Whilst focusing on STEM success, Mr de Souza was very pleased to present a significant number of our younger students with Brunel

Awards for their excellent work in science, technology and maths.

Our **new intake students** in year 6 joined us for a very full range of activities to help familiarise themselves with us over three days from Wednesday 2nd July to Friday 4th July. This was accompanied by our annual art exhibition in D block hall to which new intake parents were invited, before they met their child's tutor later that evening.

Our **year 10 drama students** performed very well indeed at two evenings recently where their work, which directly contributes to 30% of their GCSE, was assessed. It was a privilege to attend and see some fine performances of scenes from Blood Brothers.

We had two very enjoyable **Sports Days** on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July. The weather was very kind to us on the first day, not so kind on the second but a good time was had by all with some splendid performances. In addition to this, Sackville won the **Reg Clarke Mid-Sussex Games 2014** which was a great achievement. I am also delighted to mention that all three Sackville athletes selected to represent Sussex at the English Schools athletics championships in Birmingham all reached the finals. Well done to **Abby Beswick, Tom Dean** and **Vicki Pellett**.

We enjoyed a **Young Interpreters' Day** on Wednesday 9th July which involved many of our students inviting in youngsters for whom English is not a first language from local primary schools. Sackville youngsters, under the guidance of Miss Williams, put together a rich and varied programme – including a school treasure hunt. The primary staff who accompanied the students were very positive about the experience.

On the same day, in the evening, we held our first **'Eggsfest'** event where we were joined by primary school singers from the locality to form a choir of 400 on a large stage singing their hearts out in the open air. It was a great community event which required considerable effort to organise, but which was worth every minute of that. We were particularly grateful to Emily Barden from West Sussex Music Service who helped Mr Nicholson organise the event and arranged rehearsals for the mass choir. Many families brought along picnics and the ice cream van did extremely well!

Last week, the final full week of term, was detimetable to allow enrichment activities to take place for all year groups. It began with a literacy



day focused on poetry followed by a Curriculum Enhancement Week of four days when students undertook a great variety of activities, some of which are captured in the pictures below. The weather was fine, apart from the thunder and lightning experienced by some of our campers on Thursday evening. At the end of the week there were celebratory barbecues and games on the school fields enjoyed by all. I am certain that everyone slept very well on Friday night!



Staffing update

We have a very stable staffing picture at Sackville presently, but we will miss greatly the following staff who are leaving us this summer.

Delia Francis, a teacher of maths at Sackville since 1979 and a Head of Year to many students, will be taking a well earned retirement after exceptionally loyal service to the school. I know that many parents were taught by Delia and have fond memories of her care and support. Also in maths, **Janet Gibbs** is leaving us to pursue new ventures and will also be sorely missed.

Matthew Beasley, currently in charge of Key Stage 3 English, has secured a promotion to be in charge of GCSE English at Warden Park School. **John Nash**, DT, has also gained promotion to be in charge of the graphics department at an academy in Reading and **Amanda Wright**, Art, is to become the Head of Art at Hawthorn Prep school in Bletchingly from September. These promotions are well justified and a tribute to the quality of these staff.

We would also like to thank **Owen Aaronovitch** for joining us once again this year in English and drama and wish him all the best.

In terms of new teaching staff joining us next year, I am very pleased to welcome **Hannah Buckley** in Art (who helped this year with the A22 underpass design project), **Abigail Dewhirst** in English who joins us from the Harris Academy in Merton and who actually did her training placement here a few years ago and **Morro Camara** in maths, who has already taught with us on a temporary basis during the last two years. These are strong appointments and give us a full complement of staff as we start the new academic year.

We also have valued members of our support staff leaving us this summer. Learning Support Assistant **Nicci Hill** is leaving to join the family business. Study Supervisor **Sheila Bromley** has been a loyal supporter of the school for many years, also being a member of the Sackville Community Choir. We wish her well as she relocates to the north of England. Our best wishes also go to **Megan Stow**, leaving her post as PE technician for a football scholarship in the USA, and to **Tracey Egan**, who has worked in the attendance team and will be moving to the Alternative Provision College in Burgess Hill.

It finally remains for me to wish everyone and safe and pleasant summer break.

We return to school on Thursday 4th September at 8.25am. Please note that year 12 return to enrol on Tuesday 2nd September.

With best wishes.

Julian Grant

You might need the summer holiday to read this bumper edition of Sackville News. After Mr Grant's summary of the year, there are a lot of contributions from other staff.

Literacy Day

On Monday, 14th July, students and staff took part in Sackville's first whole-school Literacy Day. The students worked in mixed-year groups on a variety of creative poetry tasks. The day was supported by some outside speakers from Eastside Educational Trust, an arts education charity. Students had the opportunity to perform their work in front of their peers in a sharing assembly towards the end of the day. From a variety of stimuli provided, students created some very thoughtful and expressive poetry. Well done to everyone involved!



BASE Final

On the 25th June six of the year 13 Business Studies students attended the National ICAEW BASE 2014 final at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel. As regional champions they tested their analytical and financial acumen against the countries aspiring young business people of the future. Rob Judge, Roselyn Roque, Harry Robinson, Sam Ashley-Williams, Shane Smith and Thomas McMinn were treated to a celebration dinner and evening entertainment including guest speakers Tom Mackay from M&S and Zarin Patel from the BBC. While the team may not have won the competition, losing their heat to the eventual runners up, they were winners of an amazing experience that hopefully will shape their confidence and commitment to progress for their future careers.



Year 10 Geographers Visit Wales

Year 10 students write:-

On Friday July 11th we left school at 7.30 and headed to the Brecon Beacons in Wales. At Ystradfellte students saw the famous Porth yr Ogof caves and waterfalls as we walked around two kilometres along the course of the River Melte.

Having continued our journey to Swansea and after a beautiful evening on the beach, we were up early on Saturday to head back into the Brecon Beacons and tackle the main task for the trip: investigating changing river channel characteristics along the course of the River Taff. We spent the day measuring the width depth and sediment size at six sites along the river's course. Staff were extremely impressed by the work ethic of the groups and a wealth of useful data was collected for use in the controlled



assessment which will be the focus of the first half term for the prospective year 11s. An unexpected but useful lesson was learnt at site 5 when a flip-flop was swept around the outside of the meander bend and out of reach: remember the current is faster on the OUTSIDE of the bend!

The weather on Saturday evening was less Mediterranean than the day before and although some braved the beach again, for others the evening was focused on birthday parties, the World Cup play-off, data sharing or practising Italian.

On Sunday we stopped at Big Pit in Blaenafon so that students could go down a coal mine and deepen their appreciation of how the UK economy is changing. The mining museum demonstrates that there is far less primary industry now than there was 50 (or even 30) years ago. Among other things

we discovered that children as young as 4 or 5 used to work down the coal mines and that horses spent 51 weeks a year in darkness when they worked down the mine.

Bethany Parr:

Best Bit: I liked going in the mine because the atmosphere was creepy but interesting and different. And I freaked Sophie out which was funny – the little hobby horse was really creepy.

Learnt: Sheep have really long tails.

Sophie Gallimore and Mia Wellbelove

Best Bit: Isla's birthday party – the balloons were supposed to be rabbits but they didn't really inflate properly. Oh, and that Miss Owens was the first one to lock herself out of her room.

Learnt: How to measure the river using different equipment we had never used before.

Peter Ottman:

Best Bit: The University because it was a nice place to be and everyone there was very friendly.

Learnt: They used to pump the water from the coal mine into the river and that's why the university had a water quality meter in the river.

George Martin:

Best Bit: Doing the measuring of the river because it was interesting to learn different methods of how to do it.

Fine Minns:

Best Bit: The free time because it was fun to hang out with people and the facilities were nice.

Learnt: I don't like walking!

James Light:

Best Bit: The university was a nice place to stay and I enjoyed doing the field work because it's something different and it's good to get out of the classroom.

Learnt: The sediment size gets smaller as you go down the river.



Year 10 Drama Performance

On the evenings of Tuesday 24th June and Thursday 3rd July, all of the year 10 GCSE Drama students were involved in the final performances of their scripted pieces, *Blood Brothers* and *Dark of the Moon*.

Under the watchful eyes of parents, as well as Mr Grant and Mr Feist, we performed our chosen extracts to great success. All groups had different extracts to perform which, when combined with the talent of all involved, made for two very exciting and interesting evenings. Indeed afterwards, Mr Grant commented on the high quality of the work, especially for actors only in year 10.

We would like to thank Mrs Beasley, Miss Fisher and Mrs Carrick for preparing us all so well for our performances. We would also like to thank Mr Wintle, Joe Taylor and Matt Rieley for doing a great job of running the technical desk.

By Joe Roberts-Percy and Emily Martin

The Drama Department would like to thank Joe and Emily for their great review and add their congratulations to the students who took part in these evenings. This work is potentially worth 30% of the students' entire GCSE so it was fantastic to see such brilliant performances. We were very proud of you all!

Year 9 CREST teams put on a great display at the Big Bang South East



We were delighted that all four of our year 9 CREST award teams were able to display their work to over 4000 visitors at the Big Bang Fair on 1st July. Each group has already impressed their assessor, Mike Brookes, with their project work on space or astronomy related topics.

At the fair, they were able to display their work to a much wider audience including professional scientists and engineers from across the country. During a very busy morning they presented their findings to groups of judges for the prestigious National Science and Engineering awards. Several judges commented on how articulate and enthusiastic they were, with one commenting that a Sackville student was the best she had spoken to all day!

We were all a little disappointed that our projects didn't win a special prize this year, but the students should be incredibly proud of their work. The wide range of other activities and sunny weather made the day at Ardingly showground one to remember!

Any current year 8 students interested in participating next year should see Mr Tyrrell in A25 or Mr Bush in A23.

Young Interpreters EAL Celebration Day



On Wednesday the 9th July, the Young Interpreters here at Sackville hosted an EAL Celebration Morning for over 50 students from local primary schools who speak English as their second language. The day was organised by Miss Williams.

Irene Cortes-Pons, in year 10, has written the following:

"We got to become teachers for the day, as we organised activities such as: treasure hunts, learning to write your name in Iranian, food tasting, language games, poems and storytelling. We all got to share our different languages, cultures and backgrounds.

the prizes for the treasure hunts.

The Young Interpreters day gave us all an opportunity to show possible new students who we are, and what they can also use their languages for at Sackville. It was great to help all of the primary children and see them having fun and making great memories!"

The students involved from Sackville were:
Zohar Shay 11BME (Hebrew treasure hunt)
Angelika Perez 11LFR (Filipino treasure hunt)
Irene Cortes-Pons 10EPN (Spanish story-telling and traditions)
Ardit Shira 10CTN (Albanian games)
Nuha Diaz 8IGN (Spanish story-telling and traditions)
Marufa Rahman 8DYL (Italian treasure hunt)
Alex Husar 7JMA (Romanian folk poem)



Arezou Dad 10JLD (Iranian writing)

The day was hugely successful, and the students and teachers from the primary schools commented on how positive, friendly and organised our students were when running their activities. To congratulate our Young Interpreters, they attended a Celebration Breakfast with Mr Grant and Mr Feist on Thursday morning.

Well done to all of the students involved!

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition – Year 12

Connor Thornley-Gibson writes:-

During the last weekend in June, twelve sixth form students embarked on their three-day hike across the New Forest as part of their Duke of Edinburgh qualification. We all felt prepared after our two-day expedition a month earlier and were optimistic about the challenge ahead.

We travelled up, with take-away pizza in hand, on the Friday evening and set up camp at a beautiful campsite in Ashurst. We enjoyed our last few hours of relaxation, playing football and Frisbee around the campsite, before getting some sleep ready for an early start in the morning.

We woke at Seven am sharp on the Saturday morning and Emily, Georgia and James cooked our bacon, beans and crumpets on Mr Latus's trusty Trangias. Packing our tents away and loading up our rucksacks with our equipment was quite daunting. They became heavier...and heavier...and heavier as Mr Wilcox, Miss Jakubowska and Mr Latus reminded us of more and more things we needed to take with us. We could barely lift our rucksacks up onto our backs as we prepared to leave and many members of both teams began to doubt the possibility of arriving at Holmsley Campsite - 24km away - that evening.

Saturday's hike was a taxing one for both teams, with 5km stretches between breaks being the norm throughout. Blisters began to form and exhaustion set in as the searing heat took every last pinch of energy from all twelve of us walkers. The walk wasn't all bad though, we met plenty of horses, ponies and cows on our travels and ate lunch on a bridge over a gorgeous river.

Meanwhile the other group were being frustratingly held up by a deadly stampede of cows crossing a bridge not so far away, blocking their only path over the river, setting their schedule back by at least half an hour.

Both teams arrived at Holmsley in good time on the Saturday afternoon but the challenge was not yet over. The rain began to pour as we put our tents up and attempted to cook our dinner for the evening, causing almost all of the not-so-happy campers to flee to the warmth of the shower block and wait for the downpour to end. Only the brave-hearted remained, determined to provide their team with the reward they deserved for a hard day's hike, a warm meal. Needless to say, Tom, Harry, Annie, George and Georgia were thankful for my and Emily's perseverance. While James, Ben, Will, Sam and Rooster all remained warm although hungry in the shower block. The storm eventually calmed and we began to ready ourselves for the next couple of days.

Putting our bags on to leave the campsite on the second day was yet more painful than the first. We knew we had far less distance to walk but the effects of the extremely long hike on the first day were evident within both teams. Sore shoulders and hips, caused by the heavy bags, were being felt by all members of both teams. The day again was hard work and seeing the teachers at various points, looking very smug and comfortable in Mr Latus's Land Rover, was far from encouraging. Blisters became more painful and every step caused many to wince in pain. We battled through as a team however and due to excellent map reading skills from myself (though Tom and George may not agree) towards the end of the day, we found our wild campsite, just north of Burley.

The wild campsite brought many memorable moments for our group. We also filmed our Masterchef-style DofE cooking show with Georgia and I as the contestants. Some outstanding improvised acting from all members of the group has got me itching to see the final edited show. Our sleep that night was interrupted by a group of galloping horses, just inches away from our tent, which was fairly frightening to say the least!

Our final day was definitely the most satisfying to finish, but also the most mentally challenging. It was encouraging to know that we would all have completed the expedition by 2 o'clock that day, but difficult to keep going with all of the injuries picked up along the way, as well as the ever-increasing exhaustion. Neither did it help that there were some internal divisions developing within the groups. Arguments over navigation and important decision making were understandable at this late stage but it showed great



strength of character and maturity that we managed to overcome these problems and restore team morale quickly so that we could continue as a united group.

The two groups met a kilometre from the finish line and finishing as one big group helped push everyone through to the end. Putting our rucksacks down for the last time and being able to relax again was an incredibly satisfying and rewarding feeling. We all got a lot out of our expedition, but I'm not so sure everyone was immediately considering the Gold Award!

A big thank you to Miss Jakubowska, Mr Latus, Mr Wilcox and Mr de Souza for taking us to the New Forest and allowing us to complete our expedition. And well done to all of us who completed it!
George Johnson, Annie King, Georgia Hunt, Tom Hawkins, Harry Simonis, Emily Chapman, Conor Thornley-Gibson, James Witt, Will Duffield, Sam Broomfield, Ben Clarke and Tom "Rooster" Thorburn.

Archery at Blackwell Primary

Mrs Mangan has been out to one of our important feeder schools to teach archery to the year 5 class. All of the students were new to the activity but made amazingly quick progress, so that by the end they were able to fire their arrows at balloons and to bust them. The students were also taught about the history of archery.



Sixth Form News

Mr Whitehead writes:-

Year 12 Curriculum Enhancement Week

Year 12 have had a full week, with lots of insight and information about the potential path they may follow after leaving Sackville next year. Speakers for those going to university include those from Student Finance England, University of Sussex, University of Kent, the Life Skills company (who delivered a workshop on how to create the perfect personal statement for their application to university) and speakers from Barclays Bank (regarding managing finances) and those discussing taking gap years and studying abroad. Former students who have now finished their first year of university came back to do a question and answer session on university life.



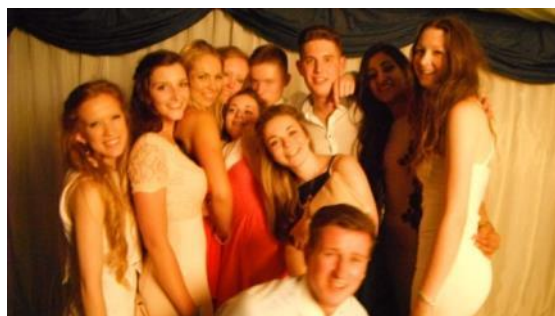
For those wishing to go into employment or training, the speakers included those from Reeds recruitment agency, Apprenticeships UK, the National Citizenship Service (to discuss voluntary work) and two days spent with a dedicated careers advisor working on careers planning, job searches, CV's and interview skills.

The students were excellent and really grasped the significance of the week and made the most of the advice and expertise on offer.

The week finished with a BBQ for all students, it was a great way to end a busy but very purposeful week. We wish them a relaxing summer and hope they get the results they hope for on August 14th!

The Prom

After a very emotional leaving ceremony and the stress of exams, it was time for the present year 13 students to round the academic year off with their prom. This took place at the East Grinstead Sports Club and was a wonderful evening and a fitting finale to a year group that started back in the distant days of 2007!



The students have exciting times ahead and we wish them the very best of luck and hope that they get the results that they hope for this summer. They have been a pleasure to work with and will be very much missed!

Fit for Employability and Enterprise Workshop, Year 12

To end the school year, the year 12 students took part in a workshop delivered by a leading management development consultancy, StudyFlex. The main purpose was to develop a clear understanding of the four key areas employers are looking for. Also included were developing an understanding of what attitude really means, interview and CV skills – how to present themselves and secure the right job. Students also created a personal development plan and worked on their ability to demonstrate their organisation and planning skills.

The students were incredibly enthusiastic and I was very pleased with how they responded to the event. They will gain a certificate that will be very relevant when applying for university and employment. The organiser/leader of the workshop was full of praise for our students and it was a terrific way to end the year.



Success in year 9

There was much to celebrate in the Year 9 assembly this Tuesday. Mr Hayden came along to present Brunel Awards to a number of students who had achieved excellence in Maths, Science or Design Technology. They received their certificates to rapturous applause.

Those students were: Esmee Birch, Oliver Blackman, Matthew Bland, Ellie Breen, Ed Brockbank, Carita Burns, Connor Dickson, Hester Cooper, Josie Cooper, Rebecca Crawley, Jordi Crowther, Rehan Driver, Rylee Elsdon, Olivia Emmerson, Joanne Greenaway, Lewis Hale, Lloyd Howells, Nancy Humphrey, Henry Lagrange, Issey Lee-Fisher, Gareth Leung, Amy Locke, Antonia Major, Alex Mustard, Chris Oglethorpe, Niamh Ormiston, Vicki Pellett, Jordan Piper, Sadie Ritson, Shoshone Rogers, Shauna Shoebridge, Toby Smith, Daisy Stahl, Adam Starks, Olivia Steer, Fiona Thomson, Andy Toronicza, Courtney-Louise Walker, Robert Waters, Kitty Wheeler, Ben Woodcock and Hatty Yesibulit.



Our two top Brunel Engineers of the Year are pictured here. Toby Smith and Courtney-Louise Walker both excelled with their efforts in both Maths and Design Technology, and they received a trophy and a token from Mr Hayden .



In addition Mr Latus handed out certificates for 100% attendance for this academic year. Those students pictured are: Ben Tyler, Alex Walsh, Alex Thorney-Gibson, Keiran Stripp, Shauna Shoebridge, Ella O'Leary, Alex Mustard, Caitlin Murray, Sam Goddard, Harry Fleming, Rylee Elsdon, Ollie Dettmer Hallett, Rebecca Crawley, Harry Cocks, Reinel Bronilla, Sunny Winter, Toby Smith, Jordan Piper, Callum Harman, Shanie Cormick, Josie Cooper, Josh Bryant, Tara Deeley and Beth Keen. Well done to you all for getting into school each and every day!

In addition on the same day a large number of students were invited for a celebration tea with our Head teacher, Mr Grant, to reward them for their

determination and hard work throughout the year. They had all managed to work above their targets in the majority of their subjects and enjoyed squash and cookie in the school restaurant. Danny Vater, Thomas Wynne-Davies Beth, Keen Dan Wheate, Jordi Crowther, Christopher Oglethorpe, Amelia Thomas, Matthew Bland, Conor Dickson, Oliver Wrigley, Thomas Axtell, Ruby Barnes, Ben Martin, Cameron Toogood, William Putner, Megan Parsons, Will Lloyd-Skinner, Amy Gunn, Antonia Major, Nancy Humphries, Alexander Thorney-Gibson, Natalya Vince, Kai Bergman, Molly Crump, Esmee Birch, Daisy Young, Jimmy Warwick, Rebecca Crawley, Milo Spearman, Izzy Knight, Jordan Piper, Ciaran O'Callaghan, Andras Toronicza, Rienel Bronilla, Thomas Knowles, Charlie Main, Fiona Thomson, Carlita Burns, Amelia Sands, Tara Deeley, Emma McAvoy, Gus Nye, Vicki Pellett, Luke Burtenshaw. Huge Congratulations to you all for consistently working at a high level.



Masterchefs of the future

It's been very busy in the Food Tech department. Recently Conor Dickson and Rob Waters took part in the Regional Final of the Co-op Young Chef. There was very stiff competition but these budding chef cooked an incredible range of dishes in a very limited time down at Chichester College. Well Done to you both for all your tremendous efforts.

Sophie Gallimore was a finalist in the Rotary Club Young Chef of the Year competition. She also cooked to a very high standard and is the first student from Sackville to reach this standard in the competition.



We are all very proud of these students

Sports News

ESAA Combined Events South East Regional Final, 21st -22nd June 2014 Lee Valley

On the weekend of 21st-22nd June Thomas Dean (year 9) and Abby Beswick (year 11) represented Sussex Schools and Sackville, at the English Schools Combined Events, South East Regional Final at Lee Valley.

Combined events teams can have a maximum of four athletes, but unfortunately for Tom, he was the only Sussex team member in the junior boys pentathlon. However, he was still entitled to compete as an individual athlete. His day started with two personal bests in the in 80m hurdles and the shot-put and these were closely followed by both the long jump and the high jump. Sadly, his performances in these two events did not match his usual high standard. Tom's last event of the day was the 800m, which once again he won with ease, three seconds clear of his nearest rival.

At the end of the day Tom finished in a very respectful 12th place, out of 24 athletes represented from: Sussex, Berkshire, Surrey, Hampshire, Kent, Hertfordshire, Middlesex and London. Next year Tom will be eligible to move up to the inter boys octathlon.

Abby was taking part in the inter girls heptathlon, seven events over two days, and again her first event was the 80m hurdles. This is Abby's specialist event, which she won, taking her straight into first place, albeit for a short while! The three remaining events on the first day were the high jump, shot and 200m, and Abby surprised herself by achieving personal bests in all three events. Day two began with another personal best in the long jump, followed by the javelin and the final event the dreaded 800m; she ran a very sensible race, acquiring yet another personal best time.

At the end of the two days, the Sussex squad of three athletes, finished in 4th place in the team event, and Abby finished 4th in the individual competition. As two of the athletes who finished above her were also members of the winning Hampshire team, Abby qualifies as a representative of South East Schools, for the National Schools Final on 21st-22nd September in Boston, Lincolnshire, which will be an amazing experience!

Past ESAA Champions, and record holders, include Daley Thompson (Olympic Gold Medallist) and Dean Macey (World Championships Silver Medallist).

English Schools Track & Field Championships, Birmingham Alexander Stadium, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th July.

Three Sackville school students represented Sussex Schools in the prestigious English Schools Championships held at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th July.

On Friday morning, Abby Beswick (year 11) took part in the heats of the inter girls 80m hurdles, with eight athletes going through to the final. Abby ran well in her heat to come third in 11.68sec. This was just enough to qualify for the final on Saturday, where she finished eighth in 11.92.

Abby was also a member of the successful inter girls 4 x 100m relay team, who recorded the 10th fastest time of the 34 competing counties.

Tom Dean (year 9) also had the heats of his junior boys' 800m on the Friday, with eight athletes going through to the final on Saturday.

He finished fourth in his heat in a new personal best of 2.3.31, securing him a place in the final. In the final he led the athletes into the second lap but found himself being swallowed up in the last part of the race. But his seventh place in 2.4.17 seconds was an excellent performance.

Our third representative was Vicki Pellett (year 9), competing on Saturday afternoon in her event – the junior girls' hammer throw.

Unfortunately nerves and got the better of Vicki, at this major sporting event, and she threw a good eight metres below her personal best to finish in 13th place.

Congratulations to all three athletes on being selected to represent Sackville and Sussex Schools at such a prestigious sporting event and good luck for next year!



Year 7s win Year 7 Mid Sussex Athletics Championships 2014

A fantastic performance from the Year 7 Athletics team ensured that they stormed to victory at the Year 7 Mid Sussex Athletics Championships held at Broadbridge Heath.

There were many outstanding individual performances with the athletes who achieved medal positions listed. Superb team performances in the relays saw both teams race to victory.

Well done to all athletes and have a great summer break.

	Athlete	Event	Position
Boys	Oscar Cann	Long Jump	Gold
	Ayo Odeyinde	High jump	Gold
	Ayo Odeyinde	200m	Gold
	Oscar Cann	300m	Gold
	Tom Cocks	Shot	Gold
	Ayo Odeyinde	100m	Silver
	Theo McFarlane	800m	Bronze
	Ethan Carrick	200m B	Gold
	Theo McFarlane	Long Jump B	Gold
	Ethan Carrick	Shot B	Gold
			4x100 Relay
Girls	Jemma Edgar	1500m	Gold
	Jemma Edgar	100m	Gold
	Katie Wheeler	1500m	Silver
	Jade Edgar	200m	Silver
	Issey Payne	Javelin	Bronze
	Bethan Healis	800m	Bronze
	Hannah Green	100m B	Gold
	Imogen Minns	High Jump B	Silver
			4x100 Relay

Sackville Athletics Team win Reg Clarke Games

A combined Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 athletics team from Sackville won the Reg Clarke Games for 2014. The Games are the major athletics competition for schools in the Mid Sussex region. The boys team won the boys competition outright, winning by 14 points and then when combined with the girls team, Sackville won the combined competition by 12 points.

The competition is hosted at Broadbridge Heath and 10 schools from across the region compete so this achievement by the athletics team is huge.

Standout performance were; Tom Dean (Inter Boys 800m), Ben De Turrís (Inter Boys High Jump), Millie Rymer-Gough (Junior Girls Discus) and Vickie Pellet (Inter Girls Shot) who all won their individual events. The Inter Boys 4x400 relay team and the Junior Boys 4x200m relay team both stormed to victory to wrap up the victory at the end of the day.

With athletes from all year groups competing it goes to show how strong athletics has been and will continue to be in the future at Sackville. All athletes played their part in ensuring this victory with many more performances in the top 5 positions for their event.

It goes without saying the whole team represented themselves and the school impeccably, well done to all athletes.

Girls' Results

Rounders:

U15 vs Burgess Hill Win 18 ½ to 10. Player of the match: Amy Sands

U14 vs Burgess Hill. Win 12 ½ to 7 ½. Player of the match: Charlie Main

U13 tournament. Finished 4th. Player of the tournament: Hannah Sands

U15 vs St Pauls. Win 9 ½ to 6 ½. Player of the match: Esme Foreman

U14 tournament. Finished 6th. Player of the tournament: Cara Turnbull

U14 vs Millais. Win 12 ½ to 7. Player of the match: Charlie Main

U15 vs Millais. Draw 7 ½ all. Player of the match: Esme Foreman

U15 tournament. Finished 3rd. Player of the tournament Amy Sands

U14 vs Imberhorne. Win 18 to 3. Player of the match Lizzy Aronson

U15 vs Imberhorne. Win 14 ½ to 4 ½. Player of the match: Bella Sterling

U13A vs Burgess Hill. Loss 5 ½ to 9 ½. Player of the match: Millie Rymer Gough

U13B vs Burgess Hill. Win 17 ½ to 15. Player of the match: Emmie Van Leishout

U12A vs Burgess Hill. Loss 12 to 8. Player of the match: Hannah Green

U12B vs Burgess Hill. Loss 2 to 17 ½. Player of the match: Georgia Nunnes

U12 tournament. Finished 4th. Player of the tournament: Jemma Edgar, Bethan Healiss, Abbie Bramwell

U13 vs Imberhorne. Win 9 ½ to 7. Player of the match Emmie Van Leishout

Stoolball:

U15 Tournament: Finished 2nd. Player of the match: Amy Sands

U13 Tournament: Finished 5th. Player of the tournament: Vicky Baxter and Morgan Hake

Girls are inspired by England Cricketer



On Tuesday 1st July England cricketer Heather Knight came into Sackville to do a cricket taster session. She ran two sessions, one for some selected year 8s, the other year 9s. In the session the students covered some basic fielding, bowling and batting skills. The students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and developed new techniques with some

excellent batting from Courtney Walker and Jess Banbury. Olivia Steer also bowled very well along with great fielding from everyone. It was a great experience that we hope has inspired the students to take up the sport at East Grinstead Cricket Club.



Boys' Cricket Results

U12 v TWBGS

TWBGS 122 for 3
Sackville 87 for 8
Sackville lost by 35 runs

U12 v Skinners

Skinners 62 all out - John Cave 3-3, Lewis Bushell 2-2
Sackville 63 for 3
Sackville won by 7 wickets

U14 v Skinners

Skinners 130 for 4
Sackville 119 for 8 – Cameron Wilson 49
Lost by 11 runs

U14 v Notre Dame

Notre Dame 134 for 5, Ali Smith 3-31
Sackville 84 for 9
Sackville lost by 50 runs

U14 Quarter Final State School Cup

Chichester 210 for 4
Sackville 156 for 4, Seb Pollard 69, George Cave 44
Sackville lost by 54 runs

U14 v TWBGS

Sackville 162 for 6 George Cave 92 not out,
George Saunders 27
TWBGS 147 for 8
Sackville won by 15 runs

U15 v Notre Dame

Notre Dame 109 for 8
Sackville 102 for 9, Joe De Souza 29, Tom Beswick 26
Sackville lost by 7 runs

U15 Quarter final of County Cup 20120 v Angmering

Sackville 89 for 8
Angering 93 for 3
Sackville lost by 7 wickets

U15 v Skinners

Sackville 142 for 5, Joe De Souza 60 not out, George Cave 22
Skinners 118 for 8, George Cave 3-14
Sackville won by 24 runs

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hand shop, all clothes donations to reception gratefully received.

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AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

GCE Results

Thursday 14th August

8am – midday

**Exams Office open 10.30am – 1.00pm
for return of Priority Re-mark and Photocopy request forms:**

Friday 15th August

Monday 18th August

Tuesday 19th August

Wednesday 20th August

Thursday 21st August

Friday 22nd August

GCSE Results

Thursday 21st August

9am - midday

Results can be posted for those of you unable to collect at these times. Please bring a stamped addressed envelope to the exams office before the end of term.

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