

# Sackville News



20<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Dear Parents

I think this photograph sums up well a key feature of life at Sackville at the moment! In this case, students were busy preparing for their Religious Studies GCSE exam, working together to squeeze every ounce of revision out of the final stretch before sitting the exam. Our 'eat and greet' breakfasts seem to be going down well, with very high attendance and an opportune moment for specialist teachers to go through those all-important last minute tips. Indeed, the approach of the year 11 and year 12 students to their exams and their conduct during them has been exemplary. Staff in the school, whatever their role, have been dedicated to supporting them at the highest level, for which I am deeply grateful and very proud.



We are delighted to announce that our new **Head Team** have been voted in by staff and year 12 students. Head Girl is **Chloe Haffenden** with **Emily Thomas**, **Hannah Collins** and **Alex Haynes** as deputies. Head Boy is **Sean O'Leary**, with **Dan Keen**, **Simon Cook** and **Alex Wornast** as deputies. We wish them all the best for the coming year and we are sure they will do a wonderful job representing the school.

I would like to thank the outgoing team – **Max Birtles**, **Olivia Stitson**, **Molly Cherry**, **Lewis Pagden**, **Harriet Raymond** and **Connor Panter** for doing such an excellent job this year leading the work of the school. This has included addressing audiences at Open Evenings, hosting the mayor at the school for a day, laying the remembrance wreath on behalf of Sackville in the town centre, forming one of the interview panels for the Deputy Head appointments and playing a key role in our student voice developments. They are now moving on to exciting futures and we wish them all the best.

Both teams are photographed below, with the new Head Team on the left.



Students have been busy pursuing other activities and events with great enthusiasm. Our Key Stage 3 students were involved in two excellent **STEM days** last week when they undertook a variety of exciting activities based on developing skills and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.







Two of our year 9 boys, **Conor Dickson** and **Robert Waters**, managed to reach the final of the Fit2Cook 'Create and Cook' competition in Chichester last week and did very well. A report follows later in Sackville News.

Our Sixth Form BTEC Performing Arts students produced an excellent performance of 'One Man, Two Guvnors' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May which was much enjoyed by the audience. The comic timing of all involved made this one of the funniest shows ever put on by Sackville students.

In the same week of this event, we held our annual **Spring Concert** and **Sports Presentation Evening**, which were both very successful events.



**Year 9 School Colours recipients with Steve Brown**



**Year 10 School Colours recipients with Steve Brown**



**Girls Team of the Year: U15 Netball**



**Boys Team of the Year: U15 Cricket**

It has certainly been a busy and positive year for our students in sport, as reflected at the Presentation Evening. I would like to pay particular tribute to the sports personality of the year, **Emma Baker**, who plays netball at County level and sails for Great Britain. Emma was closely followed by **Sam Howes** in second place, who is a West Ham and England footballer currently on tour with the England U17 squad in Malta. In third place was **Tom Cartledge**, a fine tennis player who has achieved great success.

As explained in a later article, **Elena Kent** (Y10) has recently done herself proud in the Regional Swimming Finals held at K2 in Crawley. I am also proud to mention the achievements of the **Girls' U14 Football Team** who have had a successful year culminating in reaching second place at



the Sussex 6 a-side tournament at The Weald School. A full report on this follows. Well done to all involved!

Finally, last week we received what is now our final visit this year from Stephen Long, our partner inspector. Stephen looked at the development of teaching staff and Governors this year and also studied carefully our final examination outcome projections for the year. His feedback was positive, saying that he will keep in touch but is happy with the processes, monitoring systems and support mechanisms we have in place for continual improvement. The school community should take this as a real compliment; many thanks to all!

Best wishes,

Julian Grant

## Create and Cook Competition

Miss Owens writes:-



On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Conor Dickson and Robert Waters of year 9 attended the finals of the Create and Cook competition in Chichester College. They were accompanied by Miss Owens and Mrs Rowlingson.

The boys were required to produce and serve a two course meal using locally sourced and produced seasonal ingredients, within a budget of £25. They cooked against three other teams from across the south east. Their menu consisted of stuffed chicken and a Mediterranean couscous followed by a strawberry cream Roulade. They were given just thirty minutes to set up and were left independently with just the four judges to produce and present their dishes in 90 minutes.

Judging was difficult and the boys were complimented on their team work, skills and presentation. However they were sadly beaten into second place. The boys were presented with a prize bag including a cookbook and a voucher. The school was given a cheque to buy something for the Food Department. We were very proud of the boys and they were winners in our eyes!

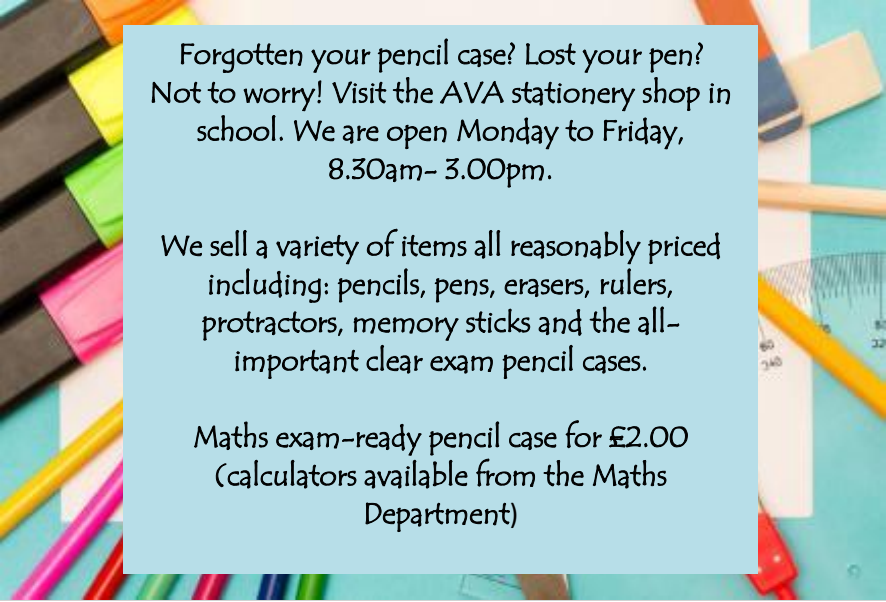
### Wanted

We are looking at starting up a second hand uniform shop at Sackville to be available for students and parents to buy from. We feel that it is important to offer this service on a regular basis so that uniform remains as cost effective for you as possible.

Therefore we are asking for:

1. Any donations of old uniform and PE kit to be taken to reception. NB bearing in mind the new uniform guidelines we would not want any ties or sweatshirts thank you.
2. Any volunteers who would be willing to give up an hour of their time a month to help run the shop. If you would be interested in helping out please do get in contact with either myself on [jjakubowska@wsgfl.org.uk](mailto:jjakubowska@wsgfl.org.uk) or Mrs Canepa-Anson on [hilarycarslake@hotmail.com](mailto:hilarycarslake@hotmail.com)

Janina Jakubowska



Forgotten your pencil case? Lost your pen?  
Not to worry! Visit the AVA stationery shop in  
school. We are open Monday to Friday,  
8.30am- 3.00pm.

We sell a variety of items all reasonably priced  
including: pencils, pens, erasers, rulers,  
protractors, memory sticks and the all-  
important clear exam pencil cases.

Maths exam-ready pencil case for £2.00  
(calculators available from the Maths  
Department)

Please note we can refer  
families to the **East Grinstead  
Food Bank**.

The service is confidential and  
available to anyone who has a  
need.

Please contact Mrs Carter,  
our EWO on 01342 410140 or  
by email to  
[scarter52@wsgfl.org.uk](mailto:scarter52@wsgfl.org.uk)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SACKVILLE PARENTS AND STUDENTS FOR MAINTAINING OUR ATTENDANCE LEVEL AT 95%

WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WE ARE AIMING TO INCREASE THIS TO 96% AND WOULD LIKE REMIND YOU OF OUR  
ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE:

- ❑ ON THE FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE – PLEASE NOTIFY US BY 9AM – BY DESIGNATED TELEPHONE LINE – LEAVING A BRIEF  
MESSAGE
- ❑ ALTERNATIVELY – PLEASE EMAIL THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE AT [tegan2@wsgfl.org.uk](mailto:tegan2@wsgfl.org.uk)

We are, as ever, always eager to work alongside parents as effectively as we can to ensure that students are as successful as  
they can possibly be.

THANK YOU





## Exciting news!

### Sackville LRC now has e-books

for you to borrow and read on your phone, i-pad or any other device with a web browser.

All our e-books have Accelerated Reader quizzes. So you can keep on reading for Accelerated Reader through the holidays.

### **READ ANY TIME ANY PLACE.**

**Get the free mls app to log in to the 'eclipse' library programme.**



Login with your usual school computer log-in username. Your password is your date of birth (ddmmyyyy)



## News from Rwanda

You may remember that before Christmas years 10 and 12 raised money for Innocent, a young man living in the same compound as our former teacher, Karen Mundy, in Bweyeye in Rwanda. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide has just passed. Miss Mundy writes:-

*We were able to give Innocent a few more presents for his birthday last weekend so thank you again for the donations. We took him to our local "café" (a shack with wooden stools) where we had tea and mandazi (like a stale doughnut, except no sugar or jam. It's a delicacy here, but undoubtedly nowhere else outside Rwanda) which is about the closest treat we could offer in terms of "dining out". Innocent was really happy. To be honest, we think he'd forgotten it was even his birthday because no one tends to celebrate because it costs too much.*

*Originally when we asked Innocent when his birthday was, he said 19<sup>th</sup> April 1995. At a later date, he said 11<sup>th</sup> May 1994 and when translated, this date was confirmed. On 9<sup>th</sup> May 1994, there were lots of killings in our village; hard to imagine that Innocent was born 2 days after this. There was a service last Friday which John and I attended (very 'Kate and Wills' in our best clothes representing the Commonwealth). We were asked to lay flowers with other dignitaries in the village genocide memorial which contains a list of names of the people who were killed and even more harrowingly, their bones. I had to lay down a bunch of flowers in front of a cabinet where 32 skulls looked back at me. Truly dreadful.*



Students in year 9 study the genocide in Rwanda in Beliefs and Values. Understanding such traumatic recent events is one of the reasons B&V is such an important subject, and I am sure helps our students when looking at the current awful situation in South Sudan.

## Alicia jumps for charity!

We all know how important taking breaks from revision is. However, few would go as far as Alicia Coppen in 11THY, who has completed a tandem skydive from 12,000 feet at Headcorn in Kent. She loved every second of the descent and in the process managed to raise over £600 for Queen Victoria Hospital Charitable Trust. Here she is pictured with her instructor Dave.

Well done Alicia – we look forward to hearing about your next adventure!



## Sports News

### Girls U14 Football

Miss Carter writes:-

#### Sackville vs Imberhorne 24/02/14

The girls put on an outstanding performance in their first game for the school against Imberhorne with an incredible win of 4-2. From the off, Sackville looked the better side and were stringing a number of passes together. Jess Banbury and Mimi Ward, our central midfielders, played a few excellent through balls to Courtney Walker and Tara Rogers upfront, who made the game very difficult for the Imberhorne defenders. Courtney scored 2 goals in the first half giving us a good lead at half time.

In the second half, Imberhorne put a bit of pressure on our back four but they were still unable to test Jenny Brockbank in goal. Our captain Issey Lee-Fisher could therefore push up to help create chances up top where she placed a lovely through ball to Leah Scrace to then pass it on to Tara to score another goal for Sackville. Imberhorne later scored 2 lucky goals in the space of 5 minutes where Sackville were caught off guard and were lacking the stamina. However, with a lovely run down the left side from Sara Gaines followed by a through ball to Courtney who confidently took it round 2 defenders and scored leaving the final score at 4-2 to Sackville.

Brilliant first game after all your hard work at training. Well done!

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### U14s Girls Football Tournament at The Weald

Following their exceptional win against Imberhorne, the U14s travelled to a 6 a-side tournament at The Weald School in Billingshurst.

Sackville's first game was against Tanbridge House where the girls, unfortunately, experienced their first loss this season. However they did well to keep their heads up and stay positive, ready for their next game against The Weald. This game started with us dominating possession but not creating any scoring opportunities. A chance arose when the ball was picked up in midfield by Cara Turnbull who turned and passed a through ball to Courtney Walker who scored a powerful goal into the bottom right corner. After this, Sackville managed to score a further 3 goals making the final score 4-0.

The final game was against rivals Imberhorne; the pressure was on. The first goal was scored by top goal scorer of the tournament Courtney, putting us in the lead after the first 2 minutes. With a remarkable save by Jenny Brockbank and great defending by Georgia Boylan, Leah Scrace and captain Issey Lee-Fisher, Imberhorne had no chance of breaking the defence in the first half. In the second half, Imberhorne were able to score 2 goals however, 2 more goals from Courtney and a further goal from Olivia Steer left the final score 4-2 to Sackville placing us 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Well done to all the girls who played!

### Elena Kent swims at the Regional Swimming Finals

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May Elena Kent competed in the Regional Swimming finals at K2 in Crawley. Elena qualified for the regionals in Portsmouth over the Easter weekend and it was touch and go as to whether or not she would gain a place in the regionals, despite gaining the qualifying time. Luckily she did and was ranked 47<sup>th</sup> going into the competition. Elena was very nervous but was also very determined as she had trained incredibly hard. In the 100m freestyle Elena swam a personal best of 1.02.38 which converts to a short course time of 60.98 which Elena is incredibly proud of as she has never swum under 1.01 before. At the regionals Elena finished 23<sup>rd</sup> in the U16 age group, which was amazing considering she went in ranked 47<sup>th</sup> and still has another year to swim in that age group. Out of the 15 year olds swimming Elena actually finished 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Elena a superb performance that is very well deserved.

### U13 Rounders vs Burgess Hill

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April the U13 rounders teams had their first match of the season against Burgess Hill. The girls were very excited as they had been training very hard at after school club and lunchtime practices. Both teams got off to a great start and fielded superbly keeping Burgess Hill's score down to just 4 rounders in the A match and 2 rounders in the B team match. Sackville then batted but unfortunately the As were bowled out after just 2 ½ rounders. The Bs however batted superbly and went into the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings with a 3 rounder lead. The 2<sup>nd</sup> innings continued in a similar way with the As losing by just 4 rounders in the end 11½ to 7½ and the Bs winning by 17 ½ rounders to 15. A great start to the season considering we had to play with one less player due to space on the minibus - well done girls.

Player of the match as voted by Burgess Hill – Millie Rymer-Gough and Charlotte Davison-Irvine.

**Squad:** Millie Rymer-Gough (capt), Hannah Sands, Megan Warrener, Lydia Ball, Eliza Roser, Morgen Hake, Jade Thomson, Vicki Baxter, Sophie Chapman, Emmie Van Lieshout, Bonnie Robinson, Charlotte Davison-Irvine (capt), Maisie Gadd, Alice Holman, Lauren Waddell and Ella Hesketh.

### U13 Rounders vs Imberhorne

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May the U13 rounders team had their 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the season against arch rivals Imberhorne. The girls were really up for the game and with the help of parents transporting girls to the fixture we were able to take a full squad with a couple of reserves. Both teams played brilliantly with the B team winning by a clear 8 rounders; final score 14-6. The A team game was extremely close throughout with the final score being a loss of just ½ a rounder 11-11½. The girls were devastated however they should be extremely proud of the start they have made to the season.

Well done to all involved and good luck for the rest of the season.

Player of the match – Vicki Baxter and Emmie Van Lieshout

**Squad:** Millie Rymer-Gough (capt), Hannah Sands, Megan Warrener, Lydia Ball, Eliza Roser, Morgen Hake, Jade Thomson, Alice Holman, Vicki Baxter, Sophie Billing, Charlotte Thomas, Sophie Chapman, Emmie Van Lieshout, Bonnie Robinson, Charlotte Davison-Irvine (capt), Lauren Waddell, Ella Hesketh and Lauryn Thomas.

## Ure on the way

We are delighted to announce that one of our year 12 students, Jamie Ure, has been selected for the Scotland under-17 rugby team.

This followed a multi-trial stage in Scotland in March, followed by numerous other selection fixtures.

The selection process included direct observations from Scotland's under-17 coaches as well as reports from regional academy coaches and national selectors.

A squad of 22 have been selected and will be attending a U17 development camp at Valladolid, Spain.

We are absolutely thrilled that Jamie's hard work and dedication has been recognised in this way, well done Jamie!

Mr D Whitehead (Head of Sixth Form) and Mrs H Valentine (Deputy Head of Sixth Form)



## Meanwhile from Malta ...

Sam Howes has been helping the England U17 team reach the final of the European Championships.

He has also achieved the accolade of 'Young Hammer of the Year' at his home club West Ham. If you are online, you can read about it [here](#).

We require a **Catering Assistant** for our busy and vibrant kitchen. Duties include preparation of meals, serving food and cash handling. Our kitchen has been awarded a 'five star' rating by the local authority and food hygiene is a key feature of this role.

Hours: 35 per week, term time only (8.00am-3.00pm)

Salary range: Grade 1 £12,435-£12,915  
(*pro rata £9,772-£10,149 for 35hrs/pw term time only*)

Closing date: 9am Monday 2nd June 2014

Further details and an application form are available on our website or from Miss Denman, PA to Headteacher, 01342 414900 / [kdenman@wsgfl.org.uk](mailto:kdenman@wsgfl.org.uk).

## Sackville Careers Fair

Sackville is hosting a careers fair open to all students and parents on the afternoon of 15th July from 3pm - 5pm. We are currently looking for representatives from local businesses to talk to the students about employment opportunities within the area and what working for that company involves. If you would like to volunteer and help Sackville with this event we would be very grateful, please contact Tom Heatley on [theatley@wsgfl.org.uk](mailto:theatley@wsgfl.org.uk) for more details. Many thanks!