

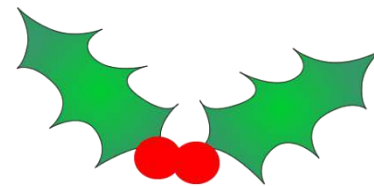
Sackville News

18th December 2015



Dear Parents

We have now reached the end of a long but productive term which has **seen many celebratory events** occurring and our year 11 students taking their first set of pre-public examinations.



Throughout this time, our year 9 students have been collecting food for the **East Grinstead Foodbank** and this was received with much gratitude. It is important that our thoughts are with those who experience less fortune at this time and please do read the thoughtful **Christmas message from Mr Roberts** on this theme further on in Sackville News.

The first set of **pre-public exams** is always a testing time and I am proud of the excellent attitude and approach shown by year 11 throughout. The exam season was carefully prepared by our examinations team and run meticulously by our invigilators and learning support assistants. Teachers have now assessed performance and all students were presented with their results in a **special assembly on Wednesday afternoon** this week. The impact on the students of receiving all of their results in this way is important and very much mirrors the experience they will have in August; it gives them an overall picture of where they are up to in their studies and helps them consider how to proceed. They will be undertaking a **second set of pre-public exams in March** which will be very helpful in tracking progress and ensuring that appropriate support and intervention is in place.



At the assembly, I was pleased to present the students with **special Sackville pens** in respect of their hard work and to wish them well on the final journey ahead. I have done this now for two years and have been pleased to see the pens being used in the summer examinations. They brought us good fortune last year and will hopefully do so again!



Following on from the very pleasing release of government data at the end of last month putting us **significantly above the national average** for student progress at **AS and A level** and in the **top 12%** for progress at **GCSE**, we have been pleased to receive early indications of intake figures for next year's year 7 which show a **steep increase in 1st preference choices for Sackville**. We will not know final numbers until March, when places are offered to parents. It is encouraging that so many in the local community and beyond are placing their faith in us to deliver a good education for their children.

The theme of **celebration** has been alive and well at the school over the past couple of weeks, with a number of assemblies and breakfasts taking place.



Both year 7 and the sixth form held special breakfast events to recognise those students who had achieved very high average attitude to learning scores on their reports. Well done to all. It was a pleasure to attend and Mr Whitehead even allowed me to have a croissant! It is

good to see hard work recognised in all age ranges and **years 8, 9 and 10** have also held special morning award events during this last week of term.



Please note students return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2016** at 8.25



The end of the first term in year 7 is always very special as it marks the point when students have really settled into the school, with Sackville truly 'under their skin'. We were therefore delighted to welcome so many parents to our **year 7 celebration assemblies** to recognise the tremendous progress of this year group.



Seeing the students on stage talking about their early experiences was wonderful. I was privileged to accompany everyone singing 'We wish you a merry Christmas' though I should maybe stick to the day job...

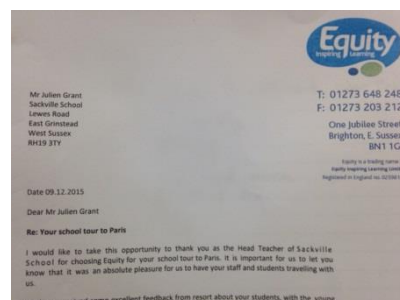


Students have also been busy making their mark in many other ways. The courage of **Cara Turnbull and her sister Chloe** has been an inspiration to us all: please see the article about this which follows. Parents may already be aware that **James Akehurst** in year 13 has completed a project for the **town council** at East Court placing a webcam on the roof for online viewing of the town's surroundings. Tony Neale, Head of Finance and Support Services at the council, contacted us to say how impressed he had been by the politeness, professionalism and knowledge of James and added that he was a credit to the school.



We received similar thanks and praise last week from the **travel company which oversaw our year 9 trip to Paris** in October:-

"It is important for us to let you know that it was an absolute pleasure for us to have your staff and students travelling with us. We have received excellent feedback about your students, with the young people being praised for their good behaviour and enthusiasm for every part of the trip. Mr Green and the rest of the staff received praise for their excellent rapport with the students. Both the staff and the students are a credit to your school and most importantly a credit to themselves."



Our **many successful sports teams** are, indeed, also a credit to the school and, following the stunning success of our **U13 Girls' football team** covered in the last edition of Sackville News, I was pleased to host a 'cake and juice' break time gathering with them when stories of victory were shared. Please do read all of the **sports coverage** in the later pages of Sackville News to find out just how well our students are doing.

A further cake and juice break time event took place in my office to celebrate our **computer scratch program winners** with Thales (-see later article).

Every year, Sackville takes part in the annual **Rotary Young Chef** competition and 2015/16 is no exception. All of our students did very well in the first round held at Imberhorne, with **Amanda Heather** coming second and making it through to the second round to be held at Oxted School.



Our students also fulfilled a long tradition of singing at the **Christmas tree lighting ceremony** in East Grinstead in early December. It was very well attended and our Junior Choir sang their hearts out! I was very pleased to be there to support them and there were many appreciative comments from prominent town folk about the school's contribution to this important event.



As if all of this activity is not enough, we have also experienced a very enjoyable **performing arts evening** at which our sixth formers excelled. The performances were rich in variety and very entertaining.

A large group of year 8 students returned on Wednesday in fine form from their **trip to the Christmas markets of Cologne**, which included visits to Phantasia Land, the cathedral and, of course, the chocolate factory! I would particularly like to thank those staff who accompanied them, led so ably by Mr Thompson.



At the end of this week, we have enjoyed special events which reinforce our togetherness as a community and leave us in good heart for the festive break. The **school Christmas lunch** was held on Wednesday and was a fine feast. The youngsters on my table seemed to be loving the occasion and were devouring healthy vegetables with great enthusiasm.

Our **6th form Christmas dinner**, again wonderfully catered-for by our canteen staff, saw over 350 students join with their tutors to celebrate the end of term and also to receive their GCSE and AS level



examination certificates. Accompanied by music and an entertaining raffle, a very good time was had by all.



Our **carol service held at St Swithun's** was a memorable and moving occasion. Now firmly embedded back into an evening slot, it is an atmospheric occasion to savour. Well done to all the readers and singers who took part and thank you to the governors for supplying mince pies and refreshments at the end.

Our **end of term assemblies** today sent us well on our way. The school bands, the staff antics and the inter-year karaoke were all sights to behold!

This year once again Mr Roberts has written a Christmas message which you can read later in this newsletter. Sadly he was not able to be with us on the last day of term, but Mr Feist did a sterling job reading as a 'Mr Roberts stand-in'! There are some **pictures** on the next page of the **last day assembly**.

As we move towards the new year, I am pleased to report our **continuing staff stability** with no departures and a warm welcome to the arrival of **Miss Champkins** in January to join our strong science team. Miss Champkins is an ex-Sackville student and we are delighted to see her return.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable festive break.

Merry Christmas,

Julian Grant



Liam Martin and George Taylor who certainly can sing, and our four best singers from the staff



Karaoke time for both the staff ... and the students. I think I know who were best!



Finally our brilliant Big Band. And the students record it all for posterity!

Sackville Head joins Ofsted advisory group

We are delighted to say that Julian Grant has been invited by Her Majesty's Inspectorate to join Ofsted's **Headteacher Reference Group**. This is a group of **leading headteachers** which helps the Department for Education (DfE) by influencing and improving policy development for primary and secondary education. There are only sixteen secondary heads on this group (from the entire country) and so to be invited is a measure of how well the success that Julian has brought to Sackville is regarded.

Year 11 learn about love

Sam Goddard writes about the recent Romeo and Juliet workshop

To supplement the Year 11 English literature unit on Shakespeare's famous 'Romeo & Juliet', we attended a workshop dedicated to the play, right here at Sackville. Run by a group of enthusiastic actors, the aim of the workshop was to give us a greater understanding of the story and the characters in it, as well as uncovering the inner meanings of the story by exploring the dialogue.



At the very beginning of the session, the hall was divided into two, with one half of us representing the Montague family, and the other half representing their arch-rivals: the Capulets. Volunteers were selected from both sides to play different characters in key scenes of the play, and this naturally raised some laughs. It was interesting to see how different scenes were played in different ways, and proved to be an involving way of taking us through the story and the most important events in it. All the while, they continued to explain things to us in ways that we can understand, so that the somewhat antiquated dialogue didn't leave us behind.

Once our wonderful volunteers had finished their work, it was time to sit back, relax and watch the Jeremy Vile Show! This was an interesting and certainly different way of exploring and interpreting the script, with one of the actors playing a certain Elizabethan television-presenter and interviewing two characters from the play, Juliet & Lord Capulet themselves. This gave an insight into the relationship between them, helping us to understand how the characters interact with each other in the story.

After that had finished, it was time for the actors to play some of the scenes. They chose the very first and the very last, as these two are both important in their own rights. They portrayed the opening scene in a slightly different way to productions we have seen in the past, and then went on to explain why they had chosen to do it in that way. Shortly after this, it was our turn to get involved; we were going to be the directors. They played the closing scene of the play in the way that they had rehearsed, before asking us to "be directors" and tell them how to improve it. We suggested different volumes of speech, different ways of acting, and even changing the events of the scene slightly.

Lastly, they gave us a chance to have some fun... by "wrecking" the final scene that we had just improved! We were told to make it as bad as possible, and we gladly obliged; German accents, temper-tantrums and a seven-year-old Friar Lawrence who breaks into hysterics when Romeo dies were just some of the things that we suggested!

Overall, the workshop was a fantastic and entertaining experience that has undoubtedly given us a valuable insight into the story of Romeo & Juliet, along with the ideas and meanings behind it.

I would just like to say a big thank you to you and your staff for taking my son to Germany. He has come back absolutely shattered but had a fantastic time! He has had a great experience; thanks to you all! I hope you have a fantastic Christmas and enjoy the break.

Parent of year 8 student



Chef Amanda through to next round

Four Sackville students, **Charlotte Davison-Irvine**, **Alice Healey**, **Holly Barden** and **Amanda Heather** took part in the first round of the Rotary Young Chef competition in the first week of December alongside four students from Imberhorne School.

Students were put through their paces by professional chefs, and teachers Mrs Grey and Mrs Smeaton were seriously impressed with the way they rose to the considerable challenge. After Masterchef-style judging at the end, Amanda was chosen to go through to the next round of the competition at Oxted School in February.

Well done Amanda and good luck for the next round.

The real world of law

Mrs Fleming writes:-

Two events last month made the **legal world come to life for our law students**.

Bar Mock Trial Competition

On the last Saturday in November, 16 students from years 10 to 13 competed in the Regional Heat of the **Citizenship Foundation Bar Mock Trial** at Guildford Crown Court.

This included playing all the roles in two separate cases, one of theft and deception and one of robbery. The photograph above shows Cameron Gray and Mizzette Dean who represented the prosecution for Sackville. Georgia Cooper and Amy Locke succeeded in winning their cases freeing the defendant Morgan Lewis (Played by Zohar Shay) and saving her from a possible prison sentence.

Judge Critchlow commented on the effort and hard work that must have gone into each of the cases by all of the participants and recommended that George Clift who played PC Mootle consider a career in the police.

If you are interested in competing next year please see Mrs Fleming in L02.



Local magistrate visits Sackville

Meanwhile, the following Friday **local magistrate Bernard Smith** visited three of the law lessons that day to explain his role as a Magistrate.

During the lessons year 10, 11 and 12 students were given an insight into how the Magistrates' Court works and played roles in a mock trial. Sackville's Magistrate Court gave different verdicts and suggested potential sentences for the defendant including unpaid work and fines. They also considered the impact a prison sentence might have on their future careers and travel plans.

Thank you to Mr Smith for being so generous with his time.

This was especially useful for our Mock Trial team who will be competing in Guildford Crown Court on Saturday in the Citizenship Foundation completion.

If any students are interested in competing in a mock trial please let Mrs Fleming know in L01.



Nestle Business Workshop

Mrs Fleming again:-

On 4th December global business Nestle ran a **business workshop for 50 of our year 10 business and law students**. The event, organised by Miss Butler Futures Leader at Sackville, involved the students taking part in a number of challenges that could lead to the students being selected to attend a Nestle assessment centre, and potentially getting paid work experience in the summer.

Students also set up a society to organise events within school where they choose representatives to take on the roles of president, vice-president, marketing and communication managers. The day was considered a success by all involved with Nestle offering to come back in the near future to discuss potential careers options for the 6th form students.

If students wish to find out more about careers Miss Butler can support with advice and practical help or if you wish to find out more about Business Studies at Sackville please contact Mrs Fleming on jfleming@wsgfl.org.uk.



Undergraduate help in economics lesson

As you can see there has been a lot going on down in L block this month!

The business department has also received **undergraduate help this week from Kathryn Legg**, who is studying economics at the University of Birmingham. Here you can see Kathryn ,aking light work of explaining income-elasticity to Todd, Olly, Jack

and Emma of the current year 12 class.

Tourism boost for town from Sackville student



James Akehurst of Sackville School has been commended by the Town Council for completing the **installation of a webcam to boost tourism** in the town.

James, a year 13 student, chose to build the system for his A level computing coursework. He programmed a Raspberry Pi minicomputer to take a photo every five minutes and upload it to the town council website. James is of course hoping for a high grade in his coursework but it equally pleased to have produced something that might have a lasting impact on the town. The system will also store up to 5000 photos, available only to the council.

Tony Neale of the council was very impressed with James' work. "He was polite, professional and very knowledgeable, and East Grinstead Town Council now has a spectacular view from East Court overlooking the playing fields and Ashdown Forest. He is a credit to

both himself and Sackville School."

At Sackville we are of course equally impressed that the efforts of one of our students have been so well received and will be put to such practical purpose.

Pictured here are James with Headteacher Mr Grant, and the Raspberry Pi before both in and out of its protective case.





Students flock to see the launch of Tim Peake in Soyuz

This picture was taken in the Main Hall at breaktime on Tuesday as the Soyuz rocket launched from Kazakhstan carrying British astronaut **Tim Peake** to the **International Space Station**.

Tim will be in space for nearly six months and during that time will be engaged in a wealth of interesting educational activities. Some of these will be discussed in lessons at school, but for those interested there is also an excellent website, [Principia](#). Weather permitting, the International Space Station should be visible in the evening sky above West Sussex at about **5.20pm on Christmas Eve**. Don't mistake it for Santa!

It's not just physics

Our science department really is a window to the wonders of life. Here's a short piece from Mr Roberts:-

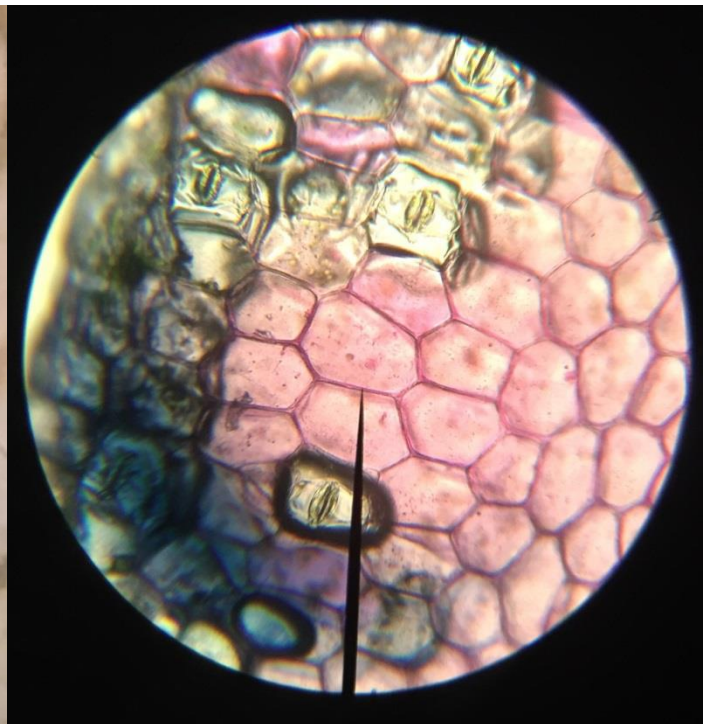
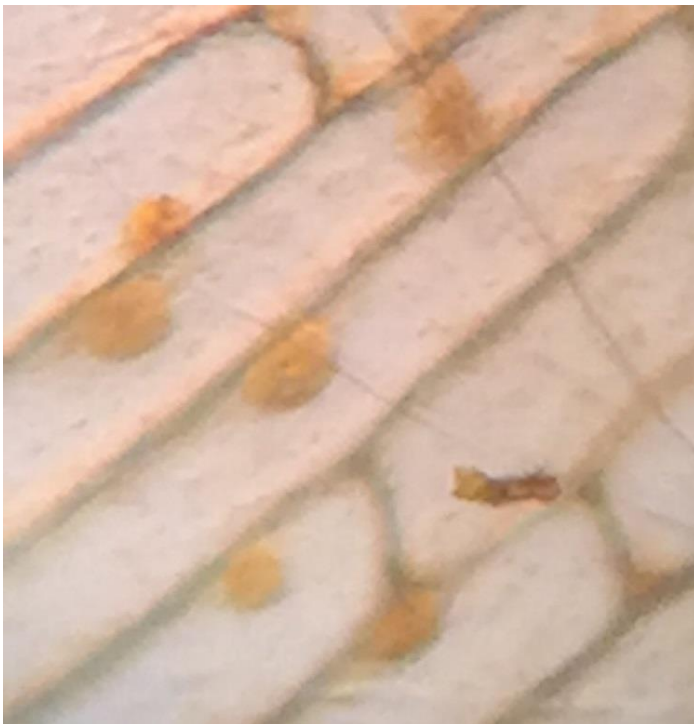
There are times when students using mobile phones in class is entirely appropriate. I would like to share with you some **brilliant photographs taken of microscope slides** prepared by students in years 8 and 9.



There are onion cells, taken by **Emma Oglethorpe** and **Chloe Harman**, both of 9AMS. In these we can see the cell walls and the nuclei of the cells, stained with iodine.

We also have the underside of Tradescantia leaves, showing stomata with guard cells, by Maddie Wrigley of 8ADT.

Congratulations to these girls on their beautiful work.



Future coders enjoy success with Thales

Mr Lea writes:-

On Friday 20th November I accompanied year 8 students **Will Grange, Alex Flude, Alex Moore and Lawrence Best** on a visit to Thales in Crawley.

These students had won the **Scratch Programming** competition back in year 7 and were invited along with four other schools to see how Thales use engineering within their business. The students were given a tour of the factory where they make flight simulators, military and aviation products and were given the opportunity to see how these products are designed, developed and tested.

They had the opportunity to try out some of the software used to train people how to drive tanks, aircraft and helicopters. The students were also told how Thales offers different routes into their company, such as apprenticeships, internships and graduate training programmes. The day was a fantastic opportunity to see engineering in a real context and see some of the amazing opportunities a career in technology can potentially bring.



A big congratulation should also go to **Will Grange** who won the prize for creating the most effective computer program across all the schools that took part. He has won a robot kit which Thales have offered him the chance to help set up!

Thank Friday, it's COSMAT!

Mr Scarfe writes:-

If it's November then it must be COSMAT!

Once again our film and media sixth form students took the trip to Brighton's Duke of York's Cinema for the **annual conference of film and media**.

This year's event started off with Judith Noble, Senior Film Lecturer at Arts University Bournemouth who gave a talk on the classic 1957 British horror film, '*Night of the Demon*'. She included some great contextual information that our Year 12 Film students will be able to take into their exam in summer.

After a short break we were introduced to celebrated British social realist director, Clio Barnard who talked about her career in filmmaking, her short film '*The Arbor*' and the creative process from script to screen of her 2013 debut feature, '*The Selfish Giant*'.



There then followed a screening of the film and, after a rousing ovation over the credits, a Q&A session where Clio Barnard answered many questions from students in the audience.

Our students will now have the opportunity to put what they have learnt into film making practice as our coursework now begins in earnest!

A Christmas Message from Mr Roberts

For the past couple of years I have talked to you about my family Christmas newsletter. I was determined that this year it would be different, and, indeed, my wife wrote this year's news to send out with our Christmas cards.

As with many people, we've experienced an up and down year. Whilst my daughter has become quite unwell, my son has got married and we have had number of lovely family gatherings.

I have a lot to be thankful for. So, why is this important or interesting?

Let me remind you (or if you are year 7, tell you) of a summer assembly we had from Mr Street talking about the horror stories affecting migrants, people literally fleeing for their lives from both police and bandits in Libya, stories of a lady whose baby was thrown off a truck full of refugees because it wouldn't stop crying and the truck didn't stop. We heard of people who may even have had a few handfuls of grain to grow, but due to a lack of rain nothing would grow and they are starving; and finally of people who were and still are so desperate that they are prepared to get on a raft made for a few people, packed with 100s of people, trying to cross the Mediterranean because there is just a chance that they will escape the horrors and make safe land fall in Europe.

Shortly after that, Mr Currie talked to us about the difficulties faced by children at his son's school, Manor Green Primary in Crawley, not just due to learning difficulties but also other extra issues, physical issues, making life incredibly difficult for them, but they could celebrate when those children could coordinate sufficiently to put together a whole sentence.

In the summer two young former Sackville students, one 23 (whose dad gave us this magnificent Christmas tree) and the other just 21, died. Their parents face their first Christmas without their sons; the friends, families, parents of 130 people from Paris face Christmas without their relatives who were killed in November, as do countless numbers of Syrians and other refugees, who may not especially celebrate the birth of Christ but they have all lost their nearest and dearest.

Over the next two weeks we shall mostly be warm, sheltered, eating and drinking lots, and giving and receiving presents. I don't suppose many of us will be running for our lives, leaving behind all we ever had or knew, for a life of total discomfort and uncertainty. We have so much, some might say too much, but we have what we have; so many others have nothing.

In the days ahead, take a moment to think on these things, and whether it is to your God or to your families and friends or for life in general, please say 'Thank you' and be thankful for what you have.

As always, I wish for a peaceful and blessed Christmas for you all.

Jim Roberts

Cara Turnbull – a case study in courage



The young woman on the right is **Cara Turnbull**, in our year 11. She's just completed her first set of pre-public exams, like all of our year 11s. Cara and her sister have had other things to worry about this year however, losing both their parents to cancer. As if this were not enough, their mother died on the day of their father's funeral

The strength, courage and cheerfulness Cara shows each day are quite simply incredible.

The story of Cara and her elder sister Chloe (who also attended Sackville) has been covered recently by both the East Grinstead Courier and The Sun.

You can read more about the sisters on [the Courier website](#) and on [The Sun website](#).



Sports news

Girls' results

Netball					
U19 Sussex Cup	Sackville (Player of match Esme Foreman)	beat		BHASVIC	
U19 tournament – finished third overall, top state school (Players of the tournament Esme Foreman, Georgia Cooper and Charlie Main)	Sackville	7	5	Collyers	
	Sackville	7	3	St Bede's	
	Sackville	6	3	Ardingly	
	Sackville	6	3	Brighton College	
	Sackville	7	2	Mayfield	
	Sackville	3	4	Worthing College	
	Sackville	6	11	Hurst	
U16	Sackville (Player of match Charlie Main)	lost to		Brighton College	
	Sackville (Player of match Charlie Main)	35	6	Millais	
U15 Sussex Cup	Sackville	15	20	Oathall	
U12	Sackville Team 1	0	9	Downlands	
	Sackville Team 1	2	2	St Paul's	
	Sackville Team 2	0	2	Downlands	
	Sackville Team 2	3	1	St Paul's	
	Sackville A	0	3	Oathall A	
	Sackville B	5	3	Oathall B	
	Sackville	25	0	Imberhorne	
Hockey					
U16	Sackville (Player of match Morgen Hake)	lost to		Notre Dame	
U15	Sackville (Millie Rymer Gough, Kate Noble, Megan Warrener, Hannah Sands)	4	0	Notre Dame	
U14a	Sackville (Player of match Hannah Green)	lost to		Notre Dame	
U14b	Sackville (Player of match Eleanor Canepa Anson)	lost to		Notre Dame	
U12	Sackville A (Millie Knowles (2), Lucy Plumb, Hannah Plumb)	4	0	Notre Dame	
	Sackville B (Robyn Langley)	1	0	Notre Dame	
Gymnastics					
Intermediate team	Sackville team finished second in the County Competition (report below)				
Football					
U13 Girls' Tri-Tournament	Sackville (Rhianna Major 4, Poppy Nicholls)	5	0	Imberhorne	
	Sackville (Poppy 4, Rhianna, Lucy Plumb)	6	0	Ardingly	
	Sackville (Poppy 2, Rhianna 2, Ellie-Mae Taylor)	5	1	Imberhorne	
	Sackville (Poppy 3, Rhianna 3)	6	0	Ardingly	

Boys' results

Rugby					
U12	Sackville (Tries Joe Sheridan 2, Cameron McInnes, Jack Sands. Conversions Ben Aubrey 3)	26	7	Imberhorne	
U13	Sackville (Try Sam Kelly)	5	27	Warden Park	
U13 Sate School Cup	Sackville (Tries Harvey Byatt 2, Kieran Fulford 2, Fin Gadd, Alex Moore, Finlay Lee-Fisher and Peter Kelly. Conversions James Young 4)	48	0	Varndean	
U14	Sackville (Try Ethan Carrick)	5	21	Oakmeeds	
U14 Area Cup	Sackville	30	35	Weald	
U15 County Cup	Sackville (Tries Liam Foulds, Reece Donohoe, Ryan Whiteman, Caleb Rebelo. Conversion Ryan Whiteman 3)	26	5	Patcham	
U15 Area Cup	Sackville (Tries Ryan Whiteman, Jack Howcroft 2, Callum Horwood, Ryan Whiteman. Conversions Ryan Whiteman 3)	26	34	Weald	
Soccer					
U12 Area Cup	Sackville (Joe Leslie, Ben Aubrey, Jude Hayman)	3	1	St Paul's	
U12	Sackville (Joe Leslie 2, Ben Aubrey 2, Jude Hayman, Oliver Ally)	6	0	Warden Park	
U13 County Cup	Sackville	0	1	Forest	
U13	Sackville	1	2	Tanbridge House	
U16 County Cup	Sackville	1	2	Peacehaven	
First X1 County Cup	Sackville	1	7	BHASVIC	
Hockey					
U14	Sackville (Adam Harris)	1	0	Oathall	
U16	Sackville	0	5	Oathall	
Basketball					
U14	Sackville	36	16	Weald	
U14 County Cup	Sackville	26	34	Downlands	
U14	Sackville	45	10	Oathall	
U14	Sackville	28	80	Warden Park	
U15	Sackville	10	36	Warden Park	
U16	Sackville	24	42	Michael Hall	

Mixed results

Hockey					
First X1 mixed	Sackville	1	2	Reigate College	

Worth remembering too that our fantastically successful U12 soccer team has some girls in it!

U13 Girls Tri-Tournament

Ms Offler writes:-

Friday 13th has been called unlucky for some, but not for Sackville's U13 Girls' Football Team who went to a Tri-Tournament in November hosted by Ardingly College. The teams played two, 15-minute matches against each other with Sackville scoring the following results:

Sackville vs Imberhorne 5-0 (Rhianna x 4, Poppy x 1 goals)
Sackville vs Ardingly 6-0 (Poppy x 4, Rhianna x 1, Lucy x 1)
Sackville vs Imberhorne 5-1 (Poppy x 2, Rhianna x 2, Ellie x 1)
Sackville vs Ardingly 6-0 (Poppy x 3, Rhianna x 3)

Taylor, Millie and Issy held a strong defensive line which Ardingly and Imberhorne tried to push through on several occasions, but due to their excellent communication and desire to win the ball back they managed to only concede one goal throughout the entire tournament. Hannah made some great saves and was able to distribute the ball out very quickly to allow Lucy, Ellie, Rhianna and Poppy to take advantage of a quick response and create goal scoring opportunities.

The girls showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Congratulations to all who were involved.

The team: Hannah Plumb, Issy Carrick, Lucy Plumb, Poppy Nicholls, Ellie-Mae Taylor, Taylor Goodall, Rhianna Major, Millie Knowles.

Sackville's hockey month ends on a high!

Ms Jones writes:-

One week last month saw Sackville girls play an awful lot of hockey, all against Lingfield Notre Dame. On Monday 23rd November Sackville had quite a shaky start, the U14s suffering a significant loss. Tuesday saw our U16s play; Sackville lost 4-0, but it would have been many more if not for goalkeeper Morgen Hake who was awarded player of the match. On Wednesday the year 7 A and B teams faced Lingfield's B and C teams. Our A team won 4-0, Mille Knowles scoring two, Lucy Plumb scoring one, and Hannah Plumb scoring the final goal. Players of the match were Hannah Plumb and Millie Knowles. The B's won 1-0, Robyn Langley the goal scorer and Ella Devine was awarded player of the match.

On Thursday our U15s played Notre Dame's U15 B team. Sackville finished the week on a high winning 4-0. Millie Rymer Gough, Kate Noble, Megan Warrenner and Hannah Sands all scoring goals. Player of the match was Millie Rymer Gough. Pictured is the U15 team fresh from their win.



Sackville's Intermediate Gymnastics Squad Finish Second in the County Competition.

Ms Jones writes:-

On Monday 9th November the Intermediate gymnastics squad travelled to Davison School in Worthing for the annual County Competition. They'd spent weeks preparing a floor piece (that some may have been lucky enough to see at Sackville's annual gym and dance show) and each team member also had to perform two vaults.

There were four judges on the panel judging the execution and difficulty of moves, the use of music and how well the routine matched the theme. The Sackville team were superb and finished second overall.



A huge thank you to 6th form student Emily Chapman: Emily gives up two afternoons a week and countless lunchtimes to help run gymnastics club, and to coach and to choreograph the routines.

Pictured are the squad after they'd received their certificates. From right to left – Marnie Trewern, Laura Howson, Lydia Ball, Jade Thomson, Emily Chapman, Eliza Roser, Aimee Lane, Maisie Gadd, Charlotte Davison Irvine.

U12 Netball vs Imberhorne

Ms Offler writes:-

Sackville's U12 Netball team faced Imberhorne for a friendly match on Wednesday 2nd December. The game's first quarter was very hurried, with both teams fumbling for the ball, however we managed to start slowing the game down and as a result, score two goals. The second quarter saw Sackville slowing their game down, gaining control and soon after the goals started flowing. This fluidity continued into the third and fourth quarters with some exceptional interceptions from both Eloise Bassett, Georgie Coughlan and Issy Carrick, as well as a calm attitude from Lucy Plumb, Anika Raymond and Freya Healiss when shooting. The girls worked extremely hard throughout the game with the end result being a 25-0 win to Sackville. Congratulations girls!

The team: Lucy Plumb, Anika Raymond, Georgie Coughlan (captain), Annie Pinder, Hannah Plumb, Freya Healiss, Issy Carrick and Eloise Bassett.

U12 A & B Netball Vs Oathall

Ms Offler writes:-

On the Tuesday 8th December the U12 Netball A and B teams played in a tightly fought game against Oathall. The A team had a very close match with the score after the second quarter being just 1-0 to Oathall. The girls kept their heads high and kept a strong defence throughout the third quarter but despite having a couple of chances to score in the 4th quarter they unfortunately lost 3-0 overall.

The B team went 2-0 down in the first quarter, but after settling into the second quarter they then came back to a 2-2 draw. The third quarter showed even more promise with our attacking play becoming even stronger which allowed us to get ahead to 4-3. The final quarter again showed some fantastic perseverance and some exceptional play with the end result being a Sackville win of 5-3.



Well done to all the girls who were involved in both of the games. You all played extremely well and we look forward to having a rematch against Oathall after Christmas.

A Team: Lucy Plumb, Anika Raymond, Georgie Coughlan (captain), Annie Pinder, Hannah Plumb, Freya Healiss, Eloise Bassett.

B Team: Olivia Hepburn, Ellie McAvoy, Caleen Cherry, Ellen Green, Issy Carrick (captain), Sophie Larkin, Ellie Foulkes.

As you can see from the picture these girls have a great time playing netball!

U12 Tri-Tournament at St Paul's

Ms Offler again:-

The ever growing U12 netball team travelled to St Paul's to play in a friendly tri-tournament which included games against Downlands and St Pauls. Both teams played 2 small matches against each of the other schools with the overall results as follows:

Team 1:

Sackville 0 vs Downlands 9
Sackville 2 vs St Pauls 2

Team 2:

Sackville 0 vs Downlands 2
Sackville 3 vs St Pauls 1

As the results show, we had tough games against Downlands, however, when we break down the games, team 1 made a fantastic improvement in their second game with the score only being a 0-2 loss. Team 2 also made some great improvements with the second game against Downlands being a 0-0 draw.

Both games against St Paul's were tightly fought with some excellent attacking play being shown throughout. Well done to all the girls involved. They demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication throughout the games and we look forward to a rematch with both schools after Christmas.



Team 1: Ellie Foulks, Kiechelle Luyt, Ella Browne, Jasmin Silk, Millie Knowles, Rachel Canepa-Anson, Sophie Taylor.

Team 2: Amalie Foster Mcphedran, Amber Titchener, Harriette Davison-Irvine, Eve Lewis, Sophie Larkin, Holly Aston.

Making a Splash... The Results!

Ms Offler writes again:-

Back in September, Sackville's Swimming Team travelled to Horsham Pavilions to take part in the Sussex Schools' Swimming Association Secondary Schools' Relay Gala. This involved twenty schools taking part from all over Sussex, competing in both Medley and Freestyle Relays.

I am delighted to announce that the official results finally came through last week and I can confirm that our Junior Boys' B team came second in both their 4 x 50m Medley and Freestyle Relay. The Junior Boys' A team came third in the 4 x 50m Medley Relay. The B team beat the A team by just 0.84 of a second in the Medley Relay! Congratulations also to our Senior Boys' team who came second in both the 4 x 50m Medley and Freestyle relays. All those involved will be receiving medals in their celebration assemblies.

Well done boys! Some excellent results!

Junior Boys' A Team: Ben Bailey, Joe Lancaster, Ed De Barra, Nathan Randall.

Junior Boys' B Team: Danielus Tuma, Luke Waddell, Joe Astley, Jacob Knock.

Senior Boys Team: Ryan Foulds, Peter Jenkins, JP Rebelo, Will Hewitt.

Annual Schools' Trampoline Competition

Three Sackville girls represented the school at the first round of the **Annual Schools Trampoline Competition** at Jumpers Rebound Centre, Gillingham, Kent on Sunday 29th November.

Felicity Spackman (yr7), Heidi Crowther (yr8) and Jordi Crowther (yr11), battled against tough opponents during their Set and Voluntary routines.

Jordi finished in 3rd place in the Under 19 Intermediate group and will represent Sackville at the Zonal Finals in January. Heidi competed at Elite level in the Under 14's age group and, after two solid routines, secured 1st place. She will also represent the school at the next round in January.

Even though Felicity could not see where she placed as the scoreboard was not working, the championships were a successful time for these Sackville students.

A great term for boys' PE

Mr Currie writes:-

This has been a very busy and very successful term for the boys' teams at Sackville. I can't do justice here to all of the excellent performances, but this is a flavour of the success we have enjoyed.

- ❑ Our **year 7 footballers** are strong candidates for team of the term, having played 12 games and won 11. Stand out performers have been **Joe Sheridan** and **Joe Leslie**. The team are in the Area Cup final in the New Year.
- ❑ The **year 7 rugby** team have also made a very good start, having played three and won two. The victories were convincing against difficult rivals Forest and Imberhorne. Special mentions here to **Elliot Vincent**, **Ben Aubrey**, **Oliver Ally**, **Joe Sheridan** and **Bradley Stuart**.
- ❑ The **year 8 footballers** won six out of nine, starting brilliantly with a 5-2 win against Forest in a friendly. Unfortunately they lost to the same team twice in cup afterwards. Star players include **Joe Stone**, **Callum Stone** and **Harvey Byatt**.
- ❑ The **year 8 rugby** team have won five out of six games, and are in the quarter final of both the county cup and state school cup. Strong performances have been put in by **Harvey Byatt**, **Finley Lee-Fisher**, **Finn Crawford**, **Harvey Snashfold**, **Peter and Sam Kelly**, and **Alex Moore**.
- ❑ The **year 9 footballers** have played five and lost just one this term, ably driven on by **Tom Wallis** and **Ayo Odeyinde**.
- ❑ The **year 9 rugby** team are probably the most improved outfit in the school this term, now they have learned to tackle! Lead performers include **Matt Tomkinson** and **James Scrace**, with try scoring skills provided by **James Foreman** and **Jason James-Bettell**. We would like to thank **Foreman Carpets** for sponsoring our shirts.
- ❑ The year 9 basketball team have won four out of seven matches, with outstanding contributions from **Kieran Taylor**, **Ayo Odeyinde**, **Matt Tomkinson** and **Theo McFarlane**.
- ❑ Our **Year 9 Badminton** team came second in the area competition, led by **Tom Cocks** and **Kirk Foulds**.
- ❑ The **year 9 hockey** players pushed off their season with 1-0 win. Players to watch are **Will Thomas** and **Kirk Foulds**, along with goal scorer **Adam Harris**.
- ❑ In **year 10 our footballers** won two of their four games, with many more games arranged for the New Year. **Seb Messina** and **Ollie Moon** lead the team.
- ❑ Like year 9, our **year 10 rugby** team has improved enormously this term, reaching the quarter final of the County Cup. Here the players to keep your eye on are **Liam Foulds**, **Ryan Whiteman**, **Callum Horwood**, **Oscar Arro**, **Alex Keely**, **Jack Howcroft** and new boy **Caleb Rebelo**.
- ❑ Our **year 10 basketball** team won three of the six games played, reaching the quarter final of the County Cup in the process. This is built on **Ryan Whiteman's** lay-ups and **Or Shay's** rebounding.
- ❑ Onto **year 11**, where the **football** team got to the third round of the County Cup where they sadly missed key players and lost 2-1. Special mention here to **Tom Dean**, **George Saunders** and **Dan Elliott**.
- ❑ Our **Year 11 Hockey** players so far have played only one game and were not really at the races. Even England U16 player **Adam Farren** could not weave his magic.
- ❑ The **rugby team** have only played one game, which they lost despite the efforts of **Devon Frost** and **George Saunders**.
- ❑ The **basketball** team won two of their six games, with the efforts of **Rienel Bronilla** and **Will Putner** being critical.
- ❑ Sport continues at Sackville in the **sixth form**, where our **footballers** won three games out of five. Sadly they lost the important Memorial Game against Imberhorne, despite **Chris Clark's** outstanding volleyed goal. **Jack Unwin** and **Toby Hill** provide the creative spine of the team.
- ❑ We also have a **mixed senior hockey team**, which has only played as a team once. Sadly that game was lost, despite the best efforts of **Nick Martin**, **James Partridge**, **Molly Cummins**, and newcomer in goal **Rob Ure**.

Overall a great term for our sportsmen; enjoy the holiday and stay fit!



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Science technician (chemistry)

Grade 4

We are looking to appoint a science technician to support teaching and learning in our large and vibrant science department. They will be based in our chemistry preparation area but support colleagues across the faculty. The successful candidate should have good interpersonal and organisational skills, be a strong communicator and able to work as part of a successful team.

This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who likes working with young people.

Hours: Hours of work: 37 hours per week (spread over 5 days); this could be achieved through a job share although full time is preferable

Salary range: £16,231 - £16,969 FTE (pro-rata £13,484 - £14,097) term time only.

Sackville is a large, mixed, 11-18 comprehensive with 1570 on roll. We are a STEM school, leader in Space Education and hold International School, Artsmark Silver, Healthy School and Good Schools Guide awards. Last summer we achieved our best ever GCSE results: 73% achieving at least 5 GCSE grades at C or above including English and Maths.

Further details are available on our website www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk or from Mrs K Rowlingson, PA to the Headteacher, on 01342 414900 [/krowlingson@wsgfl.org.uk](mailto:krowlingson@wsgfl.org.uk).

Informal enquiries are most welcome, so if you wish to discuss any aspect of the role or the flexibility in hours, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Bush, Curriculum Leader of Science, on sbush@wsgfl.org.uk

Please address your letter of application together with the application form and safer recruiting sheet (available on website) to Mr Julian Grant, Headteacher.

Closing Date: Monday 11th January 10.00am
Interviews: Thursday 14th January 2016

Sackville School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosing & Barring Service.



New Special Needs Trampoline Sessions

A 9 week trampoline course at **The Kings Centre** on Thursdays is running January 7th- March 17th.

5.30pm: under 9's
6pm: under 12's
6.30pm: under 16's

There are places for 4 children per class and the cost is £45.90 which works out as £5.10 for each class (less for members). Places must be pre booked.

You can book over the phone on 01342 328616. You will then also need to pop in to complete a form.

At present Kings do not have a hoist so children must be able to get on and off the trampoline or be lifted on by a parent.

Parents must stay during the session.