



Families' Bulletin

Monday 30 January to Friday 3 February 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

You should have received a letter from me earlier today regarding the impending national strike action by members of the NEU teachers' union. The first day of which is taking place next Wednesday 1 February. If you have not yet seen the letter it can be accessed [here](#). I will write to you all again on Monday with further information and a confirmation of which students we will be able to safely accommodate in school.

Today is the last day of our **Year 11 mock examinations** and I have to say they have been brilliant in their approach and deserve some time to do something they enjoy and to relax this weekend. Well done to them all.

Year 13 also had their final Consultation Evening this week from which I heard some wonderful feedback. Just as with the Year 11's, the focus now is on students and staff working together to target those areas that will help to make all the difference as they go into their formal examinations this summer. It is about those marginal gains now, unpicking their mock exams, filling those knowledge gaps, practising exam questions and following the feedback given by staff. I have every faith that by working together and with the support of families, they will get the results they deserve in the summer.

Finally this week, we had a wonderful event on Wednesday evening where students from **Year 9** presented the work they have been doing on a variety of **charity based projects** since September. This project has involved the whole year group and raised hundreds of pounds for various charities, with the winning team receiving a £1,000.00 from our link organisation First Give, for their chosen charity. Well done to all of the 270 Year 9 students involved and to Mr Pearson for his inspirational leadership on this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni, Headteacher

Key Dates

Wednesday 1 February	Observatory Open Evening 7.00pm-9.00pm
Thursday 2 February	Higher Education Fair 4.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 7 February	Year 13 - Talk delivered by Newcastle University 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Wed 8, Thurs 9 and Fri 10 February	GREASE - School Show
Friday 10 February	Years 7 to 9 – Influenza Vaccination Programme
Friday 10 February	Year 8 - HPV Vaccination - 1st Dose
Friday 10 February	Year 9 - HPV Vaccination - 2nd Dose
Friday 10 February	Year 11 Art Trip - Tate Britain
Monday 13 – Friday 17 February	Half-Term Break

You can view the full parents' calendar [here](#)

Hot Chocolate with the Head



I was joined this morning by four students from the winning Year 9 charity team, Gisele, Pippa, Summer and Sophie and heard all about what they had gained from being part of the First Give project. As part of the event on



Wednesday they had to speak in front of an audience that included adults from within school and external agencies, as well as their peers. They all found this such a valuable and confidence building experience. I was also joined by Alice in Year 7 who was nominated for her outstanding attendance (100%) and her contribution and positive outlook to school. Well done to them all.

Ms Jo Meloni

Year Group Notices

Year 11 & Year 12

Higher Education Fair
2nd February
4.30pm—6.30pm

In the main hall

A collage of logos for various universities and colleges attending the Higher Education Fair. The logos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. The universities included are: The University of Sheffield, University of Kent, University of Southampton, Lancaster University, University of Chichester, University of Suffolk, ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY, Amazing Apprenticeships, PLUMPTON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, EAST SUSSEX COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER, UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING, MET Brighton Metropolitan College, CCG Chichester College Group, SOLENT UNIVERSITY SOUTHAMPTON, and SIGTA.

Year 10 are also welcome to attend if they are interested

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs, by year group, via the website parent link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding a particular activity, please contact the member of staff who is running the club.

Safeguarding - On-line

Safe Online Shopping



More and more of us are shopping online, even more so this time of year. Many individuals use online websites for convenience and ease however, there are risks associated with online shopping and you need to take care with what you are buying, from whom, and how you pay for your purchases.

Safe shopping

- Ensure that any online retailer unfamiliar to you is reputable by researching them.
- Remember that paying by credit card offers greater protection than with other methods in terms of fraud, guarantees and non-delivery.
- Do not reply to unsolicited emails from companies you don't recognise.
- Before entering payment card details on a website, ensure that the link is secure, in two ways:
 - There should be a padlock symbol in the browser window frame, which appears when you attempt to log in or register. Be sure that the padlock is not on the page itself ... this will probably indicate a fraudulent site.
 - The web address should begin with 'https://'. The 's' stands for 'secure'.
- Do not pay for goods when using an unsecured Wi-Fi connection.
- When making a payment to a company or individual, never transfer the money directly into their bank account but use a secure payment site such as PayPal, where money is transferred between two electronic accounts.
- Check sellers' privacy policy and returns policy.
- Always log out of sites into which you have logged in or registered details. Simply closing your browser is not enough to ensure privacy.

Mr Kevin Treen

Wellbeing



Dear Families

This weekend is the [Big Garden Birdwatch](#), a great invitation to make a brew, maybe have a few biscuits or a slice of cake to hand (or some fresh fruit or vegetables or even some nuts) and spend an hour watching birds in your balcony, patio, garden or local park. If you are someone who struggles to be still, this is perhaps an opportunity to take an hour and whilst you will be doing something, you will be spending a calming hour in nature. It is amazing the soothing impact of being in a green space, surrounded by nature and keeping an eye out for our feathered friends. I wonder how you'll find the hour and what you'll see.



Have a lovely weekend.

Hannah Nibloe

Vacancies

**Sackville School**
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

PA to Headteacher
Required March, 2023
Starting salary Grade 7 - £25,408 -£27,851 (FTE) per annum

Following the retirement of the current post holder, we are looking to appoint an exceptional Headteacher's PA to join our team. This is an exciting, challenging and varied post sitting right at the heart of our school and through which you could make a real difference to our community.

- Are you an experienced PA or administrator looking for a new challenge in a large school?
- Do you want to use your excellent organisation skills at a high level, and help make a difference to the lives of young people?
- Do you have excellent communication skills, strong emotional intelligence and an ability to prioritise a busy workload?

If so, this could be just the position you have been waiting for.

This role provides vital confidential, personal and administrative support to the Headteacher. You will maintain electronic diaries, organise meetings and events, write correspondence and be the first point of contact for anyone seeking contact with the Headteacher, as well as overseeing the administration of the staff recruitment process.

We are looking for someone with excellent communication, administrative and organisational skills, alongside the ability to lead others and bring out the best in them. You will be responsible for line managing the main school office team, reception and reprographics staff. You will therefore need to be confident, proactive and have the aptitude to work independently, and lead a small team.

Sackville is an exceptionally friendly and supportive community built on strong relationships which allow every student to thrive. We have acquired a deserved reputation for fighting for every child, to support every student in achieving their full potential and develop a lifelong love of learning. Our GCSE results are consistently strong with extremely positive progress 8 scores. Our sixth form is also thriving and successful.

Previous experience of being a PA would be beneficial, as would experience of working in a school setting. However, first and foremost we are looking for the right person to complement our existing team. Someone with the right skills, qualities and aptitude to grow in the role and with us, as we work together to realise our ambitious aims for the school.

Please return the completed forms to Ms Jo Meloni together with a letter of application, of not more than two sides of A4, outlining:

1. How your previous skills and experiences have suitably prepared you for this role
2. What you feel would be the priorities of the role;

39 hours per week, term time only plus INSET days, plus three additional weeks (during Aug/Sept).
Salary NJC Grade 7: £25,408-£27,851 (FTE) per annum (£24, 619-£26,986 actual pro rata)

Deadline: Monday 6 February 2023. Interview scheduled for Thursday 9 February.
We reserve the right to shortlist and interview prior to the closing date, so early applications are encouraged.

Further details are available on our website www.sackvilleschool.org.uk or from Mrs K Rowlingson PA to the Headteacher, on 01342 414900 / krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Please address your letter of application together with the application form and safer recruitment form (available on the school website) to Ms Jo Meloni Headteacher, and send to krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk



Lewes Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 3TY Tel: 01342 410140

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 Disclosure and Barring Service.

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Invigilators Required

We are seeking to recruit new invigilators, term time, for exam periods only. We presently have a group of dedicated invigilators, and are looking for individuals to expand the team, who can promote a supportive atmosphere for our students so that they achieve their best.

A good command of written and spoken English is essential for this role together with an ability to communicate confidently with both staff and students.

This role will suit applicants looking for flexible working hours both in school and after school hours with emphasis on being available for at least 3 days per week for both morning and afternoon sessions during the busy examination season (May and June 2023) as well as several other times throughout the academic year for pre-public (mock) examinations.

Applications are invited from candidates who have:

- The ability to work well in a team as well as having the initiative to work alone
- The ability to respond quickly and implement necessary action in unexpected/ emergency situations

Invigilation will be on an ad-hoc basis. Hours of employment will vary greatly throughout examination periods. Exact dates and times will be agreed prior to each examination session and will be dependent on the work available and the availability of the applicant.

£10.65 per hour (inclusive of holiday pay)
Further details are available from Julie Beswick
01342 410140

Please address your letter of application together with the application form to Ms Jo Meloni, Headteacher and send to Mrs K Rowlingson, PA to the Headteacher at krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

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Cleaners Required

Cleaners required to work in a friendly atmosphere at
Sackville School, East Grinstead

£10.65 per hour (inclusive of annual leave entitlement)

Monday—Friday hours negotiable
Hours – minimum of 2 hours per session

Previous applicants need not re-apply.

Sackville is a large, mixed, 11-18 comprehensive with 1700 on roll. We are a STEM school, leader in Space Education and hold International School, Artsmark Silver, Healthy School and Good Schools Guide awards. We are a popular, expanding and over-subscribed school.

Our GCSE results are consistently strong with extremely positive progress 8 scores. Our A level progress is at the top end of all local authority providers.

Further details are available from Nickie Clapson on 01342 410140

Please address your application form and safer recruiting sheet (available on website) to Ms Jo Meloni, Incoming Headteacher and send to Mrs K Rowlingson, PA to the Headteacher at krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Together We Achieve

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Please follow the appropriate link to view any current vacancies within [teaching](#) and [support staff](#) areas of the school.

External Clubs, Events and Services

EAST GRINSTEAD AREA



Volunteer Fair

Give the gift of time to your community - come and meet the local groups and charities that are looking for volunteers just like you! Find out what roles they have available and how you can get involved



FREE HOT DRINK*

Saturday 4th February
10am -12pm

The Crown Public House
35 High St, East Grinstead RH19 3AF

*Limited availability

www.msva.org.uk
01444 258102
Registered Charity: 1158780

MSVA Mid Sussex Voluntary Action

Volunteer Fair – Saturday 4 February 10.00am – 12.00pm

We have the following groups coming along, we would love young people to come along as we want to open the conversation and show what a positive impact young people can have. But not only for the young people, also for the parents to set example and volunteer for themselves and the community:

Age UK East Grinstead & District, Quarry Cafe & Community Fridge, Grenestede Talking News, Citizens Advice,
East Grinstead & District Lions, Kangaroos, East Grinstead Community Bonfire, SSAFA The Armed Forces Charity, St Catherine's Hospice, Being Neighbourly and Jigsaw (South East).

Chelsea FC Foundation



Chelsea FC Foundation

Chelsea FC Foundation are holding Talent ID Events for players and goalkeepers aged Under 13 – Under 16. Talent ID event level is going to be an Advanced standard and looking for players who feel they are at the level of this.

At the event, players will be looked at in various sessions which will bring out all attributes of the game, a match will also be put on to allow them to showcase themselves in a match environment.

All the below events will be held at Thomas Bennett Community College, Crawley, RH10 5AD.

3G Surface

NO cost to these events!

Players to wear their own kit, correct boots and plenty of fluids!

Under 13: 10.30 – 11.45am

[Click here to book the event](#)

Under 14: 10.30 – 11.45am

[Click here to book the event](#)

U13/14 Goalkeepers: 10.30-11.45am

[Click here to book the event](#)

Under 15: 1.30 – 2.45pm

[Click here to book the event](#)

Under 16: 1.30 – 2.45pm

[Click here to book the event](#)

U15/16 Goalkeepers: 1.30 – 2.45pm

[Click here to book the event](#)

After the events, you will be contacted and potentially have the opportunity to join our Player Development Programme.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Brannon O'Neill on brannon.oneill@Chelseafc.com

Thanks,

Sussex Football Team

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MASTER CLASSES with Bruno Perrier
Top UKO Judge (United Dance Organisation)



Jimmy Allan
Fully qualified in professional choreography and performance, 2015 certificate and first aid course completed.
Credits: Justin Bieber (Dance), Sia (Dance), Nathan Dawes (Dance), Platinum Jubilee (Dance), Kenny Rogers (Dance), Patsy Cline (Dance), House of Fraser Christmas Campaign

STREET DANCE FOR ALL AGES

NOW ENROLLING

London and LA standard dance classes right here in East Grinstead

Classes

Primary

Our Primary class is ideal for 7-11 year olds. This class caters for beginners as well as more advanced dancers for this age group. Our teaching techniques ensure progress at a pace the children can handle.

Teens

Our Teens class is ideal for 12+ year olds. Beginners and more advanced dancers benefit from this class. With our excellent teaching techniques in place parents rave about the progress they see in their children.

Adult class

Burn calories, have fun, learn great dance moves and join this fun-filled, energetic dance class - even some of the mums of our students participate!



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Medication



To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.

We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.

Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.

