



# Families' Bulletin

Monday 16 October to Friday 20 October 2023

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

There has been plenty going on again this week with a guest speaker to deliver a revision workshop to our year 11 students, year 10 consultation evening and year 11 speaking exams to name a few. We also had the final assemblies to launch our new Student Council and are now handing over to students to put their names forward to represent their smaller community. We would like a really diverse group of students represented so please encourage your child to get involved. I am looking forward to listening to students and to see what we can all achieve together.

We also have our next group of year 9 and 10 students ready and waiting to participate in the Mid-Sussex STEM Challenge and it is great to see that we have so many girls taking part this year. The challenge is designed to bring together the most talented of our technical students to research, develop and build an artificially intelligent vehicle, that will be remotely controlled as it manoeuvres through a large and complicated course. The launch event is this afternoon where the students get to hear from experts in the field of science, technology and engineering. I cannot wait to see how our team gets on. Thank you again to Mrs Ferguson and our IT team for making this possible at Sackville.

Have a good week everyone.

**Ms Jo Meloni**  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 October  
Thursday 19 October  
Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October  
Thursday 9 November  
Thursday 16 November  
Monday 20 November  
Wednesday 29 November

**Year 10 and 11 GCSE** – Rock Climbing  
**Year 7** Subject Workshops – 4.00pm to 5.30pm  
Half-Term Holiday  
**Sixth Form Open Evening** – 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Year 13** Consultation Evening – 4.00pm to 7.30pm  
**Year 7** 'Meet the Tutor' – time TBC  
Winter Concert – 6.00pm – 8.00pm

### Autumn Term Timetable

We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs, by year group, via this link: [Extra-Curricular Enrichment - Autumn Term 2023](#)

## Spotlight on E-Safety

In the coming week students will be introduced to the new Sackville School Acceptable Use Policy during a form time session.

An acceptable use policy, if you don't know, is an agreement between an organisation and the users of the organisation's systems and network. You may have one for your work, and may be aware of the importance already, but if not. I intend to explain why it is important here.

The acceptable use policy is there to protect the network, and the users. It lays out some ground rules for using the system and also our clear expectations. Over the next few days, I would greatly appreciate it if you could have a read of the policy with your child/children and discuss its importance.

**Students, as of Monday 16 October, will be required to accept the policy before using the school system. This will be done digitally each time that they log in. They therefore must understand the importance of this agreement and the sanctions that will come if the agreement is broken.**

Using our school network is a privilege, and students are fortunate to have the facilities they do. Preserving the network and equipment, and safeguarding its users, is a collective responsibility for all users.

To see the Acceptable Use Policy and to discuss with your son/daughter please [click here](#).

**Mr A Vallally-Godfrey**  
**Wider SLT eSafety Lead**

## School Notices

### Homework Setting

We have now been setting homework on our internal system (BromCom) that links up to My Child at School and the Student Portal app. This will be made live for parents today and you will be able to see homework in the relevant menu item. We hope this will help be able to support us even further and strengthen that connection between home and school.

### Student Portal App

The students have all been sent a set up email which sends them to the student portal app. Students can now sign in with their school Google account which will speed up the process and avoid some of the issues they were having last week around invitation codes/passwords etc. This will help students have everything in one place and is a really good tool for us to help them be as organised and prepared as possible. If your child is having any difficulty logging in, please ask them to go to the IT Support office during break or lunch.

### Uniform Shop

A quick reminder that the uniform shop is now open on Wednesday afternoons between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. You can find a flyer [here](#) and information through the Phillips Man's website.

## Curriculum Information

Feedback we have had from families is that they would like more information regarding their child's learning at school. Our subject teams have been working incredibly hard to put together curriculum maps and you can see these on our website. You can find the information under the 'Curriculum' menu header and the 'Subjects' sub-menu. You will then get a list of subjects you can view with their curriculum intent followed by their curriculum maps (click on the image to see each one). Finally, there are the contact details for each subject area included in the page and we would encourage you to have open dialogue with staff if you have any questions at all.

**Mr P Cowlin**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## Music - Auditions for the Winter Concert

The music department's first event of the year is fast approaching, with our annual winter concert taking place on Wednesday 29 November at 6.00pm. As well as being an opportunity for our extra-curricular groups to perform, and presenting a first taster of our school production 'Sister Act', we are also inviting students to audition if they wish to perform as a soloist or part of a small group.

Auditions will take place throughout the first week after half term, and students can sign up for a slot by visiting the music office - all styles welcome!

It's not too late to join one of extra-curricular groups if students are keen part of this concert. More details about tickets will be sent out after half and we look forward to welcoming many of our families on the night!



**Mr Alastair Webb**  
**Curriculum Team Leader of Music**

## Free Workshops

Please see the attached for free workshops for parents run by CAMHs.

**Mrs Amy Steer**  
**Child & Adolescent Mental Health Coach**



A poster for 'Webinars for Parents/Carers' organized by CAMHS Participation. The poster is titled 'CAMHS PARTICIPATION YOUR VOICE MATTERS' and 'SUSSEX PARTNERSHIP NHS Foundation Trust'. It lists four webinars: 19th October (ADHD), 8th November (Self-esteem and Resilience), 13th December (Depression), and 17th January (OCD). It includes a QR code for booking tickets and a link to the ticketing page. The poster also mentions support from 'HEADS ON' and 'NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER'.

## Find it Out Thursdays



Your child has the opportunity on Thursday's lesson 5 to come and hear from people in different industries. They can find out from the people that know what that profession is like, ask them questions, start to explore different careers available and consider if they are right for them. We invite a different profession each week and your child is able to sign up for one talk, each half term.

This week James Broad came in to speak to students about IT in industry. He explained some of the areas students could look at, how IT is incorporated in all aspects of business and pathways in. He discussed how fast the area is expanding and the lack of programmers. This is an area that is changing rapidly and keeping up with technology is essential. The competition between companies is immense and getting their product launched and in front of their competitors is essential. James sold the It very well and his enthusiasm showed. We would like to thank him for coming and speaking to our students.

### Next week

We have Matt Bingham who is the Head of Sales in Edie. Edie is the industry-leading, purpose-driven business media brand which empowers sustainability, energy and environmental professionals of all levels to make business more sustainable through award-winning content and events.

If you are interested in Sales, sustainability, energy and environment please sign out for the talk which will take place in BO1 on the 19 October using this [link](#).

### Coming up next term

We will have more professionals including

- A Child Educational Psychologist
- Fire Brigade
- Army

And more so keep an eye out for updates and look out for the signing up form which will be sent out next week.

Please encourage your child to sign up and use these opportunities to start investigating the different careers. They can sign up by using this Link. Remember this will be the last talk of the year.

Mrs Helen Smith  
**Futures Leader**

## Hot Chocolate with the Head



It has been a bumper week this week with two separate sittings of Hot Chocolate with the Head!

On Monday I met with a group of students who have been real ambassadors for the school helping out recently, giving school tours on our open mornings and answering questions. They were **Freddie, Naive, Roman, Keelie**. We are always so grateful to students for doing this and always receive such lovely feedback from prospective families.

Today, I met with students from the **Attenborough** Community, **Tom, James, Autumn and Dan** all nominated for gaining the top number of achievement points, having positive attitudes and teamwork. From **Yousafzai** we had **George** who has made a great start to the year and **Louise** who has made a fantastic start to community life. **Fionn** in year 12, representing the **Turing** Community was nominated for his brilliant work in leading a student voice team during our recent interviews for a new Assistant Headteacher. Fionn showed great leadership skills on that day and again today, speaking to the younger students about life in the sixth form.

They are all such great students and ambassadors for our school, modelling the values of ambition, teamwork, positivity and community so well.

Ms Jo Meloni



## Current Vacancies

If you or someone you know are thinking of joining our team and are interested in any of the positions below, please follow the corresponding link. If the perfect role isn't listed below, but you know someone who shares our vision and ethos and is interested in joining our team, please do **enquire via the vacancies page on our website** so that we can get in touch if something comes up in the future.

- [Teacher of Religious Education](#)
- [Teacher of Maths](#)
- [Teacher of English](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)
- [Study Supervisor](#)
- [School Cleaners](#)

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



## Wellbeing



Monday 16 October marks World Spine Day, the theme for this year is "Move Your Spine". We are being encouraged to stay active as immobility and lack of physical activity are contributors to spinal pain and disability. I learnt when researching that one billion people suffer from spinal pain and lower back pain is the leading cause of years lived with disability on the planet.

Our spine is an amazingly intricate and complex part of our body. It can move in varied ways and often we stop using our spine in its full range of movement at an early age. So if you can, it's time to look after your spine by using it or perhaps protecting it. How many of us spend hours hunched over a computer screen with our legs crossed (I am guilty of one of these as I type!). Maybe you can focus this week on setting up your display units to the right ergonomic height or walking up tall with your shoulders open instead of hunching in over our phones. Perhaps you can add in more range of movement by trying that fitness class or gym work out you've been putting off. I for one, am going to try to uncross my legs when I notice that is how I am sitting!

Hannah Nibloe

## External Clubs and Events

TURN UP AND PLAY. JUST BRING YOUR FORM.

**KICKS**  
**FREE FOOTBALL**  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

**TOURNAMENTS >>>>>**

**BRIGHTON • Tues 24 Oct.**  
11am-1pm: ages 8-11 (Mini Kicks)  
1.30-3.30pm: ages 12-18.  
The Manor, Manor Rd, Whitehawk,  
Brighton, BN2 5EA.  
3G: Moulded studs only.

**BURGESS HILL • Wed 25 Oct, 10am-1pm.**  
Ages 8-18. Burgess Hill Youth, Western  
Rd, Burgess Hill, RH15 8QN. **Multi-use**  
**games area:** AstroTurf boots /  
trainers only.

**EASTBOURNE • Wed 25 Oct, 12-3pm.**  
Ages 12-18. Eastbourne Sports Park,  
Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne, BN21 2UF.  
3G: AstroTurf boots / moulded studs only.

**HASTINGS • Thur 26 Oct, 1-4pm.**  
Ages 8-18. The Firs, Elphinstone Rd,  
Hastings, TN34 2AX. **Sand-based AstroTurf:**  
AstroTurf trainers advised.

**WORTHING • Thur 26 Oct, 12-3pm.**  
Ages 8-18. Worthing Leisure Centre,  
Shalfesbury Ave, Worthing, BN12 4ET.  
3G: AstroTurf boots / moulded studs only.

For more information, please call: 01273 878265  
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Introducing TouchBase: A Therapy Practice  
Dedicated to Trauma Recovery

At TouchBase, our primary focus is on helping individuals recover from traumatic experiences. While our main clientele consists of children and young adults aged 5 to 25, we also offer therapy to adults seeking support.

Our team of skilled and experienced therapists is fully equipped to provide the help you need. We have recently increased our capacity so have space for new clients now, so don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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for more information

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## Medication & Illness

### 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.

