



Families' Bulletin

Monday 9 October to Friday 13 October 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It has been another busy and productive week this week, much of which has focused around our Learning for Life, SMSC type extended curriculum. Students in years 9-11 benefited from a special assembly on knife crime from our local Police Liaison Officer who is visiting schools delivering a series of workshops and we had a great evening on Thursday with year 8 Families who came in for an information evening that covered topics such as safeguarding, e-safety and the challenges of vaping for young people.

We are continuing to develop our anti-bullying work with more staff and students out on workshops this week to support our anti-bullying strategy and some students in year 11 have been out on a geography trip to London. Our year 12 participated in a life skills workshop and we have trained our next group of sixth formers to support their mentoring of younger students and to become reading buddies.

There are so many valuable things that go to support the taught curriculum and are so valuable in helping us to achieve our vision and aspirations for our students. To keep in touch and find out more about some of the things that go on every week, including up to date sports fixtures and clubs, please do follow us on Twitter (I can't quite bring myself to call it 'X' just yet) or on Instagram.

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Thursday 12 October
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 Consultation Evening – 4.00pm – 7.00pm-online event
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

Extra-Curriculum Enrichment

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](#)



Key Stage 3 English Clubs



Poetry By Heart & Performing Shakespeare

Recite a famous poem or perform a monologue for a chance to perform at Shakespeare's Globe!

Creative Writing Club

Join us Friday lunchtimes in D06!

Key Stage 3 Book Club

After-school Monday Week 1 in LRC.

Junior Debate/ Public Speaking

Learn to debate important issues with other students in Key Stage 3.

Come to D11 Monday lunchtime on 2nd October for all speaking competitions!

POETRY BY
HEART

Spotlight on E-Safety

I was excited to lead a talk on online safety for year 8 parents this week. The talk was centred around online gaming and use of the internet. It's clear that parents and carers within our community are just as committed to the safeguarding of students online as we are in school.

In the talk I highlighted some key things to be aware of, known behaviours that can be the first sign of deeper issues with your child. They were:

- Device secrecy or obscurity – are children not showing you their devices freely?
- Aggression or defensive behaviour when questioned about their online activity
- Changes in behaviour – this may be when using devices or not
- An expression of views that differ from your family – has your child started to share views that are radically different to your family views, or the views of this country
- Desire to share ideas and thoughts
- Adverts and pop ups on your accounts – have you started to see adverts or pop ups that are for content that you haven't looked at?

Now, naturally, all of the above could be a sign of a teenager who is developing mentally and so please, do bare this in mind, but if you have any concerns, or you want to chat through these concerns email me on onlinesafety@sackvilleschool.org.uk

There are some key prevention measures that can be taken to further safeguard your children, our students, when they are online:

- Transparency with devices – model transparency and ask for transparency
- Device lock down – devices don't go up to bedrooms and are left centrally at night
- Control of the network – speak with your Internet Service Provider – see previous bulletins

The internet is an incredible resource and one that we shouldn't ignore and shy away from. But just like the freedom of driving, using the safety measures in place, the seatbelt, the airbags, we can ensure that this incredible luxury is used safely.

Mr A Vallally-Godfrey, Wider SLT eSafety Lead

School Notices

Pupil Premium Grant and Free School Meals

If you are on a variable energy rate you may have benefited from the recent reduction in gas and electricity prices due to the new cap that came in this month. However, things are still difficult financially for our community. One of the ways we can support families is using the Pupil Premium grant. If you want to know more about who we get this additional funding for and to see if you may be eligible, [please read this letter HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Hannah Nibloe, **Pupil Premium Lead**

Student Portal Login Instructions

- Download the Bromcom Student Portal App onto the student's phone
- Enter a PIN of your choice
- Click on the Magic Link
- Enter the school ID - **13395**
- Enter your school email
- You will be sent a link to your school email
- Click on the link and the Student Portal will open

Mr Bill Lewis, **IT Department**

Community Notices

Yousafzai Community - Cinema Evening

On Friday 13 October there will be a cinema evening for the Yousafzai community. Snacks galore will be available for purchase from the snack bar. The students will be given the option to vote on which film they want to watch with the options of Jaws, Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, Ghostbusters and Hubie Halloween. The event will help raise money for an as yet undecided charity, but will be in keeping with our community's values. For an evening of spooky fun be sure to stay posted on the build up to this excellent community event.

Toby S, Year 13, Yousafzai Community

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.

- [!\[\]\(a724a4a68298d6dff85fe378e838a60a_img.jpg\) Curriculum Team Leader of Modern Foreign Languages](#)
- [!\[\]\(e45f0f4def98e1246d9487bb157beff5_img.jpg\) Teacher of English](#)
- [!\[\]\(88bfc90d98dd4d34739a3a724db7c68c_img.jpg\) Study Supervisor](#)
- [!\[\]\(ccf2eae7cfca7109675c84141018761f_img.jpg\) School Cleaners](#)

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

Wellbeing



Tuesday 10 October is *World Mental Health Day*. The World Foundation of Mental Health have set the theme this year as "Mental Health is a universal human right". Their vision is to drive positive change for

everyone's mental health and to use the day to invite us all to talk about our mental health. If you are after hints and tips about how to talk about mental health, [here](#) are some resources, there are also resources if you want to share World Mental Health day on social media.

As I know a lot of us love a natter over a warm beverage, perhaps you might like to host a Tea & Talk event across the UK, there is a pack and way to register [here](#).



Hannah Nibloe

External Clubs and Events

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**GROWING GREAT
PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY TEACHERS**

UPCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday 11th October 11am -
Online information event

**Teach SouthEast
SUSSEX HUB**

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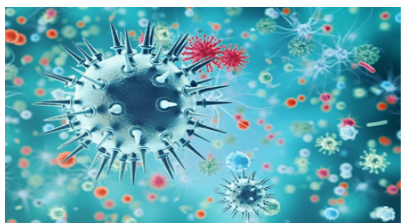
Medication & Illness

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.