



Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 13 June 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I hope you all managed to have some time to rest and recuperate over the half term break. Whether you got to spend time with family and friends, went to town on the Queen's Jubilee celebrations or both. I did the former which sadly meant I missed most of the latter, as I got the opportunity to visit Paris and see the tennis at Roland Garros.

One of my life's ambitions is to see all four grand slam tennis tournaments and I can now say I have completed 50% with just Australia and the USA to go! However, whilst I acknowledge that was quite a decadent thing to do and I fully appreciate that not everyone has the same opportunities, my time away was not all plain sailing. In fact after a few relaxing days, everything came crashing down to earth when problems with the overhead power supply in Paris meant that my Eurostar train and most others on Sunday were cancelled. The next available train I could book was not until Wednesday, leaving me with the worry of how I would make it back to work on Monday morning!

This experience got me thinking that **the only thing that is certain in modern society is actually uncertainty**. None of us ever quite know what is around the corner. Our students, most of them going through tricky teenage years, face uncertainties and challenges everyday and it is our job to provide them with the guidance and tools to manage these situations as best as possible and either come out on top, or to learn how to **grow from them**.

Throughout this week and next I am delivering assemblies to help identify a small number of **core values** and qualities that we believe are worth us focusing our attention on. The intention being that by continually revisiting and recognising these values, our students will be **better equipped to navigate whatever life throws at them**.

We will let you know what our chosen values are towards the end of term and we will make them a regular feature in our bulletins and Sackville News and in how we will look to **recognise student's achievements** from September.

Also, this week we have had a wonderful time meeting visiting **year 5** students and staff from our **feeder schools**. They enjoyed lessons in a number of subject areas, got to see many of their former buddies. **Year 12** enjoyed their **'UCAS & Future's Day'** on Thursday. Part of the day saw them benefitting from former Sackville students who came back into school to present their first-hand experience of University life. We are really grateful for them giving up their time for us.

I am fortunate to be supported in my role by three Deputy Headteachers whose role is at times, to deputise for me. So this week, on learning I had to be at a meeting on Friday, Senior Deputy Head, Mr Feist jumped at the chance to step up and enjoy a 'Hot Chocolate with the (Deputy) Head' and 8 worthy students.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jo Meloni

(By the way...I did eventually find a way to get to work on Monday morning. It took some serious problem solving skills, determination and a ferry crossing in unsociable hours but I didn't let it beat me)!

Currently reading:

'Time to Think', by Nancy Kline



Hot Chocolate with the *'Deputy' Head*

With Ms Meloni attending a West Sussex Head's seminar, it was my pleasure to host #HotChoc Friday today. After rewarding the students with their Golden Ticket (a 'fast track' through the canteen queue for a week!) we chatted about all that they had achieved.

These young people have each excelled in their very own way. Keira is an exemplary tour guide and buddy, Chloe, Lottie and Lucy have been supporting a new student who has recently joined the school, Darragh and Holly achieved straight A's for their attitude to learning in their year 10 reports and Miah and Molly are community champions who applied for and were then selected to be volunteers at the local pensioners' Jubilee celebration last weekend. I am so proud of them all.

It was amazing to chat to these students who all represent everything that is great about our school and the hot chocolate was delicious!

Neil Feist
Deputy Headteacher



The Sackville 100 for Macmillan Cancer Support

This summer, our staff charity cycle ride is back. We are fundraising for MacMillan Cancer Support in memory of our late colleague James McMillan who was supported so brilliantly by the hospice in Cross in Hand in early 2020. Those of us who were able to visit were struck by the generous provision of the organisation.

On 26 June (two weeks on Sunday) past and present Sackville cyclists riding a circular route of 100 miles centred on Haywards Heath. We'd love to raise as much as possible but of course these are challenging financial times. Please feel free to share!

If you are able to donate, please visit our [Just Giving Page](#).

Many thanks.



Online safety

Message from Mr Kevin Treen:

With the online world constantly changing, it can be challenging to keep up with the latest risks. Here is a link that provides excellent support for parents on online games, social media and internet connected devices.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

Second Hand Uniform

Message from the General Office:

Our second hand uniform cupboard is looking rather depleted! If you have any items of uniform that you no longer require and you are happy to donate to the school, we would love to find them a new home. Any donations can be dropped off at the school reception desk.

Many thanks.

Key Dates

Saturday 11 June	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Actual Expedition
Friday 17 June	Inset Day (additional)
Monday 20 June	Inset Day
Tuesday 21 June – Monday 27 June	Art Exhibition
Tuesday 21 June-Tuesday 1 July	Year 12 Exams
Monday 27 June-Monday 7 July	Year 11 to Year 12 Transition Classes
Tuesday 28 June- Friday 8 July	Year 10 Exams
Friday 1 July- Thursday 7 July	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 1 July	Year 12 Economics Trip to City of London
Tuesday 5 July	Sackville Music Department Perform at St Swithun's Art Festival
Friday 8 July	A Level Biology Field Trip
Saturday 9 July-Monday 11 July	Year 10 Field Trip (South Wales)

Remember you can see the full parents' calendar [here](#).

Year Group Notices

All Year Groups - Mobile Phone and Technological Device Policy

Can I please thank students and families for supporting our new mobile phone and technological device policy.

This week we have seen a huge reduction in mobile phone usage and as a result, students already appear to be a lot more attentive around the school site and in lessons. This bodes well for learning. This is a real credit to our students and we envisage very few confiscations next week following our week of grace as students adapt to our expectations and only use their devices in a prosocial way.

Mr Paul Street, Deputy Head

The Great Sackville Bake-off Competition – Years 7, 8 and 9

We are looking for students in years 7, 8 and 9 to take part in our live Bake-Off competition:

- The theme is the Platinum Jubilee
- The competition is for individual entry only (so no pairs please)
- Cakes are to be baked at home and a picture and a list of the ingredients used needs to be sent to me at vslater@sackvilleschool.org.uk by Monday 27 June
- **Finalists** will be selected to bake their creations during school time (within 4 hours, 9.00am to 1.00pm) on Thursday 7 July
- The basic cake ingredients will be provided, but you will need to bring any ingredients for decoration items. These must be made in school
- Cakes will be judged by a local panel (Rotary members and a local chef)
- The prizes are a £30.00 voucher for 1st place, £20.00 for second and £10.00 for third, plus an apron and goodie bag.

Imberhorne school have also been invited to enter students as well!

Good luck!

Mrs V Slater
Curriculum Team Leader of Food Technology



The Great Sackville Bake Off

CAN YOU BAKE THE BEST CAKE EVER?



We are looking for students from years 7, 8, and 9

to take part in our live bake off on Thursday July 7th 2022.

We will supply the ingredients and equipment you just need to bring decorating items. We are looking for a novel, well presented and tasty creation to impress the judges. This year's theme is...

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



The competition can only be entered individually. Sorry, no pairs

To be a possible participant, just bake your creation at home, take a picture of it and email it to Mrs Slater along with your name, form and recipe. The closing date is **Friday 27/6/22**. Finalists will then be selected

1ST PRIZE, £30 VOUCHER, 2ND £20, 3RD £10 PLUS GOODIE BAG

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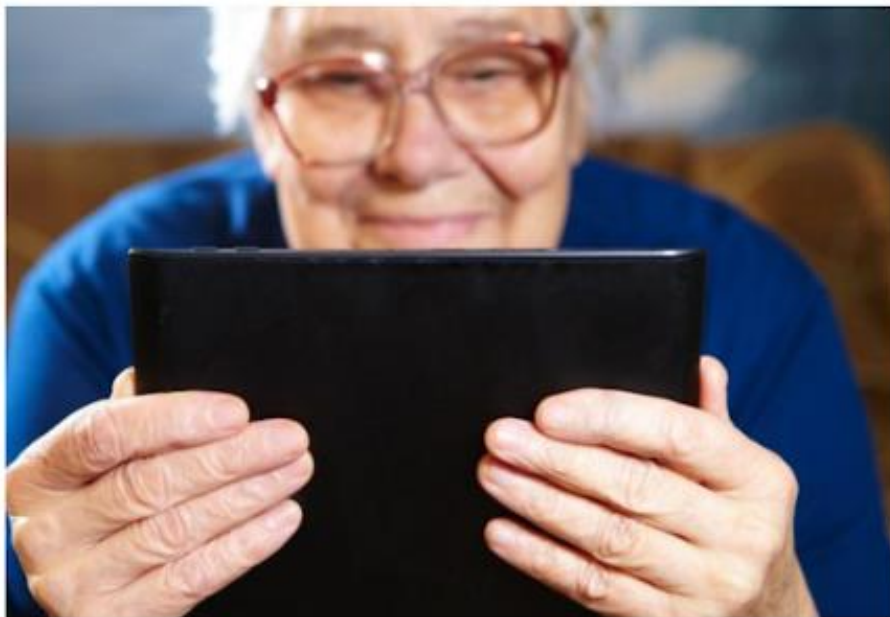
Year 12 & 13

Age UK EG run a digital help session on Wednesdays from 11.00am-12.15pm for the older members of the local community and this is getting quite busy. If any of our year 12 or year 13 students would like to volunteer their services during the school holiday period, to help at any of the sessions, you would be most welcome. It would be a great intergenerational project and would also look good on future CVs! If interested please contact Age UK directly at fundraisingandmarketing@ageukeastgrinstead.org.uk :



DIGITAL DROP-IN

Volunteers needed to help older people with basic digital skills



Wednesdays 11.00am-12.15pm

Email: fundraisingandmarketing@ageukeastgrinstead.org.uk

Must be 16+

**Glen Vue Community Hub, Railway Approach,
East Grinstead RH19 1BS**

Hannah Nibloe writes:

June is Pride month and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge it. Having grown up near Brighton, I have always felt that Pride events were held in August, and I wasn't aware why the month of June was chosen nationally and worldwide. Having done a small amount of Googling I can reliably inform you that June was chosen as this is when the Stonewall Riots took place (1969).

For some members of the LGBT+ community there is still a need to keep this element of their identity secret or suppressed, which can lead to a negative impact on their wellbeing. In addition, research shows that those who are LGBT+ are still marginalised, further adding to potential struggles with wellbeing.

There are a number of organisations who specialise in education and support for our LGBT+ community and allies. I want to signpost to those now: [Allsorts](#), [Mermaids](#), [Mind](#), [The BeYou Project](#), [The Proud Trust](#), [Young Stonewall](#) and [Your Space](#).





Spanish Language Assistant

Grade 4

We require, for September 2022, a native Spanish speaker to work within the Foreign Languages Department as a Foreign Language Assistant. The successful candidate will work both in class supporting teachers and in small groups outside of the classroom. We are looking for someone who can work flexibly and effectively as part of a successful and friendly team.

Hours: 10 hours per week, term time only

Salary range: Grade 4, point 5 £19,650
(*pro rata £4,432 based on 10 hrs/pw term time only*)

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. 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 on our website <https://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 recruiting sheet (available on website) to Ms Jo Meloni, Headteacher.

Closing Date: 9am 6th July 2022

Interviews: 13th July 2022

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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