



Families' Bulletin

Monday 11 September to Friday 15 September 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

We have come to the end of the first week back and it is great to see how well students have settled back in. We know that seeing their friends and getting back into the routine of school is just what lots of them need after the summer break. It has been a pleasure to walk around classrooms and witness learning in full swing.

We also had our first full Community assemblies this week. I spoke to all students about our **Value of the week, Teamwork** and the school's motto of '**Together We Achieve**'. There are so many examples of where I have seen this in action and I am looking forward to recognising some students through the first of our Hot Chocolate with the Head nominations next week. Community Leaders also spoke to each of their new Communities and set out their aspirations for them this year. You will see a few words from each of them later in the bulletin and there will be a section from them in our half termly Sackville News publications.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy what looks to be the last of the warm weather.

Ms Jo Meloni

HeadteacherDates for the Diary

Key Dates

Tuesday 19 September
Thursday 21 September
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Friday 22 September
Friday 29 September
Monday 2 October
Thursday 5 October
Thursday 12 October
Thursday 19 – Friday 20 October
Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October

Family Focus Group – 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Open Evening **Early Closure** – 1.20pm
New Entrants' Open Evening – 5.30pm – 8.30pm
INSET Day
Year 7 Activity Evening – 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Year 11 Geography Trip to London
Year 8 Information Evening – 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Year 10 Consultation Evening – 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Year 10 and 11 GCSE – Rock Climbing
Half-Term Holiday

Safeguarding

Dear Families

Welcome back. I hope you had a really enjoyable summer break. I wanted to let you know that over the summer my job role has changed at Sackville and I am now an Assistant Head with the responsibility for safeguarding and attendance.

I am now the lead designated safeguarding member of staff in the school taking over from Mr Hayden. If you have any safeguarding or child protection concerns about students under our care, please let us know via the following email address 'safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk'. this is a monitored email address and I or a colleague from the safeguarding team will be in touch.

Over the course of the year I will use the bulletin to give you updates on safeguarding at Sackville and provide some useful resources for you as parents and carers to help keep your children safe outside of school.

The start of a new school year can coincide with students getting a new phone or device, the NSPCC offers some great advice that I have included a link to here. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#advice>

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Alex Millican

Assistant Head – Safeguarding & Attendance

School Notices

Uniform

We will be reverting back to full school uniform next week as the lower temperatures, cloud and in some cases rain will be back with us.

Chewing Gum

We would appreciate your help in reminding your child(ren) that we are a **no chewing gum school**. It is not always disposed of properly, causing additional work for the site team and areas of the school to look unsightly, so your help in reinforcing this message will be greatly appreciated by our community.

Students have been informed via their tutors and will be reminded in assemblies next week. After that we will be giving sanctions for anyone seen chewing gum or having it on them anywhere on the school site. Thank you for your support.

Community Notices

ANGELOU COMMUNITY

It was with much excitement and anticipation that Angelou Community and I made our start to the year. It was fantastic to see year 7 and year 11 get us started on Monday, which helped display the start and finish points of our students on their journey through the school.

I was very proud to stand in front of the Angelou community for our first assembly on Tuesday. I hope the students took away that we are a community in every sense of the word and that Maya Angelou is a perfect role model and guide for us to base our aspirations around.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know our students in the Angelou community as well as that of our school, after a great start to the school year.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Paul Turner and the Angelou Community Team

ATTENBOROUGH COMMUNITY

It has been amazing this week to work with all students within the Attenborough Community.

It was great on Monday to see the Year 7 students start their Sackville journey alongside the Year 11 students who are beginning the last phase of their Key Stage 4 journey, a big day for both groups of students.

On Tuesday, it was a momentous and proud moment to lead the first ever Attenborough Community assembly, with all five year groups together. The students looked super smart and were supported by their form tutors.

The students have continued their first week applying themselves superbly in their lessons even when the temperatures have been steadily rising!!

Great start Attenborough Community.

Mr Jake Endersby and the Attenborough Community Team

HOLMES COMMUNITY

Wow, what a start! This week we had our first Holmes Community assembly and I've been so impressed with how well our students engaged and are living up to our high expectations of them. In the assembly I emphasised how Holmes Community wants to be the Community that gives the most back to our society and already I have had students come to me suggesting ideas of how they want to raise money for charity!

Another massive well done to our amazing Year 9 Buddies who have gone out of their way to help our new Year 7s get to their classrooms, help them make friends and get the most out of their start at Sackville.

It's also been brilliant to see the Year 8 and Year 9 boys at rugby training already; braving the heat to put in the hard work before their first week of fixtures next week.

Well done everyone! Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you next week.

Mr James Beaver and the Holmes Community Team

TURING COMMUNITY

Turing Community has had a great first week. On Tuesday we had our first whole community assembly and it was great to see everyone together for the first time from year 7 all the way up to our year 13 student leaders. Having spoken to our newest members of our community 7CTN and 7MHY they have had a fantastic first week and couldn't wait to tell me all about it this morning!

- *"Maths has been great, I have a nice teacher and it's not as hard as I thought!"*
- *"Everyone has helped me settle in!"*
- *"I loved DT because you get to build things and lunch is good as I like the food in the dining hall!"*
- *"The year 8 buddies have been great and helped me a lot."*
- *"I really enjoyed PE as it was really active!"*
- *"I have liked lunchtime as the food is good in the dining hall and I really enjoyed football club last night afterschool"*
- *"I really enjoyed Art as the activity we did was really fun."*
- *"I love the variety of lessons and moving around the school."*
- *"I like that we have different classes for our different subjects and we get to meet lots of new people."*

What amazing comments from our year 7 forms and a great start to the term for the whole community! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gill Sands and the Turing Community Team

YOUSAFZAI COMMUNITY

Well, it has been a fantastic start for Yousafzai. We had our first Community assembly this week and I was so proud of how well-behaved and engaged our students were with the whole process. During our launch assembly, I announced an initial goal of 2000 achievement points for the first half term. We have a tracker outside of our community base and I'll keep you updated. I have also booked a community trip for Y10+11 to see 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' at the Theatre Royal in Brighton. I will send out further details about this next week.

There has been a real buzz about school this week and it has been a pleasure to see our older students taking time out of their day to accompany our new recruits - Y7 - to their lessons and answer any questions that are put to them.

Talking of year 7, what a start! They are incredible and I can't wait to see what the future brings for them.

Have a great weekend and we will go again next week.

Mr Jonny Pearson and the Yousafzai Community Team

Wellbeing

Dear Families,



Action for Happiness' calendar this month is **Self-Care September** and it is below. It serves as a reminder that self-care is not selfish. Self-care is a necessity and hopefully something we can enjoy doing and prioritise.

I also wanted to mention that Sunday marks World Suicide Prevention Day and I have taken the following directly from WHO's World Suicide Prevention Day web page:



Suicide is a major public health problem with far-reaching social, emotional and economic consequences. It is estimated that there are currently more than 700 000 suicides per year worldwide, and we know that each suicide profoundly affects many more people.

“Creating Hope Through Action” is the triennial theme for the World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021-2023. This theme serves as a powerful call to action and reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and that through our actions we can encourage hope and strengthen prevention.

External Clubs, Events and Services



East Grinstead Town Council have organised a free personal safety and self-defence workshop to be delivered by Actively Safe. During the teen specific workshop students will be taught about all aspects (physical and non-physical) of personal safety and self-defence. Increased independence is an important part of growing up and gaining confidence. Teaching our teens about personal safety and giving them the skills to make decisions will help them to be safe when they are out and about in familiar and new environments.

DATE: Thursday 26 October 2023

TIMES: 10.00am – 1.00pm or 2.00pm – 5.00pm

LIMITED SPACES: 30 per session

COST: **FREE**

ADDRESS: Meridian Hall, East Court, RH19 3LT

BOOK ONLINE: here <https://eequ.org/experience/4533>

(Please cancel your booking if you can no longer attend so the place is not wasted)

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.