



# Families' Bulletin

Monday 15 May to Friday 19 May 2023

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Each half term I get the opportunity to meet with the other Headteachers and their Chair of Governors from across our soft Federation. I always find these meetings refreshing, not least because of the transparency and openness around which our 4 schools work together but also how we share best practice, and support each other by carrying out focused reviews. Over the next term we will be focusing on some of the behavioural challenges we are all facing from a minority of our students, specifically in relation to punctuality to lessons, vaping and disrespectful behaviour. Whilst it may be somewhat reassuring to know other schools are facing similar challenges, that does not mean any of us are complacent or saying that's ok then, it's not just us. We are working on strategies to address these areas, and as always welcome your support.

The power of collaboration and teamwork can never be underestimated. Sackville's motto of 'Together We Achieve' goes way beyond our own four walls and into the wider community and this is one important example of where school, students and families can work together to bring about positive change.

Later next term staff from all four schools Downlands, Imberhorne, Oathall and ourselves will come together for our 2nd shared **INSET Day, Wednesday 21 June**. This is an important day in our calendar where subject teams shared their planning and ideas on subject specific pedagogy and curriculum development in preparation for the new academic year ahead.

In other news this week we had a visit from poet and rapper, Mark Grist, who delivered a workshop to each **Year 8** English class, helping them to write their own spoken word performance poems. Providing opportunities such as this for our young people is what helps to make Sackville such a rich learning environment. It is these days that students will remember for a long time to come.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Ms Jo Meloni**  
Headteacher



## Key Dates for the Diary

Monday 15 May	<b>Year 11</b> Start of the GCSE Exams
Thursday 25 May	<b>Year 7</b> Consultation Evening – 4.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>
Thursday 8 June	<b>Year 12</b> UCAS and Futures Day
Saturday 10 June	<b>Year 10</b> DofE Bronze Expedition
Tuesday 13 June	<b>Year 10</b> Art Trip
Wednesday 21 June	<b>Year 11</b> GCSE Exams End
Wednesday 21 June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 23 to Sunday 25	<b>Year 11</b> DofE Silver Expedition
Monday 26 June	<b>Year 9</b> Geography Trip
Wednesday 28 June	<b>Year 11</b> Contingency Day
Thursday 29 June	<b>Year 11</b> Prom – 5.00pm to 11.00pm
Thursday 29 June	<b>Sixth Form</b> Prom – 6.00pm to 11.00pm – High Rocks
Tue 17, Wed 18 and Thurs 19 July	<b>Years 7,8,9 &amp; 10</b> Curriculum Enhancement Week
Friday 21 July	Last Day of Term

You can view the full parents' calendar [here](#) . If you have any questions regarding a particular activity, please contact the member of staff who is running the club.

## Year Group Notices

### Find It out Thursdays

Students from all year groups have 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.

Please encourage your child to sign up and use these opportunities to start investigating the different careers.

- **25 May** - Matt Brown talking about the vast amount of opportunities in the automotive industry from training to be a mechanic through to the sales and marketing side of the industry.

A quote from Matt *'The automotive industry is changing with an accelerated switch to electrification, digitisation and automated vehicles, requiring new talent to address critical skills gaps.*

*Bright sparks wanted!*

*Come along and find out more...'*

If your child is interested in any of these talks please ask them to sign up using this [Link](#). Remember you can sign up for one talk.



## Virtual Careers Fair

On **7 June at 6.30pm**, Speakers for Schools is holding an **evening webinar for parents and carers of students aged 14-19 years**.

This webinar is also open to educators and students who want to find out more.

This virtual open evening will showcase our career insight sessions and work experience placements, both virtual and face to face, across all industries and sectors. You will also have the chance to hear from employers including Boots, No.7, PWC and Willmott Dixon about the opportunities they deliver through Speakers for Schools. Remember - all our opportunities are fully funded, so there is no cost to the school or student, and we offer placements in school holidays as well as in term time.



**[Book your place on the virtual open evening here:](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-hybrid-work-experience-session-for-parentscarers-of-14-19-yr-old-tickets-517668639837)**

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Mrs Helen Smith  
**Futures Leader**

## Current Vacancies

One of the many great features of Sackville School is the fact that many colleagues do stay here a long time. Unfortunately for us, that does mean that we have a number of staff who are reaching retirement now or in the near future, both teaching and support staff. This will result in a number of vacancies becoming available over the coming weeks, months and years.

**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.

- [Curriculum Team Leader of Music](#)
- [Teacher of Maths](#)
- [Teacher of Religious Education](#)
- [Cleaners](#)

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

# Online Safety

## Drop in Sessions and Events

### Drop in sessions at Crawley and Chichester Libraries

Our Digital Ambassador Volunteers are hosting more drop in sessions at Chichester and Crawley Library this May and June.

Anyone who wants to come along and chat with Denise in Chichester, or Zonny in Crawley, can come along and ask any questions on how to stay safe online and avoid scams.

There will also be free resources you can take away to support you on your digital journey.

- Saturday 20 May: Chichester Library between 10.30am and 12.00pm
- Friday 26 May: Crawley Library between 1.00pm and 2.00pm
- Saturday 3 June: Chichester Library between 10.30am and 12.00pm



# Wellbeing



**Meaningful May 2023**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a handwritten note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**      **Happier · Kinder · Together**

**Mrs Hannah Nibloe**  
Inclusion Manager

## Summer Term Timetable

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

## External Clubs, Events and Services

### SkateFest

Wednesday 31 May 2.00pm – 4.30pm in St John's Park, Burgess Hill – Music, Spray Can Get Your Wheels checked for free – all ages welcome.

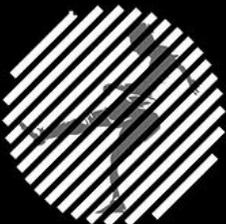


Art,

### Copthorne Scouts & Guides Gang Show – Saturday 13 May!!



## Half Term Football & Netball Coaching Camps

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<h3>Football Coaching Camp</h3>		<h3>Netball Coaching Camp</h3>	
Thursday 1st June & Friday 2nd June		Thursday 1st June & Friday 2nd June	
10:00am - 3:00pm		10:00am - 3:00pm	
East Grinstead Sports Club		East Grinstead Sports Club	
£20 per day £37.50 for 2 days		£20 per day £37.50 for 2 days	
BOOK NOW : <a href="http://www.idsportscoaching.com">www.idsportscoaching.com</a>		BOOK NOW : <a href="http://www.idsportscoaching.com">www.idsportscoaching.com</a>	

## Medication & Illness

### Medication



inhaler) please contact their year team.

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

**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.

