



# Families' Bulletin

**Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June 2023**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Earlier this week I had the privilege of presenting certificates to a group of sixth form students who recently completed a British Sign Language course. It reminded me of when I was taught to sign the alphabet aged 12 and the moments it has come in useful over the years. I am incredibly proud of these students and what they have achieved and know that their new learning will be so valuable to them as they go through life.

Also this week, our students have started their work on researching and presenting possible people for our new communities to be named after and we held interviews to select our Deputy Heads of Community, 5 new positions enabling us to extend our pastoral support. We got them to present their ideas on a possible person to name a community after. This work has generated a wonderful buzz of excitement, discussion and debate for students and staff alike.

It has been an incredibly busy week this week with all of our new Year 6 students and their families coming in for their transition meetings. There was a healthy mix of nerves and enthusiasm and we cannot wait to get them started when they come in for their transition days over the next few weeks.

As a new group of students starts their journey into the Sackville community, two groups are nearing the end, or at least the end of their current phase. Many of our Year 11 students will be finishing their GCSEs exams today, as well as some of our Year 13. They have all done so incredibly well. It isn't quite over for everyone yet, with some Year 13 exams still to go and a few of our Year 11s still in exams next week, including Wednesday when the rest of the school will remain at home for our final INSET day of the year.

We continue to send them our best wishes, strength and determination to do their best and extend that to Year 12 who will be starting their own progression exams next week.

Have a good weekend everyone.

**Ms Jo Meloni**  
**Headteacher**



## Key Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20 June	<b>Year 8</b> Consultation Evening (online event)
Wednesday 21 June	<b>Year 11</b> GCSE Exams End
Wednesday 21 June	<b>INSET DAY – Exams will still be taking place as normal on this day</b>
Friday 23 to Sunday 25 June	<b>Year 11</b> DofE Silver Expedition
Wednesday 28 June	<b>Year 11</b> Contingency Day
Wednesday 28 June	<b>Sackville Visuals Arts Exhibition</b> – D Block Gym – 4.00pm to 7.00pm
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
Friday 30 June	<b>Year 12</b> Economics Trip to Bank of England Museum, London
Tuesday 4 July	<b>Year 11</b> Year 11 into Year 12 Evening – 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Saturday 8 to Monday 10 July	<b>Year 10</b> Geography Trip to South Wales
Mon 17, Tue 18 and Wed 19 July	<b>Years 7,8,9 &amp; 10</b> Curriculum Enhancement Week
Monday 17 to Friday 21 July	<b>Year 10</b> Spanish Trip
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

**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.

## Start Dates for the 2023/24 School Year:

Friday 1 September	INSET Day – No students in school
Monday 4 September	Years 7 and 11 only
Tuesday 5 September	Years 7,8,9,10 and 11
Wednesday 6 September	Years 7,8,9,10,11 and Sixth Form

## School Notices

### INSET DAY – Wednesday 21 June 2023

**Please note:** Exams that are scheduled for Wednesday 21 June **WILL** still be taking place as planned.

**Paul Street**  
**Deputy Head**

### Polite Request – Please be Mindful of our Local Residents

The school has received a polite request from a local resident to ask parents/carers who drive to Sackville to collect their children, and park for an extended length of time, that they please turn their car engines off whilst waiting. The fumes released from running engines (especially in the heat we have been experiencing) has been filtering into homes and gardens, which as you can imagine is very unpleasant as well as unhealthy for the residents. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **URGENTLY NEEDED!** Donations of Second Hand School Uniform inc. Ties

We are desperately in need of school uniform for our second hand shop. If any of our families have items that are no longer required, and you would be happy to donate them to the school, we would very much appreciate it. Items can be dropped off in the reception area.

Many thanks, **The General Office**  
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## Sackville School Visual Arts Exhibition

**Sackville School Visual Arts Exhibition** We cordially invite you to the private view of our Sackville School Visual Arts Exhibition 2023, from 4.00pm-7.00pm, Wednesday 28 June 2023 in D block gym, Sackville School.

'I found I could say things with colour and shapes that I couldn't say any other way-things I had no words for.' Georgia O'Keeffe

A school art department is a world of its own. Students devise innovative creative projects which do justice to their ideas. The energy these young people generate as they make drawings or design a product is an inspiration.

They produce work of great personality and strength of character, often dealing with themes that touch all of our lives. We are proud to celebrate their achievements.

For our Sackville School summer exhibition, we showcase a selection of work from our current cohort. They have studied GCSE art, A level Photography & A level Fine Art. We hope you enjoy sharing their ideas and witnessing their considerable abilities.

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Sarah Stirling**  
CTL of Art



## Extra Curricular Activities

### 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](#).

## Staff 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.

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

## Wellbeing



I was reading an article online and came across *National Splurge Day*, Monday 18 June, it is an American event and I thought I'd share it with you all. Splurging made me immediately think of spending a lot of money or doing something huge, and there was a lot in the article about buying a new car, booking a big holiday, treating yourself to something you've had your eye on for a while. But, when I thought about it a little more I realised, splurging doesn't have to be all about money. It comes in many forms. It could mean saying 'yes' to desert or spending some time finishing off a half-completed project. Maybe you are an avid runner or play golf and instead of keeping track of time, pace and distance or where you are in relation to par, you take part in the activity simply for the fun of it. Splurge day is about indulgence.....when was the last time you did something just because it brings you pleasure or joy? What hobbies have you left by the wayside because the busyness of everyday life became too much or you focused so much on it, the joy was squeezed out? When I think of indulgence, I think of a long soak in the bath, candles around the edge with music or an audio book on. This is something I do just for me that makes me smile. That's what I'm going to do to acknowledge splurge day, oh and have my pudding first as that's the part of a meal I enjoy the most. If I really go for it, on my next walk I may just roll down the hill or do a cartwheel, I will embrace as many of the things I used to do as a child without a second thought!

Hannah Nibloe

## 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.

