



# Families' Bulletin

Monday 22 May to Friday 26 May 2023

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

This week all formal written examinations have got under way for both Year 13 and Year 11 students, alongside our Year 10 students who took the first of their Beliefs and Values exam on Monday.

Seeing the students come together for breakfast in the dining hall before the exam, interacting with each other and with teachers is incredibly heart-warming. Some students use this time to take a last look over their notes, others are checking key topics with other students, whilst others are grateful for some last minute words of wisdom or a friendly smile of reassurance from staff. Either way, there is a gentle buzz of activity to help ease the nerves before we send them off to their respective rooms. They really are a credit to themselves and we will continue to wish them well over the coming weeks.

In other news this week, a team of students (Hugo, Kailum, Luke, Al, Ben and Eleanor) headed off to the South of England Showground today to take part in a STEM Challenge. At the time of writing we don't yet know how they have got on with their presentation or racing their remote controlled monster truck they have built, but I am looking forward to finding out about their experience. What I can tell you is that they have worked incredibly well as a team and really taken on board advice and feedback given and they should be very proud of their work. Demonstrating our Sackville values of resilience and teamwork in abundance!

Have a lovely weekend.

**Ms Jo Meloni**  
Headteacher

## Key Dates for the Diary

Thursday 25 May

**Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June**

Thursday 8 June

Saturday 10 June

Tuesday 13 June

Wednesday 21 June

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Friday 23 to Sunday 25 June

Monday 26 June

Wednesday 28 June

Thursday 29 June

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Tue 17, Wed 18 and Thurs 19 July

**Friday 21 July**

**Year 7** Consultation Evening – 4.00pm - 7.00pm

**Half-Term**

**Year 12** UCAS and Futures Day

**Year 10** DofE Bronze Expedition

**Year 10** Art Trip

**Year 11** GCSE Exams End

**INSET DAY**

**Year 11** DofE Silver Expedition

**Year 9** Geography Trip

**Year 11** Contingency Day

**Year 11** Prom – 5.00pm to 11.00pm

**Sixth Form** Prom – 6.00pm to 11.00pm – High Rocks

**Years 7,8,9 & 10** Curriculum Enhancement Week

**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.

## Hot Chocolate with the Head



In our group this week I was joined by Phoebe, Louise, Taylor and John. Phoebe and Louise told us all about the Bake Off competition they competed last week and we got to see their incredible coronation inspired cakes. Taylor explained all of the things he is liking about school at the moment and doing well in. Finally, we all got to watch the incredible film that sixth former John made for his digital media course. Such amazing talent. Well done to them all.

**Jo Meloni**



### A Message from PLUMPTON COLLEGE: Year 9 & Year 10 Taster Days

Registrations now open for new Taster Days at Plumpton College



We're excited to announce two new Taster Day dates for current Year 9 & Year 10 students:

Monday 10 July - **Year 9** Taster Day

Tuesday 11 July - **Year 10** Taster Day

Taster Days offer the perfect opportunity for prospective students to get a taste of what student life is like at Plumpton College.

We are asking parents/carers to book their son/daughter's place via an application form, ensuring they grant their consent. They must also obtain authorisation of absence from their students' school via a consent form that is supplied to them on the application form. The link to this form is available for you to view here. Students must bring this completed form with them to the Taster Day itself.

Students must sign up for both a morning and afternoon session, with a different subject chosen for each session. A shuttle bus service is available from Lewes train station but must be booked in advance.

Further details and booking registration available via the link below:

[BOOK A TASTER DAY HERE](#)

### 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](#)
- [Curriculum Team Leader of Business](#)
- [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

## Banking Online

Online banking is a popular and easy way to manage your finances from the comfort of your home, or whilst out and about. It allows you to transfer money, pay bills, and set up direct debits, all without having to call or visit the bank.

Although it makes our lives easier, it is also a way that fraudsters can use online scams to scare people into parting with their hard earned money and they are getting more sophisticated, particularly when it comes to targeting you online and through mobile devices.



To make sure you're scam savvy, MoneyHelper has a beginner's guide which is a great way to learn how to spot and avoid scams, but if you, or someone you know suspects that they have been a victim of fraud, there's a few things you can do:

- Call your bank as soon as possible, they may be able to recover any lost money, and will cancel your card and send you a replacement to prevent further loss.
- Contact Action Fraud to report the scam either by using their [Online Reporting Tool](#) or calling them on 0300 123 2040.

If you need further emotional and practical support, you can also contact Victim Support on 0808 1689 111.

### [BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SCAMS](#)

# 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 hand-written 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**



## 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](#).

## External Clubs, Events and Services

### SkateFest

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



### Half Term Football & Netball Coaching Camps

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<h2>Football Coaching Camp</h2>		<h2>Netball Coaching Camp</h2>	
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	
<b>£20 per day</b>		<b>£20 per day</b>	
<b>£37.50 for 2 days</b>		<b>£37.50 for 2 days</b>	
BOOK NOW :		BOOK NOW :	
<a href="http://www.idsportscoaching.com">www.idsportscoaching.com</a>		<a href="http://www.idsportscoaching.com">www.idsportscoaching.com</a>	

### 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.

