



# Families' Bulletin

Monday 26 June to Friday 30 June 2023

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

As the formal exams drew to a close this week, attention turned to our **art exhibition** which is now on display in school and will soon be open for public viewing. The students' work is incredible at both GCSE and A level. If you do get a chance you can see it on display (including artwork from other local schools) at **St Swithun's on Friday 30 June**.

Also this week we have had some **year 6** students in for our **Transition+** days and on Thursday we had the excitement of **10 primary schools** in for their annual **Area Sports** athletics event. It was great to see their enthusiasm and thirst for the competition but my best quote came from one boy, who when asked, what his favourite part of the day had been, he replied that he "liked taking part but really enjoyed watching everyone else". He is going to go a long way. A special mention must go to **Mrs Currie** who pulls it all together so it runs like a well-oiled machine and her brilliant group of **Sackville Sports Leaders**, who all of the primary school staff mentioned as being such wonderful **ambassadors** and such a great help on the day.

Next week we look forward to the year 11 and year 13 proms on Thursday and we are moving ever closer to a decision on the names of our 5 new Communities. Each of the tutor groups have now completed their research and we saw some brilliant presentations where they put forward names to be considered.

Finally, you may have already heard that there are two further days of industrial action now scheduled for Wednesday 5 and Friday 7 July. These days coincide with our planned year 6 transition days giving us another factor to consider in terms of numbers we are able to safely accommodate on site. I will write to you early next week with detailed plans for those days.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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



## Key Dates for the Diary

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 – Plumpton Racecourse
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
Friday 30 June	GCSE & A Level <b>Art Display</b> at St Swithun's Art Festival
Monday 3 July	Parents Information Evening for the <b>Cantabria Trip</b> – 5.00pm
Tuesday 4 July	<b>Year 11</b> 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. (Year 12 Enrolment)
Tuesday 5 September	Years 7,8,9,10,11 and 13 only
Wednesday 6 September	All students in school

## School Notices

### 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



## Year Group Notices

### Year 10 - A Message from The Chelsea FC Foundation Football Academy

The Chelsea FC Foundation Football Academy at Thomas Bennett Community College supports post-16 students who have a passion for football achieve a successful and fulfilling future by providing a professional and personal educational environment. We offer a range of education programmes which range from 3 A levels to vocational courses alongside a professional style daily football programme.

Last year was our most successful yet with our men's and ladies first teams both reaching national cup finals with the boys running out winners of the EFL Community and Education Alliance national cup. This was in addition to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams all winning their regional divisions.

We ensure we look to fit academic studies around our student's academic profiles and long term plans to support future pathways. These courses are then delivered by Football Academy staff who are both qualified as well as qualified experienced coaches in small groups no bigger than 15.

We would encourage you to look at our [programme information](#) and come along to our Open Evening Event on Monday 26 June to find out more about our provision and how it fits our students.

If you wish to find out more information please feel free to email me at [chris.jones@tbcc-tkat.org](mailto:chris.jones@tbcc-tkat.org).



We look forward to meeting you all later this month!

Kind regards  
**Chris Jones**  
Academy Director

**Year 10**  
**Open Evening Event**  
**Monday 26th June**  
5:00pm - 6:30pm  
Thomas Bennett Community College  
Ashdown Drive, Crawley, RH10 5AD

Full time education in a school environment  
Studying up to 3 A-Levels

   
Thomas Bennett Community College  
Football Academy Programme

2022  
Men's National Champions  
Ladies National Cup  
Runners up

## 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](#).

## Hot Chocolate with the Head (and Deputy Head!)



I had a lovely morning with 4 students at this week's Hot Choc with the Head. Bailey, Rhys, Zayn and Roman each modelling what qualities we want from all of our Sackville students. They are community spirited, resilient, kind and respectful. It was a pleasure to spend time getting to know them and rewarding them for their efforts. Well done.

**Jo Meloni**



It was my pleasure to welcome the Hot choc Friday students to Ms Meloni's office this morning. Ayusa spoke of her love of the violin and was commended for demonstrating Sackville values every day. Rebecca was keen to talk about her archery passion and was rewarded for helping out her French class. Lucas explained his role in his local football club. He was recognised for his smart appearance and positive, happy attitude around school. Oscar in year 12 wowed the younger students with tales of him becoming Sussex Champion in hammer throwing!



They were delighted to receive their queue-jumping break and lunchtime golden tickets for next week and I had a great start to the day in the company of some truly brilliant students.

**Mr Feist**

## 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



Last week I read an article about research completed by Furniture at Work that depicted the physiological changes that working from home could cause by the year 2100. The company created a 3D model of "Anna" and some of the reported impact was on her posture and her hand from long term use of a computer mouse. I saw a lot of discussion around the potential bias of the article and model of Anna. It did remind me of something I am often asked about, which is how

do you reduce a teenager's screen time and I was recently signposted to [this website](#) , which is packed full of information about the difference between healthy and unhealthy screen time and also how much screen time is too much. I found it a thought provoking read and it has encouraged me to review my screen time again.

Hannah Nibloe

## External Clubs, Events and Services

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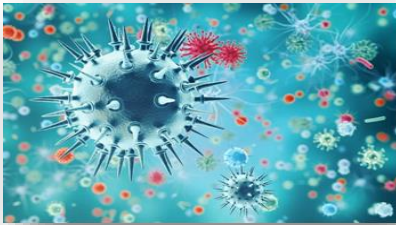
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### Medication

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.