



Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 5 December 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

December seems to have come around very quickly but it is business as usual for us this week, with a little added sparkle with the arrival of our Christmas trees kindly donated by Mr Keenor one of our ex-parents and our **Big Reveal** competitions that saw **tutors groups** and some staff decorating tutor bases and offices to help get into the festive spirit. As I walked around the school with Mr Feist on Thursday, I was genuinely impressed by the **creativity, kindness and teamwork shown by the groups who took part**. Such a wonderfully community spirited Sackville tradition that I am sure will live on for many years to come.

Our debating teams have been hard at work again this week. This time competing against Chailey, Imberhorne, Uckfield and Dorothy Springer school in Brighton in the first round of the online **ESU Churchill Public Speaking competition**. We were delighted that the team made up of Elizabeth, Emily and Aadi came out as overall winners and we look forward to hearing how they get on in the next round in January.

We were delighted to have so many **Year 12** students and their parents/carers attend our **Meet the Tutor evening** last night. Presentations included a focus on **attendance** and **study leave**, alongside an aspect of their **SMSC/Learning for Life** curriculum which on this occasion centred around vaping and where to get support. It also gave us a good opportunity to share with families our new and unique **L.I.F.E programme** in the Sixth Form that helps to engage and capture all of the other things that our Sixth Form can get involved in that compliments their academic studies. Activities such as mentoring, coaching, learning a new skill, doing charity work and volunteering. It is great to see so many of them already getting involved.

This morning we welcomed in Mims Davis MP as she presented framed certificates to two students in **Year 7** who had entered the **parliamentary Mid Sussex Christmas Card design competition**. Congratulations to Phoebe and va who came 3rd and Highly Commended respectively.

Finally I wanted to say well done to our Year 13 students who have been sitting their mock exams this week. Well done and good luck to those who are still going next week with Art, Health and Social care and photography.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher



Value of the week - RESILIENCE

This week's value is such an important one. Particularly for our young people who face daily challenges both academically and socially. So many of them have shown they have this in buckets, particularly over the past few years. These words from Winston Churchill might provide a starting point for a discussion this week.

"Success is not final,
Failure is not fatal,
It is the courage to continue that counts".

Key Dates

Wednesday 7 December	Observatory Evening – 7.00pm-9.00pm
Tuesday 13 December	Year 7 Celebration Assembly – 8.55am – 7EWY,7FSH,7HMY,7KHL and 7RHN
Wednesday 14 December	Year 7 Celebration Assembly – 9.05am – JEMA,7KPY,7SCT,7SDT and 7SSG
Thursday 15 December	Carol Service – St Swithun's Church
Friday 16 December	Last Day of Term
Friday 10 February	Year's 7 to 9 – Influenza Vaccination Programme

Remember you can see the full parents' calendar [here](#)

Hot Chocolate with the Head



This week we had Zack, James, Louis, Lillie and Jasmine nominated for Hot Chocolate Friday and we had a great start to the day discussing how they had been doing and the reasons for their nominations. They were all shining examples of the qualities so many of our students have such as kindness, respect, teamwork, resilience and a spirit of community we all value so much and form part of our Sackville Way #SWAY.. We discovered that Louie in Year 11 shared a desire to be a pilot that Zack in Year 7 once had. He went on to explain the many benefits of joining the cadets to Zack. Just one of the many conversations that may never have taken place if they had not been chatting over a hot chocolate on a cold December morning. Well done to each of them.



We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs [HERE](#). If you have any questions regarding a particular activity, please contact the member of staff who is running the club.

Year Group /Department Notices

Santa's coming...Well not quite....

but a present has been delivered and will be opened on **Thursday 8th December at 1.30 pm.**

KS3 students are welcome to come along to help unwrap the present and maybe win what's inside!

On Thursday....

- There will be chocolate given out to those who help unwrap.
- Free word search competition to enter. Win Christmas treats.
- Pin the nose on Rudolf.
- As well as win what's inside!



Come along and join in the festive fun in the LRC!

Thursday 8th December at 1.30 pm Sharp!

LRC – KS3 Students



Our very own Mr Roberts will be reading Christmas stories, witty ditties and poems in the LRC at Lunch time on :

Friday 9th December

Come along at 1.30pm Prompt!

A tasty Christmas treat will be offered to all who attend. Limited spaces so come early..

All year 7 and 8 Students, who listen, may eat their lunch in the LRC.

Year Groups 7, 8 and 9 – Influenza Vaccination Programme - February 2023

The Department of Education and NHS England have extended the flu vaccination programme to include students in year groups 7 to 9. Therefore, the vaccination team will be attending school on Friday 10 February 2023, to administer flu vaccination via a nasal spray. For those year groups affected, this programme will also run alongside the HPV vaccination, which is scheduled to take place on the same day, Friday 10 February. Full details and consent forms will be forwarded to you nearer the time but please make a note of the date.

Mrs Sharon Hill
Welfare Officer








December is here and with it can come all sorts of preparations for the upcoming religious days and festivities. I want to share with you National Tree Dressing Day - when I first read about it, I thought it was all about putting decorations onto our Christmas trees. But, it is, in fact, something altogether different.....

National Tree Dressing Day began in 1990 and is based around different customs that happen across the year, the idea is to pull these beliefs and practices together. Trees have held spiritual importance for centuries, Celts used to dip cloth into water from a holy well and tie them onto a 'cloutie tree'. Way before this, in Japan, it was common to decorate trees or bamboo with strips of paper with wishes and poems written on, these are called Tanzaku. The tradition is called Tanabata (Star Festival) and takes place in August each year. There are similar traditions within Buddhism and Hinduism, tying ribbons around tree trunks of Bodhi trees to honour Buddha and Raksha Bandhan, when coloured strings are tied onto trees and plants to ask nature to protect loved ones.

This year, National Tree Dressing Day falls this weekend (the first in December), it is a chance for local communities to come together and celebrate their leafy residents, to say *thank you* for all that they provide us. I invite you to pay homage and give thanks to the trees and shrubs in your garden, neighbourhood or local green space and wrap some ribbon or cloth on it. Perhaps trying something around or on a tree in your local park or street is outside of your comfort zone. In this case, maybe if you have a Christmas tree you could hold onto the sentiments of gratitude and good health to all as you decorate it. Perhaps, next time you pass a tree you could take a moment to acknowledge all that it gives you and us in the wider community.



Hannah Nibloe

Learning Support Assistant

Grade 3

We require for this term, Learning Support Assistants to work within our dedicated SEND team. The successful candidate will provide in class support to our students with SEND, as well as work with students 1:1 and in small groups outside the classroom. Full or part time would be considered.

Whilst experience of working in an environment with young people is desirable, we are looking for someone who has the skills, qualities and passion to effectively engage with young people to help us ensure every child achieves success at school.

Sackville is an exceptionally friendly and supportive community built on strong relationships which allow every student to thrive. We have acquired a deserved reputation for fighting for every child, to support every student achieve their full potential and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Our academic standards are high and we are rated as a 'Good' school by Ofsted. Students' attitudes and behaviour are very good. Our excellent pastoral system underpins everything we do and you will be working alongside an exceptionally dedicated and caring team.

Hours: up to 26 hours and 40 minutes per week, across five full days (8.50-2.35pm), term time only

Salary range: Grade 3 £18,887 - £19,264
(pro rata £11,335 - £11,559 for 26 hours and 40 minutes per week, term time only)

Further details and an application form are available on our website www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk or from Mrs K Rowlingson, PA to the Headteacher, on 01342 414900/krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Please address your letter of application (no longer than 2 sides of A4 please), together with the application form to Ms Jo Meloni, Headteacher.

The closing date for applications is **28th November 2022 at 10.00 am**. Interviews will take place week commencing **5th December 2022** although we reserve our right to interview early for exceptional candidates.

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Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service







Study Supervisor

Required January 2023 - Full time / Part time

Grade 4

Sackville School is a community of like minded people with a shared vision to provide the best possible learning experiences, in a friendly, safe and welcoming school. We have high expectations and ambitions for all our students and live by our motto 'Together We Achieve' and our shared school values.

The role of study supervisor plays an important part in achieving our vision in the classroom and beyond. You would be engaged in supervising classes for absent teaching staff, invigilating examinations, and assisting with administration. You will also have the opportunity to join student groups on trips and visits throughout the year.

You do not need to have previously worked in a school environment, full training will be provided. All that we ask is that you have a genuine desire to work with young people, the ability to engage with them on a professional level to get the very best out of them and the commitment to learn and be part of our great team.

We are unapologetically ambitious for every child, no matter what their background, prior attainment or needs. We are an inclusive school and believe that all young people have gifts, talents and interests, it is our job to provide the opportunities and encouragement to help them flourish.

The successful applicant will:

- Be able to support in the delivery of high-quality learning experiences for all students.
- Have high expectations of learning and behaviour, inspiring and motivating our students to learn.
- Be supportive, understanding and skilled in building positive, professional relationships with young people.
- Seek to make learning exciting and a positive experience.
- Communicate well with parents, carers and members of staff, as well as students.

Hours: 30 hours per week, term time only
Part time hours will be considered

Salary range: Grade 4, point 5 £21,575 - £23,968
(pro rata £14,600 - £15,674 based on 30 hrs/pw term time only)


Sackville is a vibrant and successful school. We enjoy a positive relationship with our local community, are oversubscribed and gain consistently strong outcomes for our students.

If you feel that this is a role that you would enjoy and you would like to be part of our team, feel free to contact us to arrange an informal visit or to apply.

Further details are available on our website www.sackvilleschool.org.uk or from Mrs K Rowlingson PA to the Headteacher, on 01342 414900 krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Please address your letter of application together with the application form and safer recruiting sheet (available on website) to Ms Jo Meloni, Headteacher.

Closing Date: 9.00 am Wednesday 7 December, interviews are scheduled for: Tuesday 13 December although we encourage early application as we reserve the right to interview prior to this date for the right candidates.




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Invigilators Required

We are seeking to recruit new invigilators, term time, for exam periods only. We presently have a group of dedicated invigilators, and are looking for individuals to expand the team, who can promote a supportive atmosphere for our students so that they achieve their best.

A good command of written and spoken English is essential for this role together with an ability to communicate confidently with both staff and students.

This role will suit applicants looking for flexible working hours both in school and after school hours with emphasis on being available for at least 3 days per week for both morning and afternoon sessions during the busy examination season (May and June 2023) as well as several other times throughout the academic year for pre-public (mock) examinations.

Applications are invited from candidates who have:

- The ability to work well in a team as well as having the initiative to work alone
- The ability to respond quickly and implement necessary action in unexpected/ emergency situations

Invigilation will be on an ad-hoc basis. Hours of employment will vary greatly throughout examination periods. Exact dates and times will be agreed prior to each examination session and will be dependent on the work available and the availability of the applicant.

£10.65 per hour (inclusive of holiday pay)

Further details are available from Julie Beswick






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Cleaners Required

Cleaners required to work in a friendly atmosphere at

Sackville School, East Grinstead

£10.65 per hour (inclusive of annual leave entitlement)

Monday—Friday hours negotiable

Hours – minimum of 2 hours per session

Previous applicants need not re-apply.

Sackville is a large, mixed, 11-18 comprehensive with 1700 on roll. We are a STEM school, leader in Space Education and hold International School, Artsmark Silver, Healthy School and Good Schools Guide awards. We are a popular, expanding and over-subscribed school.

Our GCSE results are consistently strong with extremely positive progress 8 scores. Our A level progress is at the top end of all local authority providers.

Further details are available from Nickie Clapson on 01342 410140

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