



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families' Bulletin

Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 23 February 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

We have come to the end of a short but very busy and productive half term.

Just this afternoon we waved 70 students and staff off on the ski trip to Italy; welcomed a hall full of children from our local primary schools to see our matinee performance of the school production; sixth form leaders ran our latest student voice community meetings with over 50 students involved from across all year groups, and communities. Staff and students are now either starting their half term break or are involved in preparing for tonight's performance of Sister Act before the final curtain comes down.

When we come back after half term Year 11 will be starting their final mock examinations in the run up to the summer and we wish them well with their revision.

I will write to you after the half term break with an update on next term and an overview of some of the events and activities we have coming up; but for now, I wish you all a relaxing half term.

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 3 + 2

Key Dates

Tuesday 16 February	Year 13 Spanish Trip
Thursday 22 February	Year 9 KS4 Options Evening (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
Wednesday 28 February	Higher Educational Fair (4.30pm - 6.30pm)
Thursday 29 February	Year 9 Consultation Evening (4pm – 7pm)
Tuesday 5 March	BTEC Trip to 'Hamilton'
Wednesday 6 March	A Level Fine Art Trip
Thursday 14 March	A Level Photography Trip
	Year 11 Consultation Evening (4pm – 7pm)
Monday 18 March	A Level Geography Trip – South Coast
Thursday 21 March	Sports Presentation Evening (6pm – 8pm)
Wednesday 27 March	A Level Geography Trip - Pembrokeshire

Higher Education

Learn about University Life with Sussex University

Join us at our Parents and Guardians Information Evening on Wednesday 8 May 2024. This event is designed specifically to help you, as parents and guardians, to guide your young person through their journey to university and to find out what makes Sussex such a special place to live and study.

Please join us from 5.00pm to 8.00pm on Wednesday 8 May 2024.



Higher Education Fair

Years 10, 11, and 12 are invited to attend this year's Higher Education Fair.

Higher Education Fair

Wednesday 28 February 2024

4.30pm - 6.30pm

In the Main Hall



Homework Survey – Share Your Feedback

We're reviewing our school's homework policy to ensure it effectively supports student learning and well-being. Your voice matters!

Parents, please take a few minutes to complete our short homework survey and share your feedback on:

- Homework workload and types.
- Alignment with learning goals.
- Impact on well-being and family time.
- Suggestions for improvement.

Click here to take the survey: <https://forms.gle/bw3g9NgC3TxX2LP8A>

Survey closes on the Monday 19 February 2024. Thank you for your participation!

Patrick Quigley
Assistant Headteacher

Extra Curricular Enrichment

Spring Term Timetable

We offer a wide range of after school activities at Sackville. You can browse through all the clubs, by year group, via this link:

[Spring Term Timetable](#)

We are pleased to offer more after school curricular activities in Maths, they are shown below.

Monday - M04 Chess Club 2.50pm – 3.45pm (all years)
Monday - M07 Homework support 2.50pm – 3.45pm (Years 7 - 10)
Thursday - M07 Homework support 2.50pm – 3.45pm (Years 7 - 10)
Thursday - M04 Maths Challenge Club (Year 7 - 10 invite only)

Regards
Mr T Hasler
Maths Department

Find it out Thursdays

This is a chance for students to explore different professions and learn from people that are in that industry.

Each week a different professional comes in to talk to students about the different aspects of their job, how they entered that industry, the skills and qualifications required and the different routes available to students thinking of joining that sector. Students have the opportunity to ask those in the know and get first-hand information. Students are able to sign up for one talk each half term so please encourage them to sign up and take advantage of this opportunity.

Speakers for next half term will be:-

Estate Agent - Date to be confirmed

Please use this [link](#) to sign up for the talk



Design & Technology

We are in need of **WHITE** cotton or linen sheets/pillow cases/duvet covers/T shirts etc, for our Design & Technology department, and would be grateful for any donations.

They do have to be pure cotton or linen - apart from any stitching or fastenings, which we can remove - **NOT** polycotton please.

For hygiene reasons please could any donations be washed, preferably without fabric softener to retain the absorbency of the fabric.

If you do any of the above please could you drop them into the school Reception labelled for the D&T Department.

Spotlight on Online Safety

Spotlight on Digital Learning

Safer Internet Day 2024: Navigating Change for UK Teens

While Safer Internet Day (SID) on Tuesday 6 February 2024 has already passed, its message remains crucial for UK teens navigating the ever-evolving digital landscape. This year's theme, "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online" is particularly relevant as our young people face new challenges and opportunities in the online world.

Why is SID important for Sackville teens?

- Navigating complex online spaces: Teens encounter various online environments, from social media platforms to gaming communities, each with its own norms and potential risks. SID empowers them to develop critical thinking skills and make informed choices in these spaces.
- Understanding online influence: From influencers to algorithms, many forces shape online experiences. SID helps teens critically evaluate online content, recognize manipulation tactics, and build positive online identities.
- Promoting responsible digital citizenship: The internet offers immense potential for positive change, but it also presents risks like cyberbullying and misinformation. SID encourages ethical online behaviour, promoting respect, empathy, and responsibility.

Beyond SID:

While SID serves as an annual reminder, staying safe online requires ongoing awareness and proactive steps. Here are some resources for UK teens:

- **UK Safer Internet Centre:** Offers resources, campaigns, and help reporting online abuse (<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>).
- **Childline:** Provides confidential support and advice for young people on various issues, including online safety (<https://www.childline.org.uk/>).
- **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC):** Educates young people about staying safe online through workshops and resources (<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>).

Remember:

Staying safe online is a shared responsibility. Parents, educators, and tech companies all play a role in creating a positive and secure online environment for Sackville teens. Our school Digital Ambassadors have come up with the following 10 pledges and all students have been invited to sign our pledge banner which will be put up in T Block next half term:

- I promise to respect everyone equally online
- I will only talk to people online who I know
- I will endeavour to never hurt another person's feelings with my actions online
- I will use social media cautiously
- I will not use technology to bully someone
- I will not click on dodgy links
- I will always game safely
- I will not share or publish harmful content and will always report it
- I will ensure my credentials remain private
- I will not bring my school into disrepute online

Have a wonderful half term break and stay safe online.

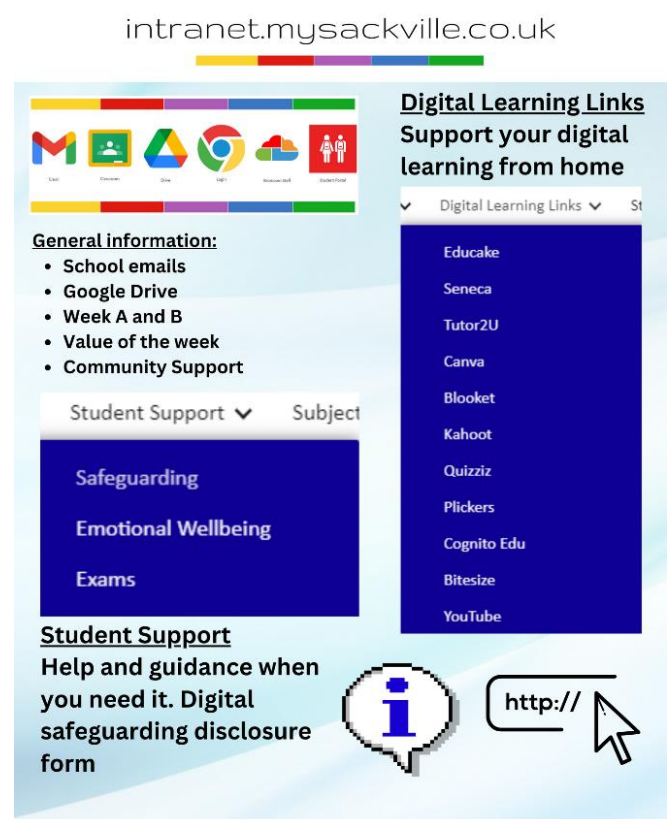
Mr Vallally-Godfrey
Online Safety Lead

School Intranet

The updated school intranet is accessible from home, on our school website, and on the web address:

intranet.mysackville.co.uk

Have a look at some of the things you can use it for



Current Vacancies

We have a number of non-teaching roles available at the moment. If you would be interested in any of the following please call Katie Dawson for more information, or apply directly following these links:

- [Science Lab Technician](#)
- [Cleaners](#)
- [Exam Invigilator](#)

Are you new to the school or want to be more involved in your child's education? Exam Invigilator could be the role for you.

"My daughter joined Sackville in Year 9. When she started in Year 10, I decided to join the Sackville invigilating team with the thought that I really would like to learn and understand the current exam procedures and processes and at the same time it would put me in a better position to help and support my child. I am still working at the school and have also made some great friends over the last six years." Suzanne (current parent)

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 community 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 community office, thank you in advance.



Netball



CD Phoenix Netball Club are holding Regional trials, if you are interested please follow the link below.
<https://forms.gle/j7ib4iMwcZMLazy17>

Cricket



NHS Dentist



Limited NHS Appointments Available

Tooth decay remains the most common reason for hospital admissions in children aged six to 10 years, costing the NHS £81million on dental extractions for children alone.

We want to help.

This February half term, we are offering free NHS dental treatment for children up to the age of 18.

Call or email us for more information or queries.

01342 458034

reception@highstreetdentalpractice.com

Youth Production and Dance Lessons



Bullfrog PRODUCTIONS

BULLFROG PRODUCTIONS IS A LEADING YOUTH PRODUCTION COMPANY, BASED IN EAST GRINSTEAD, PROVIDING TRAINING ACROSS ALL ASPECTS OF MUSICAL THEATRE. WE OFFER CLASSES IN DANCE, DRAMA AND SINGING, AS WELL AS OFFERING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN GRADED QUALIFICATIONS THROUGH THE ISTD AND LAMDA SYLLABI. OUR YOUTH PRODUCTION COMPANY PERFORMS 2 SHOWS EACH YEAR IN A PROFESSIONAL THEATRE.

FOR MORE DETAILS EMAIL:
INFO@BULLFROGPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK
OR CALL: 07745 526691

Prom Dresses

Bishop Luffa School in Chichester are holding their annual Preloved Prom Dress Sale on Saturday 24 February 2024. The event is a wonderful way to purchase or sell pre-loved prom wear – *they currently only have prom dress stock but welcome suits to sell at this event as well.*

- *For ease of trying on gowns, they ask attendees wear something like leggings and a sports vest / bra to allow dresses to be slipped on and off over gowns easily, in their private changing area / alternatively clothing that can be easily put on and off to reduce changing room times, as they find the students will try on a few options before they find the right one – this will help make that process more streamlined.*
- *The access time for non-Bishop Luffa students is 12.30 midday.*

The Bishop Luffa PTA team looks forward to welcoming students to this wonderful event as they prepare for their end of year proms

BISHOP LUFFA SCHOOL PFA

PRELOVED PROM DRESS SALE

LIGHTLY WORN PROM
DRESSES AND ACCESSORIES

*In partnership with
St. Wilfrids Hospice Shop*



**SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2024
FROM 11.30AM TO 2PM
IN BISHOP LUFFA SPORTS HALL**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE FIRST HOUR IS FOR BISHOP LUFFA STUDENTS ONLY.
DOORS WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 12.30P.M.**

If you would like to sell an item please email
sammy47j@hotmail.com for further information

Internship Programme 2024

For those interested in a career in teaching this programme is specifically designed for undergraduates interested in getting experience of a career in teaching.

Government funding of £300 per week (£900 total) is available for secondary Maths, Physics, Chemistry, MFL and Computing interns, but there are also programmes for all other secondary subject specialisms and primary teaching on an unfunded basis. The programme is based across multiple schools in Surrey, Berkshire, London, and Sussex and will run for three weeks this summer (dates to be confirmed – but it is likely to be Monday 24 June to Friday 12 July 2024).



INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2024

At Xavier Teach SouthEast, we are proud to offer an internship programme which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom.

NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

- **Funded internship** for secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates (£300pw)
- Non-funded internship for non-undergraduates and **all other secondary subjects and primary teaching.**
- **Aim:** to help undergraduates in all subjects, as well as those considering a career change, to explore how rewarding a career in teaching can be.

As part of the programme, you will:

- Get involved in all aspects of school life
- Receive bespoke training
- Work closely with a Mentor to observe and teach lessons
- Meet regularly with fellow Interns, ECTs and SCITT trainees
- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT

"The internship was a brilliant hands-on experience that gave me a wealth of knowledge about life as a primary school teacher. The programme gave me the best opportunity to gain first-hand experience teaching, observing and helping to plan lessons."
Intern 2022


INTERESTED?
Scan the QR code for the application form or visit www.teachsoutheast.co.uk
e.bertolone@xaviercet.org.uk | 01932 578 682



Self Defence Workshop

There are still spaces available for the East Grinstead Town Council free personal safety and self-defence workshop for 14 – 17 year olds on Thursday 15 February 2024. This is a great opportunity and provides fantastic knowledge and skills.

To sign up, click [here](#)



EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL


FREE EVENT

ACTIVELY SAFE

Personal safety & self defence Workshops

Ages 11+

DELIVERED BY Actively Safe



THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2024

10AM - 1PM AGES 11 - 13	Physical self defence Situational awareness Confidence strategies De-escalation techniques Use of force & the law
2PM - 5PM AGES 14 - 17	

Meridian Hall, East Court, East Grinstead, RH19 3LT

BOOK NOW:
<https://eequ.org/experience/4533>

