



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 10 March to Friday 7 March 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Our school was a hive of activity on Thursday evening with Year 9 students and their families discussing their up and coming options. This will be the biggest decision most have had to take in their young lives and it is lovely to see and hear about all the support being given both at home and at school. The options form is now live on MCAS.

In other news this week, we celebrated World Book day and students had the opportunity to get involved in a number of activities including making bookmarks for use in the library, reading quizzes and activities and a book swap, as well as reading activities during tutor time and in lessons. Students in years 7,8 and 9 were all given a voucher in form this week but there is also an opportunity to download a digital version. If your child has not yet done this, you can find more information [here](#).

Thank you to those parents/carers who came to our Families Focus Group. Details from the meeting are included below. If you are ever interested to come along please do sign up to any future meeting. It is always good to hear from families directly. Future meetings will be as follows and will start at 6.00pm:

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Wednesday 9 July 2025

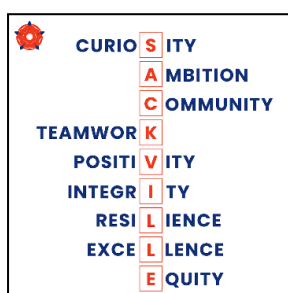
Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate with the Head



I had the pleasure of students from the Attenborough Community, along with Community Leader Sam Ellis this morning. Students were nominated for a whole host of reasons including, positivity, hard work, community, making a positive contribution to student voice and in a few cases for having amassed an astonishing number of achievement points (close to 200) demonstrating a consistent approach to learning and life at Sackville.



But that's not all... we had a bumper edition this week having moved last week's nominees to Monday, when I was joined by students from the Yousafzai Community. Those students also received nominations for modelling the Sackville Way, showing great resilience through their mock examinations and for excellent attitudes to learning.

It was a real pleasure to spend time with all of the students this week.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 10 March 2025
Thursday 13 March 2025

Friday 14 March 2025
Monday 17 March 2025
Monday 17 - Thursday 20 March 2025
Tuesday 18 March 2025
Thursday 20 March 2025
Friday 21 March 2025
Wednesday 26 March 2025
Thursday 27 March 2025
Friday 4 April - 21 April 2025

A Level Life Drawing Class - 3.30 - 5.30pm
Year 12 and 13 Richard II Trip - English Literature
**Taylor Made Pop Up Shop - In School - 3.00 - 6.00pm
(REVISED DATE)**
A Level Textiles and Photography Trip
Year 12 Geography Trip to Sussex Coast
School Book Fair
Sixth Form Charity Quiz
Year 10 Consultation Evening
KS4 Options Deadline
Dance Festival - 2.00 - 6.00pm
Year 11 Consultation Evening
HALF TERM

Safeguarding

As always, if you are aware or have any worries regarding the safety of our students then contact our safeguarding team. Contact details below:

Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Millican - amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Street - pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Steer - asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Flude - dflude@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Hunt - shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Pearson - jpearson@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Dupoy - jdupoy@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Bull - sbull@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Vallally-Godfrey - avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding at Sackville
PRIORITISING SAFETY & WELLBEING

Keeping our students safe is everybody's responsibility

If you need to talk to someone about an issue that is worrying you, you can speak to your form tutor, Community Team, or a member of your Safeguarding Team which includes Ms Meloni (Headteacher).

Additional members of our Safeguarding Team

...you feel down or sad

...something is bothering you

...you are worried about something at home

...you are concerned about a friend

Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email: safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk if...

Mr Millican - Lead DSL
Mr Street - Deputy DSL
Mrs Steer - Deputy DSL and CP Officer
Mrs Flude - Welfare Officer
Mr Endersby - CTL PE
Mrs Hunt - SENCO
Mr Pearson - CL Yousafai
Mrs Valentine - Head of 6th form
Mr Dupoy - Deputy Head of 6th form
Mr Cowlin - Deputy Head
Mrs Bull - 6th form Pastoral Support
Mr Vallally-Godfrey - CTL Computing

Families Focus Group

Families Focus Group - Wednesday 5th March 2025

I would like to thank all the parents who came to this week's Families Focus Group. As always you acted as a great sounding board for new school initiatives and raised thought provoking questions to assist us with our continuing school development. We would love to grow the group further so please do attend if you can in future.

The first agenda item looked at feedback the school received from our recent Challenge Partners review, which was incredibly positive. Please see a summary following the link below:

[FFG Challenge Partners 2025.docx.pdf](#)

The group then discussed some of the proposed changes to the school's Rewards and Recognition policy which is currently being reviewed. Please see summary document of some key proposals below:

[Rewards and Recognition Summary - 2025.pdf](#)

The group provided us with some valuable feedback including:

- Please ensure staff reward and recognise students consistently
- It is important to celebrate and share success and the reasons for it with students in the classroom
- When issuing the Sackville Star Award maybe staff could write the reason for the award on the ticket
- Postcards home were better for students than positive phone calls to parents
- A system to recognise and thank teachers

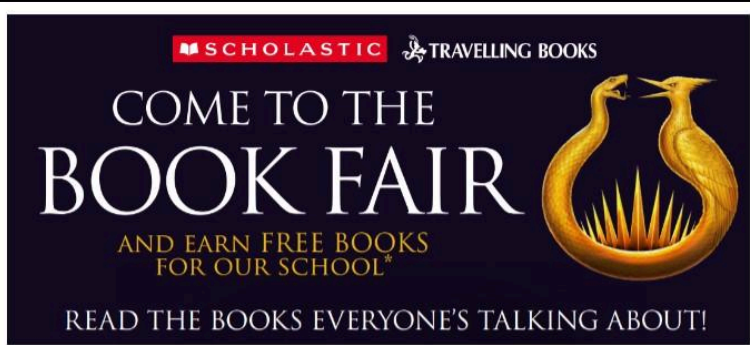
Parents also raised the following points as AOB:

- Duke of Edinburgh for Year 10 - We have just appointed staff to lead on this so watch this space for further information regarding expeditions as we move into the Summer term.
- Toilets - In response to student voice we will be converting some of our unisex toilet cubicles back to being single sex. Students have been informed about this in assemblies this week.

Next Meeting will be the 14 May 2025 at 6.00pm

Notice Board

- **2025 Book Fair**



The poster features the Scholastic Travelling Books logo at the top. The main text reads 'COME TO THE BOOK FAIR AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL*'. Below this, it says 'READ THE BOOKS EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT!'. The background is dark with a golden illustration of two swans facing each other, with a book open between them. The text is in white and gold.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting the school from **Monday 17th March to Thursday 20th March** in the LRC.

Come along to the LRC for a chance to buy some great reads at fabulous prices and earn some free books for your school!

- **Dead Poets Live** - On Monday afternoon, we are really excited to announce that students in Year 7 will be participating in a visit from Dead Poets Live, an organisation that stages a hugely fun and interactive introduction to poetry. There is no cost associated with this and students will be coming out of either Period 4 or Period 5 lessons to join in.
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Current Vacancies

We have one support staff role available at the moment. If you would be interested in any of the following or know anyone else who may be, please call Katie Dawson, Headteacher's PA for more information, or apply directly following these links:

- [Exam Invigilators](#)

Extra Curricular Activities

Spring 2025 Term

Sackville News

For all the latest news here at Sackville, follow the link below to the news section of our website -

[Sackville News](#)

We also publish a half termly newsletter and the latest edition can be seen here [Sackville Newsletter](#).

Next publication date: **W/B 4 April, 2025.**

Futures - Find It Out Thursday

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

Different professionals come 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.



If you or someone you know would be willing to come in and speak to students about your profession, how you joined it, what qualifications and routes there are open to people. Hearing from people that are doing it day to day is invaluable to students while they explore options open to them. If you would be willing to come in and inspire the younger generation please contact Helen Smith on hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Routes into STEM Virtual Experience 2024/25

The Routes into STEM Virtual course gives young people access to key information on different STEM pathways including STEM education, STEM careers and apprenticeships.

Who is it for?

Students in **Year 9 or 10 / S3 or S4 / equivalent** who are interested in exploring a career in STEM

What's involved?

- Approximately 20 hours of study virtually at a pace that suits you
- Hear from current and previous students about what studying STEM at college and university is like
- Hear from hiring managers what they look for in applications and interviews
- In our interactive live sessions, you will get the chance to ask questions of a variety of STEM professionals from those who have just been through the early careers process as apprentices, interns and graduates to those who have an established STEM careers and what their journey has been.

What do you get out of it?

- A chance to find out about different Routes into STEM careers from industry experts, college and university leaders as well as young people who are currently on that path
- Projects include: a Biopharm challenge from **GSK**, a Design challenge from **Balfour Beatty**, a sustainable lab challenge from **Avantor** and many more exciting challenges in all aspects of STEM
- You will learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV/ Personal Statement and/or Application form
- Once completed you will receive an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award


When is it?

The course will run over **4 weeks (4th- 25th April 2025)** with live sessions during the Easter break (14th- 17th April 2025)


Cost

The total cost for this programme is **£80**. Bursaries are also available to those students who may not otherwise be able to apply. Please indicate on your application form if you are interested in a Bursary

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code.



EDT Industrial Cadets www.etrust.org.uk



Apprenticeship Vacancy
Engineering Operative Vacancy

A New Zealand based company who have a UK base locally, HamiltonJet have an apprenticeship vacancy for an Engineering Operative. This is an excellent opportunity to join the world of engineering. If you are interested please use this [link](#) for more details.

Medication, Illness and Vaccines

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.

Vaccinations

Just a reminder of the following vaccination dates for this year as below:

Friday 11 July 2025 - HPV vaccination for Year 8

The consent will be online and details will be sent out 4-6 weeks prior to these dates. If you have any queries please contact the immunisation team on 01273 696011 ext 2043.

Lost Property



Please could you ensure that all items of school uniform, PE kits and pencil cases are labelled. This will make reuniting property a lot faster, easier and more successful.

We are trialling a new system to help get unlabelled lost property back to students, we have a google document that is updated regularly with any garments that find their way to the lost property, if you believe an item is something you are looking for, please contact Mrs Hill (shill@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

[Lost Property Itinerary](#) - as of Friday 7 March 2025.

We advise that if students ever lose any uniform or property then they should visit their community office after they have checked with Mrs Hill if their property has been handed in.

External Clubs, Services and Events

Interested in training to be a teacher?



GET INTO Teaching

JOIN US FOR AN ITT SESSION

Experience
Join us for one of our Teaching Hub days and experience a live session led by our expert speakers.

Explore
Talk to some of the current teacher trainees about their experiences this year.

Enquire
The Primary Teaching Hub lead Sarah or the Director of the Teaching Hub Graham will be available to answer all of your questions.

Thursday 20th March 2025
St Mary's Catholic Primary School,
Worthing BN11 4BD
9.30 - 14.30

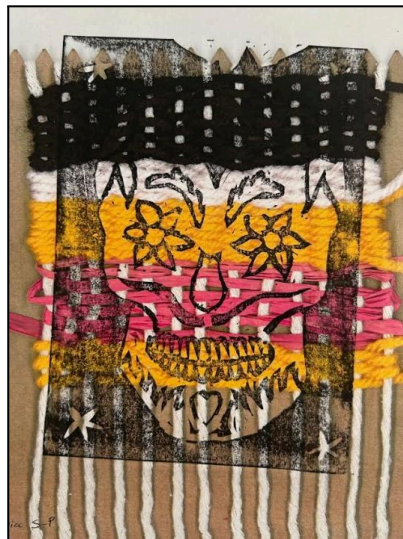
CONTACT US TO BOOK A TIME TO VISIT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
teashman@sphs.co.uk

Art of the Week



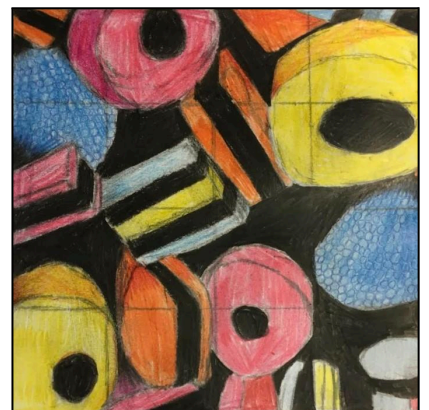
Monoprinting inspired by Mexican Day of the Dead Skulls

Alice Stevenson-Pither 9SSG - Yousafzai



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Adam Nelson 9PWY - Holmes



Liquorice all sorts drawing

Evie Southwell 7MLN - Angelou