



# Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



# Families Bulletin

## Monday 17 March to Friday 21 March 2025

### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

There have been a number of activities going on in and outside of school again this week; trips to the theatre and galleries helped open up a number of cultural experiences for our students to support their exam successes but also their wider curriculum. Our Year 7 students also had a visit from Dead Poets Live, an organisation that stages a hugely fun and interactive introduction to poetry.

It has also been great to see so many students and staff embracing two initiatives these past couple of weeks around World Literacy day, as well as today's Pi day including 'Pi-Ku' poems (this is a new thing for me too), bringing both literacy and mathematics together. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour in the coming week.

Next week, we will be welcoming a few visitors to school. One of which is our school improvement advisor who visits all schools three times a year to provide important challenges and support. On Wednesday, we will be welcoming some Ofsted inspectors for a short visit; we have been selected as a key partner of the Xavier Teach SouthEast teacher training organisation, who have themselves been selected by Ofsted for a 'testing inspection' for their proposed new Ofsted inspection framework due out in the autumn term. The focus on the visit will be on how successfully we are guided to support trainee teachers and their progress in school. I am sure you will agree this is absolutely crucial work in a bid to bring more high quality teachers into the profession, and a role we take very seriously at Sackville. We have a great group of trainee teachers with us at the moment and we wish them all well along with our fantastic teachers, who support them on a daily basis with mentoring and coaching, alongside their own teaching.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Jo Meloni**  
Headteacher

**Week: A**

**Timetable: 4 + 1**

# Hot Chocolate with the Head

We had a lovely time earlier in the week when we welcomed students from the Angelou Community alongside their illustrious leader Mr Turner.

All of the students were a real credit to themselves and it was lovely to hear the guidance given from older students to the younger ones about how to make a success of their time in school. One piece of advice was to get involved but I think we may have been preaching to the converted as this group seemed to not only represent all branches of the cadets, but the vast majority were already involved in other clubs and activities both inside and outside of school.

As always, it was fantastic to spend time with them, celebrate what they are doing well and give them a voice to share anything that they might want to ask about directly with the Headteacher.

Jo Meloni  
Headteacher



## Key Dates

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  
Thursday 3 April 2025  
Friday 4 April 2025  
**Friday 4 April - 21 April 2025**  
Thursday 24 April 2025

Wednesday 20 April 2025  
Thursday 1 May 2025

Tuesday 6 May 2025  
Thursday 8 May 2025  
Wednesday 14 May 2025

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  
Pop Up Uniform Shop - 3.00 - 6.00pm  
Year 12 UCAS Discovery Event - Brighton  
**HALF TERM**  
Maths Enrichment Morning  
Year 12 Consultation Evening  
SEN Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning - 9.30 - 11.00am  
Junior Mathematical Challenge  
Sports Awards - 6.00 - 8.00pm  
SEN Parent Carer Forum Online Meeting - 7.30 - 8.30am  
Year 11 Information Evening  
Families Focus Group - 6.00pm

# 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](mailto:amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Street - [pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Steer - [asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Flude - [dflude@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:dflude@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

## Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - [jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Hunt - [shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Pearson - [jpearson@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:jpearson@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Valentine - [hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Dupoy - [jdupoy@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:jdupoy@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Cowlin - [pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Bull - [sbull@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:sbull@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Vallally-Godfrey - [avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto: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**

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 Yousafzai  
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

...you feel down or sad  
...something is bothering you  
Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email: [safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk) if...  
...you are concerned about a friend  
...you are worrying about something at home

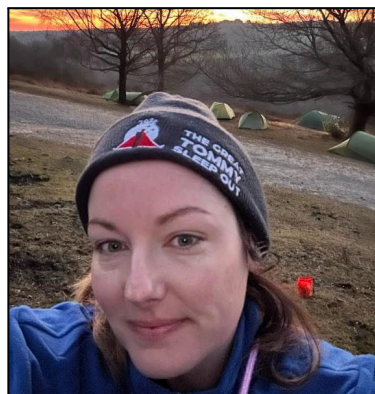
# Notice Board

## ● Yousafzai Community Leader

Mrs Mance has attended the Yousafzai Community Assembly this week to introduce herself as the incoming Community Leader following the upcoming Easter break. Mrs Mance is, as all staff are, very grateful for the excellent foundations Mr Pearson and the Yousafzai team have made and is excited to get to know the students and families of the Yousafzai community.

## ● The Great Tommy Sleep Out Challenge

Mrs Stuart-Turner will be taking part in this event, raising money to support homeless veterans and The Royal British Legion. If anyone would like to take part or donate please find the links here: [IGTSO](#) or [Just Giving](#).





- **Sixth Form Quiz**

Next Tuesday many of our key stage five students, along with staff, will be fundraising for our St Catherine's Hospice. Thank you to the sixth form leadership team who have organised and promoted our fantastic annual charity quiz of staff v students, taking place on Tuesday evening.

- **Easter Egg Donation Request - Momentum**

Momentum is an amazing charity that has supported the family of one of our students, who very sadly lost his life to cancer in 2019, when he was just 13. His younger brother is part of the Sackville family now, and he has recently become a Young Ambassador for Momentum. Momentum has supported his family in so many ways, from art/music therapy, to counselling, respite breaks, river cruises, and cinema visits. Bereavement can feel very lonely, but Momentum has provided so much care and support, and will continue to do so for as long as they are needed, and in so many ways. They make sure that the families they support never feel alone.

In his capacity as Ambassador we are asking for students, staff and families to make a small contribution of one Easter Egg to donate to a collection that the Charity will hand out to children in local hospitals this Easter. Can we ask for donations to be handed in to reception/the Attenborough Office by Thursday 3 April 2025.

- **Attenborough Easter Extravaganza**

This year Attenborough students have chosen to raise funds for Dementia UK. We are currently organising an Easter fair which will take place on Tuesday 1st April. Students will be running stalls and activities for students to take part in at lunchtime. Those who wish to take part will need to bring money into school that day. We hope that this will be a lovely event for all students. More details to follow.

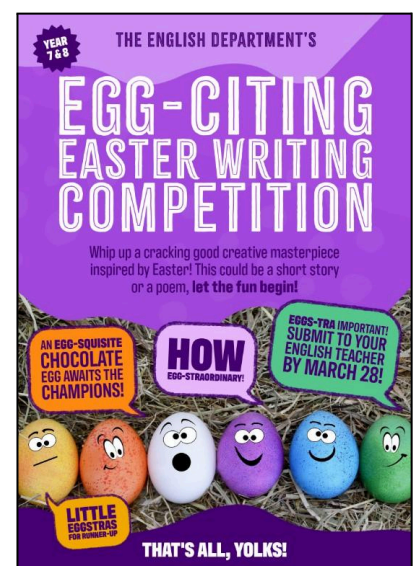
- **Easter Writing Competition**

Sackvilles English department is running a writing competition over the Easter break, please see the poster below and we look forward to seeing your work.

- **Holmes Fundraising Event**



Our latest fundraiser will be taking place over the last two days of term, with all money raised going to St Catherine's Hospice.



## 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](#)
- [Cover Supervisors](#)

## 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](mailto:hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

# 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](mailto:shill@sackvilleschool.org.uk)).

**Lost Property Itinerary** - as of Friday 14 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, Sports, Services and Events

### Ariel Dance Academy



**ARIEL DRAMA ACADEMIES SATURDAYS**  
**DRAMA SINGING DANCE**  
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- 1875 -

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**UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH**

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