



Sackville School
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 24 February to Friday 28 February 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

What a fabulous few days to end the term, with the amazing school show Footloose, our students did themselves so, so proud. Whether they were on stage, backstage or front of house running the lighting and sound. Every one of them has modelled our school values in abundance: resilience, ambition, teamwork, positivity, excellence, community, integrity, equity and curiosity. I cannot think of one that does not apply to this fabulous group of students.

Of course they could not have done it without our amazing staff. I am sure you will join me in thanking everyone who helped make it happen.

As I write, I have just seen off our intrepid skiers who will be spending the half term break in the Italian Alps. We wish them all safe travels and a fantastic week full of blue sky and lots of snow.

Whatever you are doing this holiday, we hope that all of our students and their families have a restful time, that includes some downtime for students who I know will be busy revising for mock examinations the week back after half term.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 24 February ready for Spring to commence.

Have a wonderful half term.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: B

Timetable: 3 + 2

Hot Choc With The Head

Hot Chocolate with the Head had a slight twist to it this morning in that my guests were a group of amazing staff who came to share a few moments of reflection and holiday plans over a hot cup of chocolate. What a lovely way to end the term by thanking them for all of their hard work.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher



Key Dates

Thursday 27 February 2025

Friday 28 February 2025

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Thursday 6 March 2025

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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

Year 7 Consultation Evening

Year 12 Trip to Pinewood Studios

Families Focus Group 4.00 - 5.30pm

A Level Art Trip

Year 9 Options Evening

Taylor Made Pop Up Shop - In school 3.00 - 6.00pm

A Level Life Drawing Class - 3.30 - 5.30pm

Year 12 and 13 Richard II Trip - English Literature

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

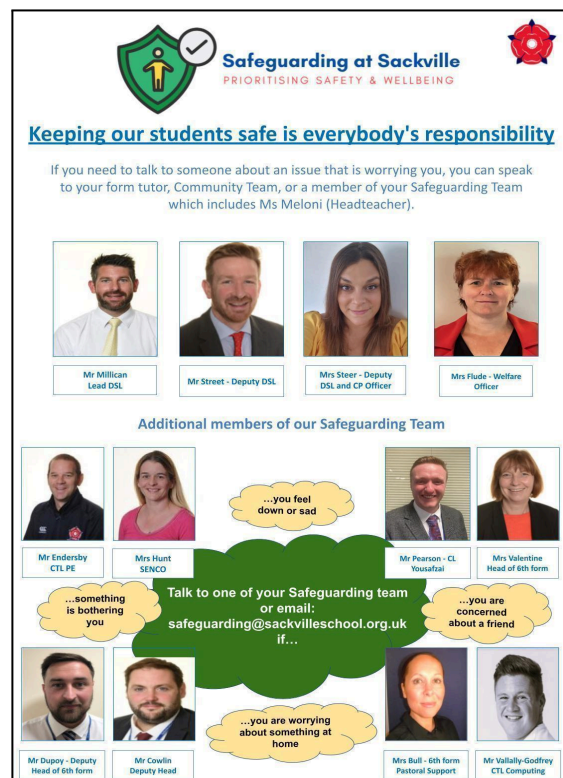
Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

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

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 if...
...you are worried about something at home
...you are concerned about a friend

MAMHET

MULTI-AGENCY MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TRIAGE (MAMHET) The MAMHET brings together professionals to help identify and respond to presentations of children in mainstream secondary schools and Alternative Provision Colleges (WSAPC) where the school are concerned about the child's emotional health and the potential risk of suicide.

Please follow the link to read about the referral pathway: [MAMHET](#)

Notice Board

- **Ski trip Andorra 2026**

As we are taking a group of enthusiastic students on their 2025 ski trip, we are already planning our trip to Andorra in 2026. There are just a few places left, so if you would like your child to join this amazing experience, please read the details [here](#) or contact me at dgerretsen@sackvilleschool.org.uk. A first payment will secure your child's place, unless we have reached the maximum number of students we can take.

- **Sports Surfaces Application** - Further to the open meeting sharing the potential plans for our new improved sports surfaces, I am pleased to advise that the planning application has been submitted. This is very exciting and the school could benefit hugely from the facilities we would be able to provide our students.

We have the support of the East Grinstead Town Sports Council and local sports clubs, as we want to be sure this facility could also be enjoyed by other clubs in our community.

Support from all, both school users and community clubs and associations is really important for the planning application. So, please may I ask that you take a few minutes to follow the link below and leave a positive comment. If there are any clubs/groups in the area who may be interested in using the facilities, please leave a comment also.

The hockey turf pitch (HTP) is designed to support a high level of play with a modern sand dressed artificial turf. It will not support international level but we understood that this was not needed – avoiding significant costs for water irrigation and increased lighting.

As for the artificial grass pitch (AGP), this is similarly designed to support a high level of play for football, but it also meets requirements for rugby. However, due to the site constraints here, it could only support rugby training rather than competitive games.

Both of the pitches can support wider sports at recreational level (i.e. athletics on the HTP).

Thank you for your time.

<https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SR46V0KT07E00>.

Please follow the 'comments' tab and submit your positive comments.

- **Design and Technology Department** - We are in need of cotton or linen WHITE sheets/pillow cases/duvet covers/T shirts etc... to use in D&T 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.

- **Good luck to our exam students** - We would like to wish all our year 11's and year 10's good luck with their mock exams taking place after the half term break. Please follow the links below as a reminder of all the exam board and JCQ examination regulations. **From the Exams Team**

[Exam room posters](#)

[Information for candidates documents](#)

Current Vacancies

We have two support staff roles 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 Supervisor](#)

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.**

Spotlight on Online Safety

Misinformation online

This week we have been looking at the rise of online misinformation and ways we can check for content validity.

What is misinformation?

Misinformation on Social Media – Guidance, Impact and Support

Fake news, or misinformation can be created and shared across social media particularly during significant events that have a big impact on our society. For example, we saw a flurry of fake news relating to Covid-19 during and in the wake of the pandemic.

Recently, the BBC reflected on this type of fake news in their 'Should bad science be censored on social media?' article. Although this article shapes a much larger conversation around censorship, it did convey the type of information that was being shared, and the impact that this misleading information had, mentioning that 'People were dissuaded from taking vaccines as a result of reading misleading information online'.



What is Fake News?

With so many sources of information online, some children might struggle to make sense of what is true. In the guide from Internet Matters, you and your child can learn about misinformation, what it looks like and how it impacts children's wellbeing and safety online. [Click here](#) for their YouTube video guide.

In class students have been looking at the 5 C's methods of checking sources of information. Please discuss these at home and how they can use these prompts to validate information and check its validity

1. Context - Looking at the context of the article
2. Credibility - who wrote it? Where does it come from?
3. Construction - What is the bias? Are there any loaded phrases? Is it fact or opinion?
4. Corroboration - Make sure other credible sources say the same
5. Compare - Compare it to other sources to gain a perspective

Mr Vallally-Godfrey

Year 11 and 13 Exam Information

Please find the schedule for our upcoming Year 11 and 13 mocks below.

Year 11- February/March 2025					
TIME	MONDAY 24TH	TUESDAY 25TH	WEDNESDAY 26TH	THURSDAY 27TH	FRIDAY 28TH
08:45	English Literature - 1hr 45mins	Maths 1 - non calc - 1hr 30mins	<i>Physics</i>	English Language - 1hr 45mins	<i>Chemistry</i>
			Foundation/higher - 1hr 15mins		Foundation/higher 1hr 15mins
			Triple Physics - 1hr 45mins		Triple Chemistry 1hr 45mins
13:00	<i>MFL writing</i>	History 1 - 1hr 20mins	Catering & Hospitality - 1hr 20mins	Computer Science 1 - 1hr	Geography - 1hr 30mins
	Foundation - 1hr 15mins		Sociology - 1h 45mins	PE 1 - 1hr 15mins	
	Higher - 1hr 20 mins				<i>Timetabled clash students</i>
TIME	MONDAY 3RD	TUESDAY 4TH	WEDNESDAY 5TH	THURSDAY 6TH	FRIDAY 7TH
08:45	DT - 2hrs	Maths 2 - calc - 1hr 30mins	Health & Social Care - 2hrs	<i>Biology</i>	Maths 3 - calc - 1hr 30mins
	Drama - 1hr 45mins		Imedia - 1hr 30mins	Foundation/higher - 1hr 15mins	
	Film Studies - 1hr 30mins		PE 2 - 1hr 15mins	Triple Biology - 1hr 45mins	
13:00	History 2 - 1hr 30mins	<i>MFL reading</i>	Business - 1hr 45mins	B&V - 1hr 20mins	Computer Science 2 - 1hr
		Foundation - 45mins		YEAR 10 ONLY	
		Higher - 1hr			<i>Timetabled clash students</i>
<i>Resolved clashes will be confirmed on students individual timetables</i>					
<i>Monday 10th March 2025 - catch up session - prioritise core subjects</i>					

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the exam team - examsstaff@mysackville.co.uk.

Futures - Find It Out Thursday

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.



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.

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 14 February 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

Prom Dresses

REVOLVE PRESENTS:

THE ULTIMATE PROM POP UP EVENT

Explore a variety of prom dresses, whether pre-loved or brand new, all tagged for easy purchasing. Discover hair inspiration, schedule a spray tan, and much more for prom 2025!

Location: 28 Railway Approach, East Grinstead, RH19 1BP

5TH MARCH 2025
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



The Ultimate Pop-Up Event for Your Prom Essentials, featuring:

- The Hidden Hair Lounge
- Copthorne Prom Dresses
- Clean Stitch
- Revolve Fashion Resold
- Senna by Jemma Spray Tans

Explore a variety of prom dresses for purchase, enjoy spray tans from Senna Beauty, gather hair inspiration and styles at The Hidden Hair Lounge, as well as get alterations done by Clean Stitch.

MESSAGE NOW FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CONTACT JEMMA TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT ON: +44 7540 472081

Be the Star of Your Night

An Extensive collection of Prom & Party dresses for every style, size & fit



Book an appointment

Come and visit our East Grinstead Boutique!

Take the QR CODE to follow our social media & to book an appointment with us!

External Sports Clubs and Events

Cricket

LINGFIELD CRICKET CLUB

INDOOR WINTER CRICKET COACHING

BOYS and GIRLS - RECEPTION TO YEAR 10 INCLUSIVE
SUNDAYS

GIRLS ONLY SESSION - YEARS 5 TO 10 INCLUSIVE
SUNDAYS 1645 TO 1805 HOURS

JANUARY to APRIL 2025

For further information please contact Jan

WhatsApp: 07779 251854

Email: stewart_robertshaw@hotmail.com





NEW PLAYERS WELCOME £3 PER SESSION

JUNIOR CRICKET WINTER NETS

STARTING TUES 4TH FEBRUARY

U6-U10 6-7PM U11-U19 7-8PM

EAST GRINSTEAD SPORTS CLUB

JUNIORS@EASTGRINSTEADCC.CO.UK



Football

Join Meads AC U12 Boys Football Team! □□□

Will your son be in Year 8 in September and interested in football?

Want to play at an intermediate level in the Horsham and District League?

Recruiting new and experienced players for next season as we expand to 11-a-side!

Why Choose Us?

- FA Gold Standard Club: Qualified coaches with safeguarding certification.
- Competitive Matches: Play league and cup games locally every Saturday AM
- Training: Train every Wednesday at EG sports club

email meadsac@gmail.com for more information.

Art of the Week

Independent learning by Year 7 students:

Rosie B, Angelou. Alex B, Yousafzai. Thomas A, Attenborough and India L, Holmes.

