



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Families Bulletin

Monday 29 September 2025 - Friday 3 October 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

As we move into week 4 of term, our students are very much settled in. We have a renewed focus on punctuality and what we call 'sharp starts' to lessons and to tutor time. I am pleased to say that the very vast majority of students are responding well to this and moving with purpose in between lessons, helping to ensure lessons start promptly and learning time is maximised.

Our wonderful MFL team ran a number of activities this week for European Week of Languages with the theme of Community. It was great to see students getting involved in a variety of engaging and creative activities helping to raise their awareness, understanding and celebration of cultural diversity.

On the sporting front, the big event of the week is our second annual major Rugby tournament against Imberhorne, with a variety of competitions for all ages, boys and girls. Thank you to Mr Dan Poulton for organising the event and I wish all of our participants a fantastic evening. Next Thursday we also look forward to the annual Adam Dabell Memorial Match at East Grinstead Town FC. Your support is always welcome.

There will be many more clubs, activities and competitions going on throughout the year helping our students develop new skills, confidence, friendships, happiness and sense of belonging in school. Please encourage your child(ren) to get involved if they haven't already.

Have a lovely weekend

Jo Meloni
Headteacher

Week: A

Timetable: 4 + 1

Hot Chocolate with the Head

It was a bumper edition of Hot Chocolate this week, with a packed office full of Yousafzai students and their Community Leader Ms Mance.

Well done to Kaelah and Oscar (Year 7), Ali and AJ (Year 8), Emily and Finley (Year 9), Ethan and Milly (Year 10), Hannah and Cameron (Year 11) for being nominated and demonstrating values such as Community, Positivity, Excellence and Ambition.

Congratulations also go to Marcus and Albi, who joined us from Year 13, both nominated for planning and delivering an amazing presentation to Year 12 students on Degree Apprenticeships.

Keep up the great work everyone.

Jo Meloni
Headteacher



Key Dates

Tuesday 30 September 2025

Thursday 9 October 2025

Thursday 16 October 2025

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Friday 7 November 2025

Wednesday 10 December 2025

Monday 2 February 2026

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Monday 13 July 2026

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Year 11 Information Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Year 7 Information Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 6pm

Year 7-11 Flu spray vaccinations

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Families Focus Group (FFG) - 4pm

Year 9 Meningitis vaccinations

Notice board

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. A nomination needs to be supported by two other parents/carers of children who also attend the school and will be contacted for a reference. Nominations should be submitted by completing this google form [Parent Governor Nomination](#), by 3.00pm on Friday 10 October 2025. The letter sent out today can be found [here](#).

Bring it on Drama Production

Sackville School is excited to announce the musical for February 2026 will be Bring It On.

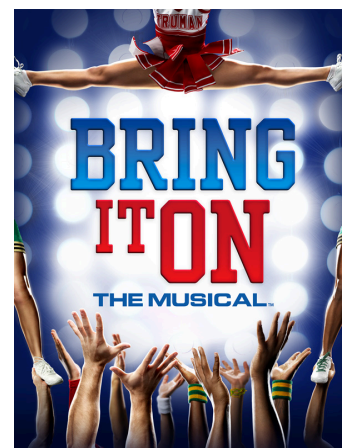
Auditions start the week of Monday 29 September 2025 in P01, at the following times:

Year 7 and 8 - Monday 29 September 3.00pm

Year 9 and 10 - Wednesday 1 October 3.00pm

Year 11,12 and 13 - Thursday 2 October 3.00pm

To sign up and for more information please join the show Google Classroom:
wufrbxaa



The Travel and Tourism Course needs you!

Are you working in the travel and tourism industry, for example at Gatwick Airport, with BA, Virgin, Easyjet or another airline, a travel agent, or maybe at a local hotel? And would you be willing to give up a little bit of your time to talk with our students about your place of work and the job you do? In that case, please get in touch! We now offer travel and tourism courses at both KS4 (years 10 and 11) and KS5 (years 12 and 13), and we are keen to provide our students with as many opportunities as possible to hear from those in the sector what it means to work in travel and tourism.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Daan Gerretsen
Travel and Tourism Lead

Winter Season - Asthma

With the winter season on our doorstep, we would like to update our records with the treatment plans for any of our students who suffer from asthma.

Please could you complete this [Google Form](#) as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please email me – shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Mrs Stephanie Hunt
Assistant Headteacher

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

I am writing to inform you of the extra-curricular sessions that will be running this term here at Sackville.

The link for this half terms extra-curricular sessions can be found here:

[Extra-Curricular Opportunities Autumn Term](#)

The 'live' document shows our sessions and new clubs may appear throughout the term. These will be communicated through this document and the families bulletin.

Once in the document please scroll across to the year group relevant to your child.

Mr Ashley Vallally-Godfrey

Associate Assistant Headteacher

Safeguarding

Online Safety Starts at Home

The internet is a vital part of teens' lives—but it can be a dangerous space. Parents should talk openly with their child about online behaviour. Encourage strong privacy settings, discuss the risks of sharing personal information, and regularly check which apps they're using. Parental control tools can help—but nothing replaces honest, ongoing conversations. Ask them who they're talking to online, and make sure they know how to report abuse or block strangers.

Please contact your child's tutor, community team or safeguarding@sackvilleschool.org.uk if you have any concerns/questions around your child's safety. You can also contact the following organisations, depending on where you live, to get more advice.

West Sussex -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/request-support-or-raise-a-concern-about-a-child/>

East Sussex - <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/children-families/report-a-concern-child>

Surrey - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/contact-childrens-services>

Kent - <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/guidance/worried-about-a-child>

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

Mr Vallally-Godfrey -

avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Endersby - jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Hunt - shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Porter - mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Cowlin - pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Quigley - pquigley@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Harper - aharper@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mr Groves - hgroves@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Mrs Valentine - hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Talk to one of your Safeguarding team or email, safeguarding@mysackville.co.uk

Safeguarding at Sackville
PRIORITISING SAFETY & WELLBEING



 Mr Millican Designated Safeguarding Lead Assistant Headteacher	 Mrs Steer Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Child Protection Officer	 Mr Street Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Vallally-Godfrey Online Safeguarding Lead Associate Assistant Headteacher
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 Mr Cowlin Deputy Headteacher	 Mr Quigley Assistant Headteacher	 Ms Meloni Headteacher
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 Mrs Harper Attendance Officer	 Mr Endersby CTL PE	 Mrs Hunt Assistant Headteacher
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 Ms Porter Head of Sixth Form	 Mr Groves Deputy Head Sixth Form	 Mrs Valentine CTL Health and Social
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We are here
if...
...you feel down or sad
...something is bothering you
...you are concerned about a friend

Email us confidentially by scanning the QR code below:



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

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

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:

- [Learning Support Assistant](#)
- [Sixth Form Administrative Assistant](#)
- [Exam Invigilators](#)

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 24 October, 2025**

Futures - Find It Out Thursday

This is a chance for students to explore different professions and learn from those that are in that industry and can give a first hand experience. Different industries are highlighted each week and students have the opportunity to attend one talk per half term. When these terms talks have been confirmed, students will be able to sign up using a Google form that will be sent out. Students can come along and start to investigate career paths open to you and discover the skills that you will be required to develop to join that industry.

If you would be willing to come in and speak to students and be part of our Find it out Thursday program 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.

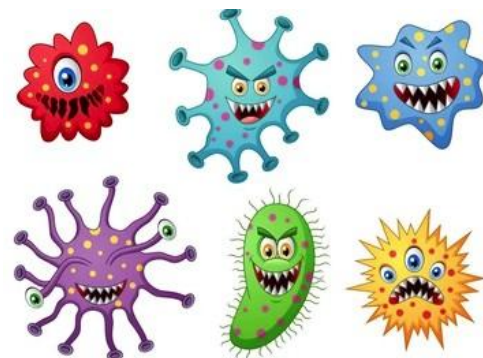
We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.

Asthma - With the winter season on our doorstep, we would like to update our records with the treatment plans for any of our students who suffer from asthma.

Please could you complete this [Google Form](#) as soon as possible.

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.



Lost Property

Any unlabelled lost property has been logged on the following spreadsheet. If you feel that any items of clothing belong to your child, please email ktalbot@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

If lost property is labelled, it will be returned to communities, so students should also ask there.

External Clubs, Sports, Services and Events

Girls Self Defence



GIRL'S SELF DEFENCE

ActivelySafe

Forest Row

- Physical self defence
- Situational awareness
- Confidence strategies
- De-escalation techniques
- Survival mindset
- Use of force & the law

Ages 10-13: Fridays 3.45-4.45pm
Ages 14+: Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm

For more information:
activelysafeuk@gmail.com

QR code, Instagram, Facebook icons

Basketball Club



EAST GRINSTEAD STORM BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
SCHOOL YEARS 1-11

MONDAYS @ SACKVILLE SCHOOL
5-6PM - YR 1-3
6-7PM - YR 4-5
7-8PM - YR 6-7

TUESDAYS @ IMBERHORNE UPPER
5-6.15 - YR 8-11

FIND US AT
WWW.STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM
OR EMAIL: OFFICE@STORMBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

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Careers Event



Meet the Practitioner Careers Event

350 Careers. One NHS. Your Future.

Event Details

Tuesday 18th Nov 2025
5pm-8pm
East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, RH1 5RH

<https://www.surreyandsussex.nhs.uk/work-us/work-experience>

Explore exciting career paths within the NHS at the Meet the Practitioner Careers Event hosted by Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, where you'll have the opportunity to connect with industry experts and discover the diverse roles that make up our healthcare system.

Register Now

Putting people first
Delivering excellent, accessible healthcare

Harvest Appeal



East Grinstead Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 100 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community. Donate online - giveitoday.co.uk/egfoodbank/

Donate money

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects. Donate online - eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/harvest-appeal/

Shopping list

- Tinned meat
- Tinned veg
- Tinned fish
- Tinned custard/rice pud
- Tinned fruit
- Coffee
- Long Life Milk (UHT)
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Instant mashed potato
- Microwave rice

East Grinstead.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1101343

QR code

Work Experience



Work Experience

Join us to find out more about careers within the NHS

NHS Sussex Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Are you aged 14 or older?

Are you keen to find out about the many roles available in the NHS?

We would like to invite you to join us for our work experience (WEX) events where you will get the opportunity to see how you could part of the NHS.

We are keen to show you how your career pathway could look by offering varied placements across our teams to help offer insights into shaping your future careers.

Previous work experience

We successfully held our first Work Experience event in July 2025 with over 27 students from all over Sussex taking part.

WEX students had placements in various teams including psychology, finance, digital, communications and physiotherapy.

What to do next

Head over to our website to find out more and complete an application form. You can access the application form here

Dates for your diary

27 - 31 October 2025
Application open 16 - 20 September

16 - 20 February 2025
27 - 31 July 2025

Link direct to our WEX webpages

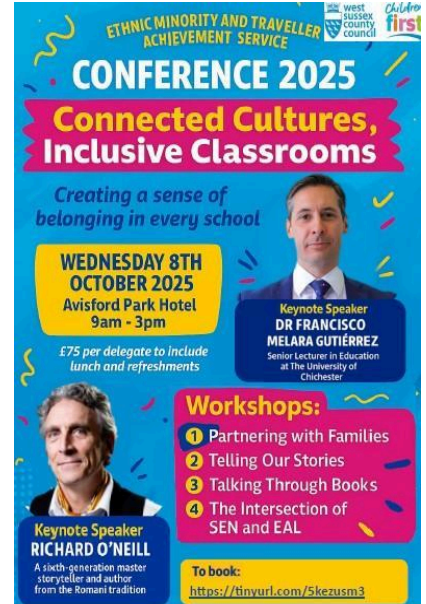
Please ensure you check the dates with your diaries as we hold our work experience during school holidays.

We would love to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Spft.wex@nhs.net

SussexPartnership.nhs.uk

Inclusive Classroom



CONFERENCE 2025

Connected Cultures, Inclusive Classrooms

Creating a sense of belonging in every school

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025
Avisford Park Hotel
9am - 3pm

Keynote Speaker
DR FRANCISCO MELARA GUTIÉRREZ
Senior Lecturer in Education at The University of Chichester

Workshops:

- 1 Partnering with Families
- 2 Telling Our Stories
- 3 Talking Through Books
- 4 The Intersection of SEN and EAL

Keynote Speaker
RICHARD O'NEILL
A sixth-generation master storyteller and author from the Roman tradition

To book:
<https://tinyurl.com/5kezsm3>

ETHNIC MINORITY AND TRAVELLER ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE

West Sussex County Council

Pre-loved Prom Dress

PRE-LOVED PROM DRESS SALE

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2025

12PM - 4PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VENUE: BISHOP LUFFA SCHOOL, PO19 3HP
ENTRY VIA WESTGATE

BUY OR SELL YOUR PROM DRESS -
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
US VIA THE EMAIL BELOW

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

St Wilfrid's Hospice
Making a difference to local lives

HOSTED BY BISHOP LUFFA PTA

@BISHOPLUFFAPROMDRESSES

BLPROMDRESS@GMAIL.COM

A.I for Multi-Lingual Families

Using A.I to Enhance Accessibility and Communication For Multi-Lingual Families

- Use to translate normative communication, for example everyday letters and correspondence, such as notification of non-school uniform days or nits in the class!
- Use to adjust simple extended text formats, such as letters or generic support guides. Language can be chunked, dual-coded (visuals added), and transformed to accommodate literacy levels of the audience. Then translated too!
- Can offer live translation (including text to speech, speech to text, and combined) options that could support informal conversations such as at drop off, pick up or reception support. This can be an effective way to **start** conversations.

Culturally competent relational practice which prioritises psychological and physical safety, and accessibility, should be felt and experienced by all community members. Please ask your Advisory Teacher for further support or information.

- Not to be used in sensitive, confidential or complex scenarios (for example safeguarding). Relational practice is paramount and for the wellbeing of all involved such topic/agendas should be navigated carefully.
- Jargon is rarely translated effectively or with integrity of meaning. Where such language cannot be avoided, or where loaded terminology will be used, human interpreters should be utilised.
- Language proficiency varies significantly from language to language. Gaps in efficiency and accuracy will greatly undermine the understanding of all involved. Coproduction can only be achieved with all fully informed and acting with agency.
- A.I cannot replicate the human nature and experience of education and relationships. It cannot authentically develop interpersonal skills that interpreters/advocates can.

EMTAS
Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service

West Sussex County Council

Free Sports Day

Her Move LIVE!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS

SPONSORED BY

GRINSTEAD SPORTS CLUB

Try it. Move it. Love it! A day of FREE Sport & community fun for women and girls to get active.

At: East Grinstead Sports Club
Date: Saturday 27th September from 11.00 - 15.00

Come along and try out a wide range of sports and activities for ALL ages - from padel and pickleball to street dance, tennis, football and much more.

We're celebrating girls and women in sport, and offering opportunities for all females to get active. Bring along your friends and family for a fun day out!

CLICK HERE to book FREE tickets or visit www.hermove.uk

BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE*

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*Limited numbers available on a first come, first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Disability Webinars

Free Online Disability Benefits Webinars

For parents and carers of children and young adults with disabilities, including SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)

Covering:

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (Under 16s)
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP) (Over 16s)
- Application Guidance

Sessions from March 2025 - December 2025



in West Sussex
North South East

advicewestsussex.org.uk
0808 278 7969

Find out more and book your free spot:
www.advicewestsussex.org.uk/advice/send-information-and-support/
Or scan the QR Code



Teaching Career

Applications open now for September 2026 start

INSPIRING FUTURE TEACHERS

Thinking about a career in teaching?

Are you looking for a career change? Or are you graduating soon and want to join an exciting profession where you can make a real difference to young people's lives? Then join us at our next information event to find out more about training to teach with us.

Tanbridge Teacher Training offers a school based training route to gain QTS and a PGCE in one of our 34 partner schools across Sussex. Applications are now open for a September 2026 start (Primary and Secondary routes).

Tanbridge Teacher Training Information Event

Monday 6 October

4pm - 5pm
Tanbridge House School

Scan the QR code for further details and to book your place.

Follow us!

@tanbridge_tth @tanbridgeteachertraininghub

[Web: tanbridge-house-sch.co.uk/Teacher-Training/](http://www.tanbridge-house-sch.co.uk/Teacher-Training/)
Email: teachertraining@tthsuk.net

Memorial Football Match



**The Adam Dabell
Annual Memorial Football Match**
Thursday 2nd October 2025

East Grinstead Town Football Club
(East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LS)

Imberhorne vs Sackville 'HerMove' U15 Girls match
Kick off at 5pm
followed by...

Sackville vs Imberhorne 6th Forms
For the Adam Dabell Memorial Cup and Trophy
Kick-off at 7.00pm

All Welcome. Please join our Town's lovely Young People and Adam's Family and Friends to cheer on the teams and to continue to make this '21st Memorial Match' a celebration of Adam's life

U15 Girls Football




HerMove
SPORT | WELLBEING | HEALTH

'HerMove' U15 Girls football match
Kick off at 5pm

At: East Grinstead Town Football Club
East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LS
Date: Thursday 2nd October 2025
Followed by Sackville vs Imberhorne 6th Forms

Student Action Cooperative



**TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
2025**
9am-10am!
CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO
Join the meeting now

**The Hidden Weight:
Marginalisation
and Mental
Health**

"The Hidden Weight: Marginalisation and Mental Health" will explore how injustice affects mental wellbeing.

Students will explore ideas that show the connection between discrimination and mental health, as well as discover strategies for healing; including services to access, and strategies to fortify themselves and one another.

**The Student Action
—Cooperative—**

U13 Football



**ASHURST WOOD JUNIOR
FOOTBALL CLUB**

U13s Players Needed

We are looking for more players for our U13s for current year 8s or year 7s happy to play up.

The team play matches on Saturday mornings in the Horsham League and training is Thursday evenings, coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked.

For more information and to arrange to attend trial sessions please contact Rachel
07794548186 rachel.dufeu@sky.com

www.awffc.net Charity No 1136711