



8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear families

I hope this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe that I have come to the end of my first full term at Sackville already. I can honestly say that it is an honour and a privilege to lead this fantastic school. We are as large in number, as we are in pride and ambition. I am so impressed by what I have seen both in the classrooms and outside them. It is great to see so many more students gradually coming back to the various clubs and activities on offer, as I firmly believe in the value of those broader experiences for our young people. Never has it been more important to spend time on doing the things we love doing most. A full list of enrichment and extracurricular activities for next term can be seen [here](#).

As we move into the summer term and take our next tentative steps away from the challenges of the past two years, we can look forward to planning for next year. One aspect of that planning will be driven by the recently released Education White paper which amongst other things, has stipulated that all schools should be open for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week for all students. Many of you will know that a shorter day, with an earlier start and finish was maintained following some of the adjustments that the school made during the height of the pandemic. We will start to review what the shape of a new week might look like and consult with all stakeholders in due course.

### Sackville News

Our latest edition of Sackville News can be seen [here](#). I hope you enjoy reading all of the varied things our students and staff have been up to this half term. It has certainly been action packed, with so many things to be proud of.

### Uniform

Following on from Mr P Street's notice in the Families Bulletin last week and assemblies delivered in school, I'd like to ask you to take time over the holidays to check your child(ren) have all of the correct uniform. If students need an additional item of clothing for on their way to and from school or outdoors breaks, this should be a coat and not a hoodie please.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our year 13 and year 11 students the very best of luck over the forthcoming break. I know that whilst most students will be enjoying a well deserved break, they will be settling down to revision plans and exam preparation, including some sessions being run by staff in school during the first week. We know that their hard work will pay off and I am sure you will all join me in sending them our best wishes and encouragement.

It has been an absolute delight to start to get to know the students this term. They are an incredibly talented, able, thoughtful, resilient and kind group of students. They all deserve a good break this Easter which will hopefully include getting out into the outdoors, spending time on their hobbies and with families and friends.

For everyone else, I would like to thank you all for your warm welcome and support over this first term. It has been lovely to meet so many of you and I look forward to meeting more of you next term.



I wish you all a safe and restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Meloni  
Headteacher

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