Sackville News









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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy few weeks at Sackville!

Our year 11 students have just finished their second round of Pre Public (mock) exams and I am very proud of how they approached them and conducted themselves. The new examinations in English and maths are very demanding, with papers now stretching well over two hours. With all of the exams taking place over 8 school days, it was certainly demanding. We are now feeding back performance to students and fine tuning how best to help them with their journey over the forthcoming crucial weeks; they deserve all our support! On Wednesday of this week, we were visited by an excellent revision skills team called 'Elevate' who gave the students very good exam preparation advice.





Parents may well have heard that, on 1st March (admissions day) we became aware of the school being very heavily oversubscribed for September 2017. It is heartening to know that so many have put faith in Sackville by placing us first choice and this was in a year when the year 6 primary numbers were not especially large. At the same time, we share the disappointment of those families not offered a place, some of whom have older children in the school at sixth form age for 2017-18 where the local authority sibling priority rule does not apply. Whilst we are not in control of admissions, we will do all that we can to work positively with the community between now and September and see where that takes us.

Last week, we held quite a unique **options evening** for year 8 which included hosting a 'Meet the Professionals' careers fair at the same time. This was attended by students in other year groups as well and was a very productive event. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Rooke, our Futures Leader, for organising it and to all of the professionals who gave up their time so generously to help our young people.

One visitor wrote:

"Dear Mrs Rooke,

Thank you for including Hallmark Travel in your careers evening last night. I think the whole thing from organisation to attendance was expertly done.



The children are a credit to the school. I hope they all got something out of it and are more informed to make their big life choices.

Thank you again..."



The following day, Mrs Underdown, accompanied by Mrs Rooke, took a group of our sixth form students on a **residential 'realising opportunities' trip to Warwick University** which was a great experience. They also met up with Nicole de Barra, last year's head girl, who is an undergraduate there!

Our year 12 physics students enjoyed a great day of **laboratory** work at Sussex University recently. Mr Bush was very busy that day, as he returned to run a well-supported **observatory evening** only a few hours later! Both of these university visits are covered in separate Sackville News reports.





The importance of working closely with

parents is something we take very seriously at Sackville and, in addition to the options/meet the professionals evening, we have had another parents' focus group meeting, our year 9 parents' evening with subject teachers and an e-safety event with year 7 and 8 parents all over the past fortnight. I am very grateful to Mr Lea for leading the e-safety event, having also run an e-safety training session with East Grinstead primary school headteachers a week ago, and many thanks



indeed to one of our parents, **Mr Skinner**, who helped with the parental presentation. Our partnership together strengthens both the learning and the safety of our young people.



Celebrating achievement with our students is undoubtedly one of the greatest joys and privileges of my job. Most recently, we have held celebrations for year 9 students with the most improved attitude to learning scores, for those who did so well in the UK maths challenge, for two girls' netball and football teams which have achieved magnificently and for our wonderful Lego Mindstorms robot competitors. Well done everybody: what a great run of success!



Thursday 2nd March was **World book day** and, as the photograph shows, our English department threw themselves into it with great enthusiasm! Not to be outdone, our Learning Resource Centre held a grand **book swap** for a week followed by a **book sale**.

Following our successful work experience placements in Hamburg in January, I am delighted to report that the **placements in**

Madrid at the end of last month were also excellent – and in rather better weather



as the photo shows! These opportunities are priceless and I deeply appreciate the preparatory work that went into this by many staff. Once again, the students impressed everyone with their confidence and maturity which bodes well for their futures.

Whilst on a travelling theme, a sizeable group of students enjoyed a great **ski trip to the USA** at half term, led by Mr Treen. A short visit to Boston at the end rounded off an excellent week. An extremely successful history trip to Berlin has also taken place. Thank you to Ms Vance for organising this.



I would like to congratulate all of our students who took part in the annual **Lions' swimathon** held at The King's



Centre last Saturday. This raised a lot of money for local



charities and Sackville has always appreciated the Lions as a very supportive organisation.

Fund raising for worthwhile causes was also a theme of a series of assemblies by Lesley Dann on the **Harambee project in Kenya**, delivered this week. Lesley updated us on the progress of Carlos, who was sponsored through secondary school by Mr Latus' last year group, and who has now secured a place at university. Mr Feist will be travelling to

Kenya at Easter to visit the project.

As promised in my last 'Worth Less?' school funding email from West Sussex headteachers, please <u>click here</u> for a link to the national formula consultation to which you are invited to respond. Also as promised, please <u>click here</u> for guidance for the completion of your response, should you wish to make one. School leaders from many counties have devised this guidance so that we can all speak with one voice, but please do not feel obliged to complete every section. The suggested responses are there for you to copy and paste as appropriate.

All responses need to be sent by Wednesday 22nd March. Thank you.

Finally, it is always sad to say goodbye to support staff and this month we are bidding farewell to **Narinder Bains**, Learning Support Assistant, and **Louise Harris**, SEND secretary. Both have given a great deal to the school and its students and we wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Best wishes,

Julian Grant Headteacher

Year 10 historians visit Berlin

Lily Kendrick writes:-

A trip summed up by the phrase moving and intriguing.

My favourite part was visiting the **Reichstag** in the evening where you could stand on the terrace and see all the lights of the city! It was fascinating to see where the Reichstag Fire took place in 1933, enabling Hitler and the Nazis to consolidate their power.

The 'Story of Berlin', a museum we walked through that had nearly a thousand years of Berlin history (including our history topics: Nazi rise to power and the Cold War). We also visited an atomic bomb **underground bunker** that was cold and really quite spooky. It had enough beds to sleep over 3000 people but only one small kitchen! We also visited the **Jewish Museum** that incorporated exhibits and over 2000 years of Jewish history.

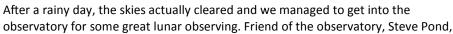
I loved Berlin and really want to visit the city and their double decker trains again! Thank you to all of the teachers for all the planning and taking us!!



Observatory News

Mr Bush writes:-

Over 40 visitors shared an exciting evening in and around our observatory on 8th March as part of science week and Stargazing Live!





gave a laser guided tour of the sky whilst inside classrooms, families held meteorites, space shuttle tiles, Moon and Mars rocks, made starglobes, drew nebulae and saw the Moon in 3D, amongst other things. At the end of the evening, a golden slow meteor streaked across the sky, with one young girl exclaiming "Daddy, I saw a meteor!" A great evening, so thanks to everyone for coming, with special thanks to Ciara Humphrey and Leah Bush for helping along with the expertise of Steve Pond.

There are no more scheduled evenings (apart from cub and beaver sessions) but we may open one last time before summer, so keep checking for updates on our <u>Facebook page</u>:

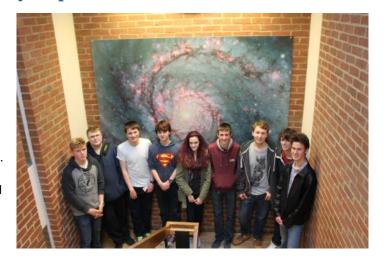




Sussex University Physics Laboratory Experience 2017

Mr Bush again:-

The Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Sussex welcomed a group of our year 12 physics students on 8th March for a day of laboratory work and an insight into university-level physics. Students were invited to complete a series of practical tasks and consider the underlying physical principles that explain their measurements. They also had a presentation about trapping electrons for use in quantum computing by one of the departments many research doctors. We finished with a tour of a laboratory from a member of the team investigating neutrino characteristics deep underground in Canada! These events help inspire the next generation of physicists and engineers and our students were excellent ambassadors for the school.



Realising Opportunities Programme National Student Conference, Warwick University

Mrs Rooke writes:-

Friday 10th March, Mrs Underdown and Mrs Rooke took 12 of our year 12 students enrolled on the ROP scheme to Warwick.

We travelled from Sussex University to Coventry with 3 other schools arriving late afternoon. Staying at The Hilton, we enjoyed a wonderful meal and entertainment provided by Sussex University Ambassadors. Of course, our very competitive students won the quiz with a prize fund of chocolate.



Saturday morning we joined approximately 400 students at Warwick University for the **National Student Conference**. This consisted of a range of workshops on study skills, student finance, choosing a university and a lecture from David Hodgson, author of 'The Buzz' and developer of the buzz quiz.

Rounding off the day, students were able to visit an exhibition of all the other Universities enrolled in the ROP scheme and a guided campus tour of Warwick.

Mrs Rooke and Mrs Underdown met up with ex-Sackville student and Head Girl, Nicole De Barra for a coffee; she is thoroughly enjoying 'uni life' at Warwick.

All the students enjoyed their time and found it to be a very beneficial trip.

Many thanks to The Widening Participation Team at Sussex University for organising the event.

News from the LRC

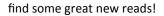
Mrs Rose writes:-



Preparations for LRC **Book Swap** went very well with students bringing in books from home to exchange ready for the start of the Book Swap on Thursday 2nd March, **World Book Day**.

We had some great books brought in, including great authors such as Roald Dahl, Jacqueline Wilson and David Walliams. It was fantastic to hear the students discussing the books they

were exchanging with friends and making recommendations to each other about the books they should pick to swap. A positive and worthwhile activity which, I hope, helped all the students taking part to

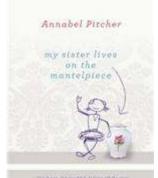


The "Harry Potter" Competition finished on 16th March and we have had a huge number of entries from keen Harry Potter fans. The first three correct entries drawn on Thursday were Katie Murphy 7KOR, Oliver Thomson 7LWM and Sophie Wegner 7MBN. Katie collected her prize and the other prizes are waiting collection. Well done to everyone who had a go.



I have had some more book reviews given to me by students. I have picked this one written by Charlie as I found his reflections on the book very thoughtful. See what you think.

"My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece" Author Annabel Pitcher, Review by Charlie Snashfold 7PAS



"Jamie, a 10 year old boy, is struggling with life and his only support is his sister, Jaz. The story follows Jamie and his broken family - caused by his sister, Rose, death by a terrorist bomb five years ago. His mum cheats on his dad and leaves with her boyfriend. Jamie is forced to leave London with his depressed dad and his sister. His dad starts drinking. Jamie befriends a Muslim, who his dad despises because Muslims killed his daughter. Jamie has to hide his friendship, find happiness at school and win his mum's love back."

Charlie's reflections — "It wasn't what I expected ...I really liked this book because it was realistic and relatable, so much in fact it pulls your heartstrings. I would recommend this book to 10-11 year

olds and adults. Kids can relate to Jamie and adults can see a different perspective. The book is descriptive, thoughtful, emotive, optimistic and informative."

Reading Week is coming to Sackville from Monday 3rd April which includes exciting activities in the LRC such as a **Book Fair**, from Monday to Thursday, where students will be able to buy books at a fantastic half price discount. This has been arranged with *Scholastic* who have given us **vouchers to give away as prizes so students can get a free book from the fair**. This competition will start on the week before the Book Fair and run from 27th March to the 31st March so come in and find out how to enter and win. You can view some of the books that will be available in advance from the *Scholastic* website (don't forget the prices listed are full price so just reduce them by half!). More details of this will be given to students shortly with your personal Book Fair invitation. It's a great opportunity to buy some fantastic books at great prices and earn free books for the school too. It's a win win!

Another exciting event in the LRC during Reading Week is the **Author, Daniel Blythe, doing a book signing on Monday lunchtime**. Daniel is a writer of a range of books with over 20 years' experience, author of "Dr Who" and many other books. He will be in school for the day delivering a writing workshop to year 7 and 8s. See your English teacher for more details.



For those students who love to read wherever, whenever the LRC will also be launching "Extreme Reading". Most people read in a comfy chair or in bed but extreme readers read anywhere, anytime! This is where you can get creative and show us how extreme your reading really is! Here are some students who extreme read; can you do better?

Email your photos of your extreme reading to me at trose@sackvilleschool.org.uk by 7th April and the winner will be announced after the Easter Break. Happy snapping.

Lastly teachers will be reading from their favourite books during the week and students can

come along, at lunchtime and listen and ask questions at the end of the readings. It's a great chance to hear what books have inspired them to read.

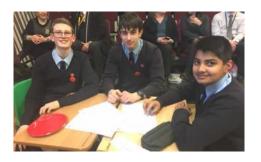
There should be something to inspire even the most reluctant of readers to come along and join in the fun!

Year 10 geographers shine in Brighton quiz

Congratulations to Joseph Marrable, Ali Rashid and Nathan Holbrook who put in a great performance to come **well into the top half** of the field in the **Brighton Geographical Association Wise World Quiz** at Dorothy Stringer School.

Questions tested their skills in geography, but also their general knowledge about the world.

No need for a satnay or Wikipedia for these young men!



E-learning at Sackville

Mr Attrill writes:-

There is a lot happening with e-Learning at Sackville at the present time. We thought we'd let you know what different subject areas are doing in Sackville News, starting with **Computing and ICT**.

Over the last two years Sackville's ICT and Computing department has been introducing programming to students in key stage 3. This has ranged from creating games in programs such as Scratch and Games Factory 2 coupled with using text based programming languages such as Python and Small Basic.

In year 8 all students are currently creating their own programs using the BBC Microbit computers. The mini hardware device can be programmed to do anything from detecting motion to sending messages, teaching kids to turn it into handy bits of technology. It can be controlled through WiFi, allowing it to be used through a computer or through a smartphone app, rather than relying on a small screen like the trend-setting Raspberry Pi. It is hoped that fostering an interest in computing during a child's younger years will create a future generation of adept coders.

Mr Lea, Curriculum Leader of Computing and ICT said: "This is a very special moment for students at Sackville, the enthusiasm from the students has been fantastic allowing them to see how hardware and software integrate together. We definitely have some very talented programmers at the school!"

The UK currently faces a critical skills shortage in the technology sector and launch of the Microbit for every year 7 and 8 student in the country aims to help change that.

Well done to **Cecee Cashman** in year 7, who has won the **Irish Kick-Boxing Championship**, and to **Isaac Lancaster** in year 7, who competed in the **National Cross Country Championships** in Nottingham

Sports news

Girls' sports results

Netball				
U12		S A		t, winning five games and drawing one
U13	Sackville	9	12	Michael Hall
U15				Tournament
U15B	Sackville	9	16	Michael Hall A Team
Football				
	Sackville	2	0	The Weald
U12	Sackville	0	1	Tanbridge House
	Sackville	0	4	Oriel
U13	Won first round of the Crys	tal Pala	ice FC P	remier League Tournament
114.4	Winners of Mid and	d North	ո Sussex	x Area Tournament
U14	Sackville	12	0	Hazelwick

Boys' sports results

Rugby				
U12A	Sackville	35	5	Christ's Hospital
U12B	Sackville	15	30	Christ's Hospital
U13	Sackville	10	15	Heathfield
U14	Won the Vase	Compe	tition a	t Worth School
lockey				
	Sackville	0	1	Hurstpierpoint
U15 Eastbourne College	Sackville	1	1	Oathall
Tournament —	Sackville	6	0	Angmering
- Tournament	Sackville	0	4	Ardingly
	Sackville	2	2	Lancing
U15	Sackville	4	3	Worth
U14	Sackville	1	4	Ardingly
ootball				
U12 County Shield	Sackville (Lucas Sewell, Kai Ward, Saul Monge, Callum Kilkenny, Matei Cumpatescu. Player of Match Harvey Burgess)	10	1	Longhill
U12	Sackville	3	4	Oathall
U14 Area Cup semi final	Sackville	4	0	The Weald
U15	Sackville (Ethan Carrick 3)	4	3	Oathall

Winners of Mid Sussex 6-a-side competition beating Warden Park by 11 runs and Burgess Hill Academy by 35 runs

Match reports

U12 season ends on a high

Mrs Sands writes:-

The U12 Netball team have finished their season on a high with a win at the West Sussex Girls Tournament.

A fantastic team performance saw the team undefeated on the day, winning five games and drawing one.

Excellent shooting by Lottie and Abbie resulted in a total of 55 goals being scored. Stalla, Dilyn, Skye and Emma played brilliantly in the centre of the court to retain possession and create scoring opportunities and fantanstic defending by Eloise, Saskia and Ella meant we didn't concede too many goals either.

Player of the tournament was Eloise Judge.

Finishing first in the tournament means the girls now move forward to represent West Sussex in the Sussex School Games in June.

Overall this has been a fantastic season for the U12's, still undefeated and looking forward to next year.

Well done girls.

U13 Netball League Week 4

Miss Offler writes:-

The final week of the league and the final 2 games, with the first against Downlands. Sackville had a great start to the game with Rachel Canepa-Anson and Hannah Plumb working hard to move the ball to Issy Carrick and Ellen Green to ensure the ball was kept in Downland's end third. Freya Healiss and Lucy Plumb moved around the D, using Anika Raymond on the outside of the D well to provide opportunities to score. The score at half time was Sackville 3- Downlands 1. The girls went into the second half showing some excellent passing and movement; however, Downlands fought back, taking advantage of some breaks in play. Despite having plenty of chances to score, we were unfortunate that the ball kept bouncing off the rim, resulting in the final score being Sackville 3 – Downlands 5.

Our last game of the league was against Imberhorne. Both teams were showing determination and thirst to win throughout the game. The first half saw Sackville go 3-1 down despite again having plenty of opportunities to score. In the second half the girls started driving into space to receive their passes which made all the difference when getting the ball down to Lucy and Freya. It was a tightly fought game with Sackville scoring in the final 30 seconds to make the score Sackville 4 – Imberhorne 4.

Well done to all the girls who've been a part of the league games. We look forward to hearing where we came over all.

The team: Lucy Plumb, Freya Healiss, Ellen Green, Issy Carrick, Hannah Plumb, Rachel Canepa-Anson, Eloise Bassett, Anika Raymond, Millie Knowles.

U15 Netball Success

Mrs Richards writes:-



The U15 Netball team took part in the annual Hurst tournament on Friday 10th March where they got to meat Lorraine Kowalewska, who is a Surrey Storm netball player. Lorraine led them through some warm up games and then watched the tournament and gave advice. The girls played ten matches against some very strong opposition and with only two minutes between each match the girls had to work really hard and test their fitness. The girls finished the tournament with 5 wins and 6 losses placing them 6th out of

11. The girls were a little frustrated as they should have won three of the games but they'll get a chance to rectify this on 29th March when we host the end of season netball tournament at Sackville.

All in all it was a great afternoon of netball and the girls worked really hard and should be proud of their efforts; bring on the 29th.

Squad: Hannah Green, Bethan Healiss, Jemma Edgar, Eleanor Canepa-Anson, Jodie Southon, Macie Crumpton, Lucia Gomez-Darder, Sophie Hale, Katie Cooper.

U14 Girls win Mid and North Sussex Tournament

Mrs Richards writes:-

On Thursday 2nd March the U14 football team took part in the annual 6 a-side tournament held at the Weald School in Billingshurst. Unfortunately only three teams entered so the girls played each school twice. After some competitive football, fantastic skills and attacking play the girls finished as champions and brought the trophy home to add to the U13 and U12 trophies that we currently hold.

Squad: Poppy Nicholls, Ellie Mae Taylor, Hannah Plumb, Lucy Plumb, Rhianna Major, Millie Knowles, Issy Carrick

Eve Kendall Taekwondo Success

Miss Offler writes:-

Congratulations to Eve Kendall who is progressing extremely well with her Taekwondo.

She recently competed at the ITF Wales Open at Cardiff University. This was a locally arranged competition which Eve used to prepare for her upcoming events. She sparred two girls, winning one and losing to the other. It was a 1.30 min round for each with four judges in each corner of the ring and then the umpire in the middle. Each judge has to see an impact to award a point. Eve has a number of other competitions coming up throughout March and April which we look forward to hearing about.

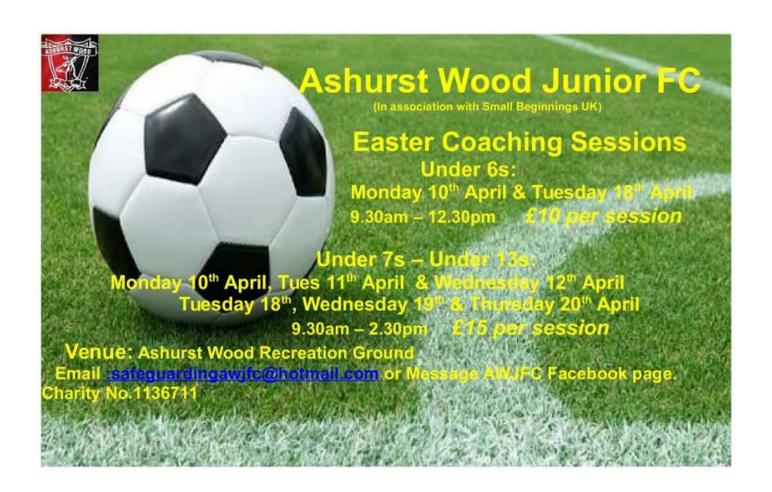
Eve trains with Caterham Taekwando twice a week, with each session lasting for 2 hours. Having been encouraged by her coach, Eve went along to some open sessions to train with the England Taekwondo team in Oxford. From this, Eve went to a closed training session where other people Eve's age were trying to impress to be selected as part of the England squad. This session involved six hours of training to show their skills in patterns, sparring, and strength and fitness work on pads. Eve was one of the lucky few to be selected for her sparring skills, along with her fitness and strength that she demonstrated on pad work. Eve will hopefully take part in the European Championships in the



future but for the moment is still training for four hours during the week at Caterham as well as every other Sunday in Oxford for four hours at a time.

Congratulations on your successes so far Eve and we look forward to hearing about your successful future.

Eve pictured here with her Bronze and Gold medals which she received at the ITF Wales Open.















ChallengeU SEND Asperger's Programme

Book places ASAP- Limited Availability ONLY at Lodge Hill!

- Monday 10th Saturday 15th April 2017
 - Monday 21st Saturday 26th August 2017
- Monday 9th 14th April 2018
- Price £60 per young person per full programme (to include food, refreshments
 - and all necessary equipment)
- 12-16yr olds Male/Female
- Group of 10 young people per programme
- Pulborough train station pickups/drop offs facilitated

programme to help young people with Asperger's to be active, enjoy the outdoors From our 32 acre private woodland site Lodge Hill presents a fully structured and develop life and social skills Our dedicated staffteam will support and encourage young people with Asperger's through a 6 day programme of activity, imparting an understanding of boundaries and the value of discipline, focussing onteam work, individual needs and an understanding of group dynamics

We use extensive reflection and debriefing to ensure needs are met and that relevant feedback is put into practice

wellbeing. This full activity week enables young people with ASD to take controlled outdoor activity, take on challenges and develop a positive attitude to health and This programme will enable young people regardless of ability to benefit from risk while building their confidence and decision making abilities

For details and/or to book places:

- Jamie Gordon activities@lodgehill.org.uk Tel: 01798 831411/ 07825 Contact Head of Activities and ChallengeU coordinator,
- g_alternatively Lisa May, CEO ceo@lodgehill.org.uk An extensive assessment of needs will take place
 - - Site visit/familiarisation available if required





ChallengeU



Overview:

2000	ACTIVITY	Day
Learning the	 An introduction and 	
Ropes	familiarisation to Lodge Hill	Monday
	 Low Ropes 	0900-1600
	 Archery 	
	 High Ropes 	
Climbing Higher	 Safety Briefing 	
	 Familiarisation with our 	Tuesday
	Climbing Tower –	0900-1600
	Climbing/Abseiling/High	
	Zipline	
	 Climbing Gear selection 	
	 Trust Building 	
Food for Thought	 Healthy Choices 	
	 Food Safety & Hygiene 	Wednesday
	 Open Fire Woodland 	0900-1600
	Cooking	
	 WoodlandCrafts 	
Stay Afloat	 Water Safety & Confidence 	
	 A SCUBA Discovery Dive 	Thursday
	(this day is held at the	0900-1600
	Ocean View Dive Centre in	
	Lancing. Mini bus	
	transport will be provided	
	from Lodge Hill to the	
	venue)	
Hike & Camp	 Morning Briefing 	
	 South Downs Hike 	Friday
	 OvernightCamp 	0900-late
	Camp Craft	evening
	BBQ Dinner	
Camp	Breakfast	Depart
	Campcraft	Saturday
	 Leave No Trace 	0800-1230
	 Debrief and Reflection 	

All Staff will be introduced - 3 Staff will always be on duty



LOOKING TO GET FIT AND HAVE SOME FUN IN 2017?

Edenbridge Piranhas Swimming Club are a small friendly club, having been established for over 20 years with swimmers ranging in age from six to senior citizens and are affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association's South East Region.

The club prides itself on giving every one of our members the best instruction and chance to improve their swimming and fitness in a safe and happy environment.

Every child has the opportunity to compete if they wish - whether within the club itself at our annual championships or as part of a team representing Edenbridge.

So if this sounds like the sort of club you'd like to be part of - book a trial...there's a place waiting for you!

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