

# Sackville News



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents,

As we move deeper into the term, early November is a time when two key events draw us to think about the challenges faced by many others in our country and in the wider world.

On **Armistice Day**, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November we held a two minute silence at the end of an extended second lesson; it was observed impeccably by the students. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November it was, as ever, an honour to lay a wreath at the town memorial with our Head Boy, Joe Roberts-Percy and Deputy Head Girl, Jessica Argy during the **East Grinstead Remembrance service** on the High Street. We were accompanied by student representatives from Imberhorne and their headteacher, Martin Brown. It is always a very moving ceremony and this year was no exception.



Last week saw a focus on **Children in Need** with a non-uniform day and an excellent **fund raising quiz** organised by our sixth form. Many teams took part and our governors were well represented, highly competitive and very enthusiastic as usual! I won't say who won but I wasn't unhappy with the outcome.... **Over £500 was raised** which was tremendous.



It was most encouraging to see so many of our students back for the **sixth form open evening** earlier this month. We were also extremely pleased to welcome a number of **visitors from other schools**. Our prospectus and application form is available via a website link and we would ask for all applications to be returned to us by **Friday 9th December**. We are delighted to have confirmed by the Department for Education for the eighth year running that the **academic progress of our sixth form is consistently significantly above average**. Students at Sackville choose **four courses** to study in year 12.

Whilst still focused on sixth form, we were delighted to see **Karen Nedziwe, Anna Davison and Jess Argy win the local Rotary public speaking competition 'Youth Speaks'**, beating Imberhorne, Notre Dame and Worth schools to achieve this victory. The development of debating skills in our young people is extremely important and I am very grateful to **Mrs Fleming and Mrs Bach** for all they did to prepare these students so well. We are looking at expand our work in this area over the coming year with increased opportunities for the students.



For many years Sackville has celebrated one of its students achieving an **Arkwright engineering sponsorship** and this year is no exception with **Cameron Toogood** receiving his award in a ceremony in London last month. Congratulations Cameron, this is a great achievement and a wonderful platform for your future.



There has also been much success on the **sporting front** this half term which is fully covered in Sackville News. I would like to mention in particular our worthy runners who performed so well in the **Mid Sussex Cross Country championships** this month. In the girls' teams, **Antonia Deeley** won the year 9 race, **Lucy Williams** finished 10<sup>th</sup> in year 8 and **Sophie Taylor** finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the year 9 race, running in the year group above her age! In the boys' teams, **Callum Stone** won the year 9 race, **Ben Aubrey** in year 8 came 2nd and **Isaac Lancaster** in year 7 came 4<sup>th</sup>. These are great results and thank you to the PE staff who supported them so well.



The **music department** has seen busy times lately with the **Samba Band** performing at the **Edenbridge fireworks** and all of our vocalists and instrumentalists performing in the **Winter Concert** this week which is always a real highlight of the school calendar. Our choir will also be performing at the **Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the town centre** on Saturday afternoon and our traditional **nine lessons and carols** will take place at St Swithun's on the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



All of this varied activity is important in emphasising that Sackville is committed to **providing more than just an academic experience** for its youngsters. There is no doubt that in these times of budgetary pressures and rapidly changing examination courses, it is a challenge for the staff to give so much resource and time to these ventures – but they nevertheless do so! I am always very grateful for that.

The quality of **teaching and learning** is always a central focus of our school improvement plan and Mr Hayden, Assistant Headteacher, has led reviews of the **provision for the gifted and more able**, and of the **teaching of English**. The findings of both of these reviews will be shared in the Christmas edition of Sackville News. Such reviews, together with regular drop-ins to lessons, provide invaluable **insight** into the strength of student learning and help to clarify our path ahead. We were pleased to host recently a visit by **Christine Jones**, an ex-Ofsted inspector, who gave us further helpful feedback on our progress. Regular evaluation of all that we are doing is extremely important.

Meanwhile, I would like to wish our **year 11 students** all the best as they embark upon their first set of **pre-public (mock) examinations** this week. The year group has been working hard, as evidenced by many visits to purposeful year 11 lessons, and they deserve to have a positive experience over the next week and a half which will give them **relevant and constructive feedback** as they continue the journey towards their final GCSE exams in the summer.

The school is, as always, full of activity and none of these accomplishments would be possible without the support of you, the parents. This helps all of us face the challenges ahead with confidence!

Best wishes,

Julian Grant  
Headteacher

## Youth Speaks Competition

Mrs Fleming writes:-

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Karen Nedziwe, Anna Davison and Jess Argy took part in and won the **local Rotary Youth Speaks competition at Chequer Mead**. This valuable event allows students to create a speech on a topic of their choice to present to the audience. The event builds communication skills and the ability to work as a team. Sackville entered two teams, the second of Matt Abel, Joe Hofmann and Sam Lloyd-Skinner presented a humorous look at the problems of selecting the perfect meal deal.

Our winning team had been working on their skills over a number of years. In fact this was the main speaker Anna's third attempt and she was ecstatic to finally beat the competition including Imberhorne, Worth and Notre Dame. The team spoke about **'Is immigration British society's biggest problem?'** Karen, introducing Anna, spoke of her own experiences having moved to the UK from Zimbabwe. Finally, Jess, giving the vote of thanks, spoke about how she would like to live and work in other countries and hopes she would receive a warm welcome from her host nations. The team will go on to compete in the next round in February for the regional title. Anna said this is a tricky topic but a necessary one to discuss in today's climate of changing political views. Anna wants to go on to study geography at university next year.



Mrs Fleming also took year 11 and sixth form students to Maidstone Crown Court this month for a **mock trial**, in which they had to play the part of both the prosecution and the defence. This is a key part of our law provision and the students certainly returned with a better understanding of the workings of the court system.

## News from the LRC

Mrs Rose writes:-



We started the new half term on **Halloween** so scary books has been the theme in the LRC over the last few weeks.

With **Remembrance Sunday** and assemblies on Peace there are many books which are suitable for all ages to read describing some of the events and consequences of war. From Michael Morpurgo's descriptions in "Private peaceful" and "War Horse" to Morris Gleitzman's books "Once", "Now" and "Then". Another, lesser known book, "Duty Calls: Battle Of Britain" by James Holland describes life for a young pilot officer in the RAF. It's a real page turner! If you would like to read more about these or some of the other great books then search on the imls app at home or on eclipse.net at school. Or come and talk to myself or Mrs Wogan for a recommendation.

In the LRC we are always **battling to recover books that are overdue** and need returning. Many students say "I forgot to bring it...it's at home" etc. So if you dare to venture into your child's bedroom for that mouldy cup or pile of washing, could you see if there's a forlorn looking book with a Sackville label inside and put it in their bag to be returned. Your regular help with this would be very much appreciated.

This edition's book review is by Ben Salter one of our "Reading Warriors", Sackville's reading group :

### ***The Dead Men Stood Together* by Chris Priestly**

It's about a boy who joins his uncle's ship. A huge storm blows them to what we now know is the South Pole, but they don't know where they are. While they are stuck in the ice, the crew's only company is an albatross. One day his uncle shoots and kills it to show how skilled he is with a crossbow – terrible consequences follow....I liked this book as it was very scary.

DID YOU KNOW....That **students may print their homework out for FREE** in the LRC (black and white only available to students). They just need to email it to their school Gmail account or bring it in on a memory stick which can then be downloaded onto a school computer and printed. Simple!

## More reviews from our students!

Ms Pearson, our literacy co-ordinator, is always keen to hear students' views of books they have read. This week, there are three reviews from our year 7s.

### ***The World's Worst Children* by David Walliams**

Reviewed by Bella Dunsdon, 7PAS

This is an entertaining book, full of 10 amazing short stories. With hilarious characters like Nitty Nigeli, Sofia sofa, and Dribbling Drew, you will laugh your head off! These disgusting, horrible and funny children will make children aged 8-14 burst into laughter. David Walliams is such an amazing writer and deserves to have all of his books read. This book is for boys and girls and should definitely be read. There is nothing I don't like about this book, so read it today!

Rated 5/5 stars

### ***Gone* by Michael Grant**

Reviewed by Lily Jean Russell, 7MCA

*Gone* is a dramatic book with a plot that will hook you in straight away; every person at the age of 15 or over vanishes from the town of Perdido Beach, causing lots of problems for those left behind. It's good because it is gripping and extremely exciting,



however it's quite long so can be a hard book to work through. Overall *Gone* is an amazing book for young people and I recommend it highly.

### ***The Secret Hen House Theatre* by Helen Peters**

Reviewed by Emily Graziano 7MCA

This book is about a young girl who loves writing plays. Unfortunately, her dad hates them because her mum used to love them, but then she died. They live on a farm, and although her dad begins by saying no to his daughter's request to convert the tractor shed into a theatre, things quickly change... I loved this entire book – would definitely recommend it to anybody!

OK – so now I'd rather go and read one of these books than continue collating Sackville News ... the reading habit really is a joy for life (as well as the key to exam success of course).

Luckily next month we are hosting a book fair for years 7-9, organised by Ms Pearson. A chance to get those Christmas reads or even presents for siblings!

## **Sackville has another Arkwright scholar!**

It's lovely to see traditions continue. But getting another Sackville Arkwright Scholar is doubly satisfying this year, as Cameron Toogood is the second member of this family to be nominated for the award. Cameron himself continues:-



*I went to the awards ceremony on 28<sup>th</sup> October to receive my award. It was held at the IET (Institute of Engineering & Technology) in London. I met a representative from my sponsor, **The Nuclear Institute**, and had a brief chat before going into the awards room. The head of the Foundation, the CEO of GCHQ and past Arkwright scholars all said a few words before the presenting of the awards. It was a great day and interesting to find out more from the sponsors and the Arkwright alumni.*

A few words from Mrs Clapson, our Bursar, who attended the ceremony with Cameron:-

*The companies who support this initiative are high profile and big names in business. They give not only financial support but mentorship and work placements for practical support. The relationships can continue for years to come – this is only the beginning! What a fantastic opportunity for our students.*

*The afternoon appeared to be geared towards giving the students a big boost and to make them feel special (which they are) and part of an exciting programme. The speeches were exciting and I found them motivating, so I can only assume that the students they were focused towards felt even more excited.*

# **Sackville School**

## **Christmas Book Fair**

**Monday  
5<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2016  
D Block  
Hall**

Are you thinking of getting some present shopping done?

Fancy getting yourself a treat to read over the Christmas holidays?

Stuck for gift ideas for family or friends?

On **Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December**, years 7, 8 and 9 will be visiting the **D Block Christmas Book Fair** in their English lessons. It will also be open to staff and other students across the day. Come along, bring some cash and help support **The Bookshop**, our amazing local booksellers!



*Books brought to you by:*



### **The Bookshop**

[www.eastgrinsteadbookshop.co.uk](http://www.eastgrinsteadbookshop.co.uk)



#### **Got questions?**

Please ask Ms Pearson (D01) or your English teacher.

## Observatory news

Mr Bush writes:-

We have had a number of successful events in our observatory this term. On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October we welcomed a group of **Guides from 2nd Crawley Down** pack who were treated to a clear view of the International Space Station, the Moon, double cluster and a sporadic, golden meteor!



The Moon, Ella Straszynski (Y8)

Our **Open Evening on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** was well attended and after skies cleared we again viewed the Space Station and Moon. Some visitors had downloaded the app and connected their phones to our wireless camera, allowing live views and video recordings. We also viewed Albireo, a beautiful double star, whose colours really shone out when we ramped up the saturation on our camera.

Finally, on **9<sup>th</sup> November** we welcomed around thirty people of all

ages to our **open evening**, which was clear and dark. Pete Hill and Geraldine James joined us with their scopes, whilst Junior Director Leah Bush set up and manned our school refractor. Meanwhile, in the observatory our main scope was trained on the Moon, Pleiades cluster and Andromeda Galaxy. Two sporadic meteors were also seen streaking across the sky. As usual, some great photos were taken which are posted here; well done to Ella (year 8), Faith (Year 7) and Freya (Year 4) for their Moon photos and to Steve for sharing the Pleiades image.



The Moon, Faith and Freya Edgerton (Y7 and Y4)

For news about forthcoming events and to view more photos, please visit our open page (you don't need to be a Facebook member!) here: <https://www.facebook.com/SackvilleObservatory/>

## Buckyballs

No, I didn't know what they were either, but our A level chemists got to find out from a visiting lecturer from Sussex University. Mrs Webb writes:-

Sackville A level Chemistry students were privileged to attend a Carbon 60 workshop run by Dr Jonathan Hare. The session covered the history of how **Buckminsterfullerene** was discovered by accident and how Sir Harry Kroto's research culminated in him winning the **Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1996**. The students were able to construct their own "Buckyballs" and found the afternoon an enriching and inspiring experience, especially when they discovered that Sir Harry Kroto had been one of Mr Bush's lecturers when he was a student at Sussex University!



## Have a conversation!

e-Safety tips from Mr Lea, Head of Computing and e-Learning:-

A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion. By maintaining an open dialogue with your child and encouraging them to talk to you about their internet use parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online.



### Conversation ideas

1. Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
2. Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
3. Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.
4. Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
5. Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

## Year 10 forest schools and the West Sussex Trust

Mr Elsdon writes:-



Sackville year tens have really risen to the challenge of their **Countryside and Environment BTEC** and enjoyed a three day intensive visit to Woodlands in Holtye. It is part of a package of twelve full days in different environments and the purpose of the visits is to manage the woodland, creating a habitat for small animals and coppicing the

woodland in preparation for next year. Coppicing is the art of cutting the tree back to help future growth.

The group really battled the elements and faced some hard physical labour for the duration of the three days. The highlight of the three days was the creation of a safe path to and from the work area and the building of a 'dead-hedge'. This is a created hedge using the discarded branches from the coppiced trees where small animals and bugs will eventually live. They also took time out to track animals such as deer, badgers and the students used small humane traps to study species all under strict supervision of the Wildlife Trust.

They learned about the need for risk assessments, and how to carve and tidy the workplace which all contributes towards the BTEC they are studying for. Well done to all those involved.



Congratulations to Lily Kendrick – the first Sackville student to complete the PiXL Edge Graduate level. Well done Lily!



## Health and social care news

Mrs Valentine writes:-



One of the most enjoyable aspects of a Btec course is the range of practical tasks and assignments students are able to undertake. It is always heartening to see the number of parents and members of the local community who are prepared to facilitate our learners and provide settings for these practical tasks and assignments. In recent weeks, our **year 9 level 2 students have been to Chequer Mead** where they researched its suitability for a group trip for a group of disabled learners. We were grateful to Cheryl Dixon who spent time with the students, showing them around and talking with them.

In addition to this, our year 9 students also joined with our level 3 year 13 students this week for **an inspiring talk and practical session by two nurses –**

one from St Thomas' Hospital and one from East Surrey Hospital. These nurses described how they aim to provide quality care and beat anti discriminatory practice. Students had the opportunity to examine case studies and try on protective clothing used by the nurses. We are grateful for the time Claire Rowley and Tamsin Townly gave to our students. This visit built on an earlier visit this term from Mikey Argy on the topic of anti-discrimination. This was a moving as well as informative visit.



A major highlight for the year 9 Btec HSC was the **excellent lesson a former LSA gave to our students on the use of braille**. Our pictures show the fun that was had by the students practising braille writing. Special praise goes to Sasha Garrott for her outstanding contribution in the braille lesson. Praise also goes to Nikita Sarmiento and Mark Nolan for their insightful comments and contributions to HSC lessons.

I am particularly proud of our year 13 students who have undertaken observations with a view to **volunteering at**

**Little Fair Care Home**. We have in recent weeks built a guy for a bonfire, attended manicure sessions, played bingo and joined a Friday afternoon sing-song.



Our year 12 Level 3 Btec group learning about **Human Lifespan Development** will be visiting Chailey Heritage later this week. Our thanks go to the staff at Chailey Heritage who are always very welcoming to our students. All our year groups for Health and Social Care have benefitted

from visits from parents with their toddlers and babies.



Ex-student, **Zoe Brand** brought much coo-ing to the year 10 group when **she bravely visited us with her beautiful 10 week old twin boys**, accompanied by proud Great Grandmother, Jean Bushell. **Thank you** also to **Kerry Hill**, mother of Alyx Mitchell for bringing in her adorable son, Leo, aged 2 and to ex-student **Jade Steptoe**, for the wonderful visit we had from baby Harlow, aged 7 months, and Roman, aged 2 years.

The activities above show a small part of the visits we have undertaken. Without the co-operation of our students and their willingness to use their contacts, we could not run such an exciting course. We are grateful to all concerned who have helped us make a more exciting and dynamic learning environment.

## Megan's tour makes the local press!

Year 13 travel and tourism student Megan Williams has prepared a self-guided tour to the main sites in East Grinstead. Instructions are on a leaflet.

Megan says "My tour takes an hour long as it takes you round 5 main sites across East Grinstead High Street and East Court, exploring the history of the town. I have been working on this project for the past few months in Travel & Tourism lessons in Sackville and I hope people enjoy my tour!"

This week also sees the release of Bethany Parr's tour which takes a closer look at the history of the town.

Both tours are available from the library and Mr Attrill, whose unit of study was the spur to these tours, would appreciate any feedback from the public on the questionnaires attached to the tour leaflets.

Other students are conducting tours further afield in Brighton, London and Duxford.



## Confidence Groups at Sackville

For the past year Sackville School has been offering weekly sessions for students needing an extra boost to build resilience and confidence or help to settle into their new environment. Here is a report from Learning Support Assistant and Certified Parenting Coach, **Sarah Charlton**, who runs the groups.

As well as the great opportunities that this new stage of life brings, come the inevitable challenges and pressures that all young people face in our fast-paced and busy world. It has been a real privilege supporting groups of students from years 7, 8 and 9 over the past year.

My aim in the groups is to help the children offload as much emotional tension as possible through laughter, sharing their concerns and by building connections with each other. It can often help a child to just know, by listening to the experiences of others who are going through similar challenges, that they are not alone, and that their peers share many of the same struggles. I use a range of tools and techniques. Our sessions begin with some physical games designed to promote connection and provide a fun way to work off some tension through laughter. I structure the games to allow me to sometimes take the less powerful role so that in a safe and contained way the students have a taste of 'having the upper hand' for a few moments. I connect with each child equally and plenty of eye contact helps to build safety.

Another tool I use is 'Special Time.' Each child is given an equal amount of time to use in whatever way they wish. They get to be 'in charge' of the group for a few minutes while the rest of us enthusiastically and warmly follow their lead. To have this positive attention, even for a short time, gives a wonderful confidence boost to a child.

We then share 'listening time' in circles. Here each student takes a turn to share what gets difficult for them. We agree not to interrupt each other and to listen with an attitude of respect and keep what is said confidential. I sometimes invite the students to make use of specific techniques aimed at emotional release, tailored to the need of each child as appropriate. I use a range of assertiveness and mindfulness techniques which students can also use outside of the group.

Each week we end by saying one thing about the session or about each other that we have appreciated. It's always rewarding to see the sense of connection and safety that grows over the time we spend together and the feedback from the children has been extremely positive.

I can be contacted at [scharlton@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:scharlton@sackvilleschool.org.uk) for more information on any of the above.





## Sports news

As usual at Sackville, there have been a large number of fixtures over the last three weeks, with the majority definitely ending in success for Sackville.

### Girls' sports results

Netball					
U18	Sackville (Lost in extra time to a college with ten times as many students as our sixth form)	24	24	BAHVIC	
U13A	Sackville (Player of Match Eloise Bassett)	7	7	Imberhorne	
U13B	Sackville (Player of Match Millie Knowles)	11	3	Imberhorne	
Football					
U13 County Cup	Sackville (Lucy Plumb, Taylor Goodall, Millie Knowles 2)	4	2	Kensington Grammar	
	Sackville	0	1	Dorothy Stringer	
U16 six a side	Sackville	0	4	Tanbridge House	
	Sackville	2	0	The Weald	
Hockey					
U16	Sackville Millie Rymer Gough)	1	0	The Weald	
U14	Sackville (Millie Knowles 2, Hannah Plumb 2)	4	0	Notre Dame	

### Boys' sports results

Rugby					
U18	Sackville (Tries Dan Harding, Louis Jenden)	10	20	Heathfield	
U14	Sackville (Tries Alex Moore 2, Harvey Byatt 2, Elliott Vincent, Ben Stripp, James Young; conversions James Young 4)	48	7	Angmering	
	Sackville (tries Harvey Byatt, Peter Kelly, Rodi Dilek, conversions James Young 2)	17	15	Christ's Hospital	
U13	Sackville (tries Elliott Vincent 2, Joe Sheridan, Ben Aubrey)	20	0	Heathfield	
U12	Sackville (tries Noah Roberts 2, Matt Nicholson)	15	25	Notre Dame	
	Sackville (Try Noah Roberts)	5	0	Heathfield	
	Sackville (Try Archie Monge)	5	10	Forest	
Hockey					
U14	Sackville	0	0	Tanbridge House	
Football					
U15	Sackville (Brice Major 2, Jason James-Bettell, Ethan Carrick, Theo McFarlane)	5	3	Oakwood	
U14	Sackville	0	2	BETHS	
	Sackville (Harvey Byatt)	1	4	Cardinal Newman	
U13	Sackville	6	1	Bexhill	
U12	Sackville	3	4	Durrington	
	Sackville	2	1	Oathall	
	Sackville (Matt Nicholson, Callum Kilkenny, Harvey Burgess)	3	0	Oakwood	
	Sackville	0	1	Tanbridge House	
U12B	Sackville	1	2	Oakwood	
	Sackville	4	3	Tanbridge House	
Basketball					
U18	Sackville (Player of Match Will Putner)	36	26	The Weald	

U14	Sackville (Player of Match Elliott Broomfield)	33	12	Michael Hall
	Sackville (James Young 17, Fin Lee-Fisher 10, Jordan Viscogliosi 4, Elliott Broomfield 4, Theo Judge 3)	38	36	Warden Park
	Runners up in Mid-Sussex championship, beating Tanbridge House 20-10, St Pauls 10-9 and losing to Downlands 8-18			
<b>Badminton</b>				
KS3	Won 4 of 15 games (Luke Peel, Ollie Kebbell, Ed de Barra, Euan Raeside)			

## Mixed sports results

### Cross Country – Mid Sussex Championship

**Antonia Deeley** won the year 9 race, **Lucy Williams** finished 10<sup>th</sup> in year 8 and **Sophie Taylor** finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the year 9 race, running in the year group above her age! **Callum Stone** won the year 9 race, **Ben Aubrey** in year 8 came 2nd and **Isaac Lancaster** in year 7 came 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Sports reports

Miss Offler writes:-

### U13 girls football cup match vs Kingston Grammar

There was no rest for the U13 girls' football team who came straight back after half term to play in their next cup game against Kingston Grammar. Both teams had a strong first half, with both keepers being tested and making some excellent saves. After settling into the game, Sackville found their passing was getting better, with some excellent through passes being made, one of which from Lucy Plumb led to our first goal by Taylor Goodall. Taylor then returned the favour five minutes later sending a fantastic pass through to Lucy, who managed to find the back of the net making the score 2-0 to Sackville.

Going into the second half with a two-goal lead, the girls knew there was everything still to play for. Our defence was pushed with Leah Bush, Ella Kessell and Scarlett Green all making great contributions to getting the ball clear from our goal. Hannah Plumb was also tested with some great shots by the opposition, but managed to keep them at bay. Unfortunately, the attacks were relentless and Kingston Grammar managed to sneak one past to make the score 2-1. The team kept their composure and started to battle back. Taylor managed to find Millie Knowles who found the back of the net to make the score 3-1. The outstanding commitment and energy the team were putting into the game started to show towards the end of the game, with a lot of the players starting to feel tired; however, they kept high spirits and worked as an excellent team moving across the pitch very well.

Towards the end of the game Lucy managed to get the team a corner, in which she set up a fantastic kick that found Millie at the back post who calmly scored making the score 4-1. With just a few minutes left the team had to dig deep and 5 seconds before the final whistle blew, Kingston Grammar managed to sneak another goal, making the final result Sackville 4 – Kingston Grammar 2.

Well done to all the girls involved. You worked extremely hard throughout the game and thank you to the parents and staff who came out to support the team.

**The team:** Hannah Plumb, Lucy Plumb, Taylor Goodall, Millie Knowles, Issy Carrick, Charlotte Radley, Kaycei Champion, Eloise Bassett, Leah Bush, Rachel Canepa Anson, Scarlett Green and Ella Kessell.

### U13 girls football cup match vs Dorothy Stringer

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November the U13 Girls Football team travelled to Dorothy Stringer to play in their third round cup match. Throughout the match, both teams played some excellent football, with some highlights in the first half coming from Lucy Plumb, Millie Knowles and Rhianna Major making some excellent passes up the field and some great shots on goal which tested Stringer's keeper.

At half time the girls had a good team chat. With the score being 0-0 and both teams



A dab of class for our year 8 footballers



putting so much hard work into the game, Sackville wanted to go out to win and progress further in the cup. Again, both teams started the second half very well. Hannah Plumb started to be tested a bit more in goal and Eloise Bassett made an amazing run back to clear the ball off the line. Once settling back into the game Ella Devine managed to find Lucy and Rhianna, who were both unfortunate for their shots to be denied by the keeper. With just five minutes to go the girls were starting to dig deep. Stringer's attacking players managed to find a gap in our defence and scored the first goal of the game. Sackville didn't let this affect them. They kept their heads high and tried extremely hard to get a goal back, but unfortunately this time, it was not meant to be. The final score was Sackville 0 – Dorothy Stringer 1 with Hannah Plumb being awarded player of the match.

The girls should be extremely proud of themselves for having played in such an excellent match, for getting so far in the cup and for keeping such a positive attitude despite having lost. We now look forward to developing our game play further to progress further in the cup next year.

**The team:** Hannah Plumb, Lucy Plumb, Taylor Goodall, Millie Knowles, Issy Carrick, Rhianna Major, Charlotte Radley, Kaycei Champion, Eloise Bassett, Leah Bush, Rachel Canepa-Anson, Ella Devine.

### U16 girls football cup game

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November the U16 Football team travelled to Dorothy Stringer to play in their first round cup game. The team were excited to play in their first game as well as playing new opponents. The girls adjusted to the quick playing surface and settled into the game very well.

The first half saw all players have to work hard. Jenny Brockbank made some great saves, whilst Mimi Ward, Jemma Edgar and Jodie Southon all made some excellent clearances. Tara Rogers, Leah Scrace and Sara Gaines all had shots on target but were unable to beat Stringer's keeper who made some great saves. At the end of the first half the score was still 0-0 and it was difficult to know which way this game was going to go.

At the start of the second half Hannah Sands and Morgan Hake teamed up to get the ball down the right hand side with an excellent shot on goal coming from Tara Rogers, but this was once again denied by an excellent save from Stringer's keeper. Towards the end of the second half Stringer's attacking plays became stronger and our line of defence was constantly fighting to kick the ball away. Despite their outstanding efforts, Dorothy Stringer managed to score in the final 5 minutes of the game making the final results, Sackville 0 – Dorothy Stringer 1.

Those involved should feel extremely proud of themselves as they showed fantastic teamwork and perseverance throughout the game.

**The team:** Jess Banbury, Jenny Brockbank, Morgan Hake, Hannah Sands, Leah Scrace, Rebekah Packer, Mimi Ward, Tara Rogers, Jodie Southon, Jemma Edgar and Sara Gaines.

### U16 Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November the girls U16 Football team travelled to The Weald for a 6-a-side tri-tournament. It kicked off with our first match against Tanbridge House. It took Sackville a while to settle into the game and get used to the quick surface. By the time the team were settled, Tanbridge had been able to score two goals, despite Jenny Brockbank making some excellent saves. In the second half the team's distribution of the ball was confident and a lot more accurate with some shots on goal by Tara Rogers, Hannah Green and Leah Scrace. Unfortunately we were unable to beat their keeper and Tanbridge managed to breakaway quickly to score another 2 goals, making the final score Sackville 0 – Tanbridge House 4.



Despite the loss in the first game, spirits were high entering their second game against The Weald. The team started off much stronger, with some excellent passes being made by Jodi Southon and Mimi Ward. Strong attacking play from Sara Gaines, Jemma Edgar and Jess Banbury led to Sackville's first goal towards the end of the first half. In the second half The Weald came back strongly; despite this, the team maintained a calm attitude and played a good passing game to work the ball up the pitch. This ended up with Jodie, Hannah and Sara creating a moment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal of the game. The team managed to hold their defensive line until the end of the game, making the score Sackville 2 – The Weald 0.

Well done to all those involved.



**The team:** Jess Banbury, Jenny Brockbank, Leah Scrace, Jodie Southon, Jemma Edgar, Hannah Green, Sara Gaines, Mimi Ward, Tara Rogers.

### U13 Netball vs Imberhorne

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November the U13 A&B Netball teams played an away game to Imberhorne. Both teams were excited to return having previously won both of their matches against our local rivals.

The A team's game had a very fast pace throughout. Sackville had a 3-1 lead after the first quarter with both Lucy Plumb and Freya Healiss making some great shots. The second quarter saw some excellent passes from Issy Carrick and Ellen Green and some good defending from Eloise Bassett and Rachel Canepa-Anson; however, at the end of the second quarter the score was a lot closer with Sackville being ahead by just one! The third quarter unusually saw no goals, but the final quarter displayed some nail biting netball. With the scores being so close, you could tell both teams were giving it their all but when the final whistle blew, the score was Sackville 7 – Imberhorne 7. Player of the match was awarded to Eloise Bassett.



The B team's game started off very well, with Millie Knowles, Caleen Chery and Freya Eastcott working well together to move the ball down the court. At the end of the first quarter Sackville were winning 4-2. The second quarter saw the team really settle into their game, with some great passes being made and notable performances from Anika Raymond and Olivia Hepburn making some excellent shots to make the score 8-3. The third and fourth quarters saw the team build on their performances, with some great defending from Scarlett Treadaway and Amalie Foster Mcphedran and some good passes from Nadia Usman. A great team effort from all made the final score Sackville 11 – Imberhorne 3. Player of the match was awarded to Millie Knowles.

**A team:** Lucy Plumb, Freya Healiss, Ellen Green, Issy Carrick, Hannah Plumb, Rachel Canepa-Anson, Eloise Bassett, Georgie Coughlan.

**B team:** Olivia Hepburn, Anika Raymond, Caleen Chery, Millie Knowles, Freya Eastcott, Amalie Foster Mcphedran, Scarlett Treadaway, Nadia Usman.

### Heidi Crowther bouncing to more success

Heidi Crowther (Yr9) is continuing her development in trampolining and has recently been invited to take part in two international competitions.

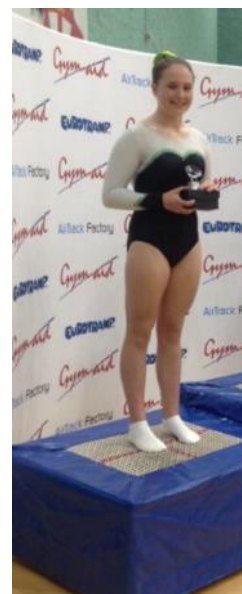
The first, the 44<sup>th</sup> International Trampoline Friendship Cup on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October, was held in Jablonec, near Prague in the Czech Republic.

Heidi, who was against 28 competitors from 16 countries including Poland, Germany, Switzerland and Turkey, pulled out two strong routines on the Saturday to secure one of 8 places in the final on the Sunday. In the final, consisting of just one routine, Heidi was in 5<sup>th</sup> after her routine but progressed to 4<sup>th</sup>.

With the taste of high level competition, Heidi was then selected to compete in the David Ward Hunt Cup, another two day international event, held every two years, which featured national teams from countries such as Poland, Sweden, Germany and Finland.

Heidi performed in both Individual and synchronised events. Heidi, and her new partner Harleigh from Sky High in Uckfield, achieved 10<sup>th</sup> place in the Under 17 age group with 24 pairs participating.

In the individual event, two very solid routines put Heidi in the final having qualified in 4<sup>th</sup> position. She was in first position, with three other competitors to bounce, and so could finish no worse than 4<sup>th</sup>. Like Bryony Page in the Olympics this year, Heidi progressed to 3<sup>rd</sup> and then to 2<sup>nd</sup> to secure her first podium finish at this level of competition.



Well done Heidi – you can see a video of one of Heidi's routines on our Twitter feed [here](#). Words cannot really do justice!