

Sackville News

19th October 2015



Dear Parents,



We are already on the third issue of Sackville News this year which seems remarkable! So much has been happening in our busy community, with the visits of **prospective parents** throughout. Indeed, we have been delighted with the number of families coming to look at the school and their enthusiasm about what we have to offer. Since I last wrote to you, at the time of the **open evening**, I cannot recall a day without visitors! All of this



means a tremendous amount to the staff and the students who know that they have a great message to share.



This message was further reinforced by the government's release of limited results data for all schools in the **2015 school performance tables** last Thursday. The data is focused on the key GCSE headline figure of the percentage of students achieving at least **5 A*-C grades including English and maths**. More data, including very important value added progress figures, will be published at a later date. I am delighted to report to parents that **Sackville has done extremely well indeed!** Our **72%** on first entry (73% on best entry) places us **very high up in West Sussex** with the **strongest upward trajectory** of any school over the past few years. On this measure, we are clearly the **top performing school in our local area**, which covers a 10 mile radius of secondaries across county borders. Indeed, we are **7% ahead of the next best performing school**. Once again, I would like to congratulate the students who worked so hard for this and, of course, their parents who supported them so well. I am indebted to our fantastic teaching and support staff for their dedication to such fine student achievement and development.



We have been pleased to welcome new support staff over recent days to augment our provision at Sackville. **Karen Brown, Joshua Watson** and **Amber Pollard Rea** have joined as study supervisors, **Julia Cooper** has joined as a learning support assistant and **Kristina Parsons** as Teaching Assistant in maths. We hope they will be very happy here and I am sure they will make a great contribution to our work. We will also be welcoming back **Anna Ferguson**, teacher of maths, after half term following her maternity leave.

Our **year 7** students no longer seem newcomers as they have settled in so well. They have already generated a fine **football team** as you will see from further articles below! The year group also had a fantastic evening at the **overnight**



camp held here on Friday 2nd October. No less than 190 students stayed over and they all experienced varied activities accompanied by very little sleep. I did wonder, on reflection, just how many secondary schools put on such an event to

strengthen friendships and build teamwork one month into the transition. I suspect the answer is not very many, if any, and I am therefore hugely grateful to the staff who gave up their time and energy so generously at the end of a long week. Sackville is, indeed a special place.

The school community has also been busy in many other ways. Our staff enjoyed a very good **inset day** on Friday 25th September where everyone attended five **teaching and learning workshops** on such themes as **numeracy, literacy**, challenging the **more able, tracking need** through personal learning checklists and looking at what **Google Apps** has to offer. Follow-up meetings in subject teams and individual appraisal reviews with target setting for 2015-16 then took place. An **'open door' week** where we visit each other's lessons will be a fitting way to conclude this half term.



I am very pleased to share continuing student success in many areas. After working hard on their projects earlier this year, six of our year 10 scientists proudly received their **CREST silver certificates**. Awarded by the British Association, they recognise 30 hours of project work which was externally assessed by a professional STEM ambassador.

Sporting endeavours and triumphs continue at a pace and these are extensively covered elsewhere in Sackville News. Well done to **Callum Stone** who won the Y7/8 boys' **cross country race at East Court** recently;



Sackville boys' and girls' teams were both runners up overall. Our U15 netball team did well in the recent County **netball tournament** with **Millie Rymer Gough** named as player of the day; congratulations Millie. Our **U14 rugby team** have enjoyed a training day at Hurstpierpoint with Harlequins coaching staff and they came second in the tournament held. By reading on, you will see that these are just highlights of much more!

Last week we were pleased to look after **visitors from our partner school in Hamburg** who were undertaking work experience placements in the locality, including Chailey Heritage, Estcots Primary and Blackwell Primary schools. This ten year link is very successful and I will be accompanying students on a trip to Hamburg in January to undertake placements abroad.



Our year 8 students have been busy experiencing some fruitful humanities trips, the first of which was with the geography department to the **south coast**. Thankfully the weather stayed dry! Last week I also had the pleasure of going on a day trip with year 8s to the **Somme** battlefields for what was a moving experience. Students laid flowers on behalf of the school at Thiepval memorial having earlier visited Vimy Ridge. The trip ended by going to the battlefield at Beaumont Hamel which brought home the sheer scale of the challenge on 1st July 1916 and the dreadful slaughter of lives that occurred.

I am sure you will also enjoy reading about other opportunities such as the A level physics trip to Cern, our new Forest Schools curriculum, our Health and Social Care students out in the community and the wonderful dancing progress of Nathan Jones.

Half term now rapidly approaches and I do hope that everyone has a good family break.

Best wishes
Julian Grant

Sixth form Open Evening

Wednesday 4th November, 5.30-7.30pm

Year 12 and 13 student progress significantly above the national average

Established record of success with Russell Group universities

Full programme of four A level or BTEC courses for each year 12 student

AS level exams taken in year 12 to support progression to university

Leadership developed through the PiXL Edge programme

A level physics trip to CERN

Mr Bush writes:-

Once again it was a pleasure for Mrs Tingley and me to accompany a group of 16 A level physics students on our annual trip to CERN in Geneva. After arriving on Friday morning we checked in at the centrally located youth hostel, just a short walk from Lake Geneva. In the afternoon, students had a guided tour of the United Nations building, learning about both the history of the organisation and the essential role it plays in maintaining stability across the world. Our guide was fantastic and very informative, whilst the sun shone, making the views from the Palais de Nations stunning.



We caught an early tram the following morning to be at CERN before 9am. It was pleasing to see Olly engaging in conversation with a local gentleman as we travelled, well done! A research physicist welcomed us and gave his insight into working at CERN. He also discussed some of the fundamental physics involved, which directly supports the students in their A2 studies. A stunning audiovisual presentation followed at the first cyclotron and we finished with a tour of the cryogenic test facility. Students then had time to explore the microcosm exhibition and enjoy viewing (and climbing in) huge obsolete particle detectors. To make sure students had been paying attention we set a quiz; all did well and the best team name was certainly "Lord Farquark" (Google quark if you don't get it!). In the evening we walked to the lake to see the Jet d'eau and illuminated lake front.

Our final day was spent at the stunning History of Science museum housed in a grand building overlooking the lake and containing a huge range of scientific equipment. We also ventured into the Jardin Botanique for an ice cream and to feed the chipmunks.

Apart from lots of amazing physics we also learned that even 18 year olds love a roundabout, Liam is almost always late, Kirsty is fascinated by cycling accessories and James does a brilliant hamster impression!

Our students were a real pleasure to be with and a credit to the school. A huge thanks to Mr Wilcox, Mrs Wogan and Mrs Baldwin for their hard work in organising the trip. Can't wait for next year!

Sackville's international work experience programme

Mrs Valentine writes:-

In addition to the locally based work experience programme we are developing for 16+ students at Sackville, we are proud to offer students the opportunity to work on international placements. This week we have welcomed ten students, aged 16-19 years, from our partner college in Hamburg. These students have been placed in schools and businesses in our locality. We are grateful to Blackwell, Forest Row and Estcots primary schools, Chailey Heritage and Martells for hosting these students and giving them such valuable cultural and work related experiences.

Eight Sackville year 13 students will be undertaking a work experience in Hamburg in January. Such an experience is not undertaken lightly. The students have been through an application and interview process so we can place them all in appropriate placement. Our students were interested to talk with and meet the Hamburg work experience students this week,

to learn of their experiences and realise that, whether they be German or English, students have the same type of anxieties about working in a placement.

Our international work experience does not require fluency in the foreign language. Our students going to Hamburg will be placed in international environments where German skills, whilst useful, are not required. We have students who will be working in shipping management companies, hospitals, nurseries and primary schools. Placements will tie in with their future career plans and be an important addition to their CVs and portfolios.

We would like to thank all those involved in the success of the week, in particular, Mrs Butler – Futures Leader – for organising so many of the practical arrangements and also Mrs Grey and her team for making such lovely cakes for our meeting!



Health and Social Care updates

Mrs Valentine writes:-

Year 12: Learning to use braille

We are very grateful to local organisations who have helped and supported our Health and Social Care (HSC) Btec programme. We have had a busy term of trips and visits for this vocational subject. Visits form a large part of our Btec course and, in many cases, open up opportunities to students to find work and funded training in HSC related placements.

Earlier this term, former Learning Support Assistant at Sackville, Marion Shreeve, came and taught the year 12 group to use braille machines. The group then followed this up by a visit to see young braille users in action at the Visually Impaired Unit of St Stephen's Primary School in Godstone. We appreciated the primary school making time in their busy schedule to welcome us. In addition to this visit, our students are also regularly supporting activities clubs at Little Fair Care Home. We all enjoyed a visit to the knitting club, where the students learnt to knit from people who were literally 5-6 times their age. Our students have also helped with the bingo club and other activities there.

Learning to use braille in the classroom



Organising a visit for disabled young people at Standen

Year 11 HSC enjoyed a great afternoon at Standen National Trust property, where they learnt about disability laws and the high priority historical buildings place on giving access to disabled members of society. The Operations Manager, Claire Onslow, talked with us about how she has trained her staff to make the building safe and accessible for disabled people and the guidance she issues to disabled users. The year 11 group were grateful to her for allowing them to use wheelchairs and other equipment when touring the house and gardens, as well as for the lovely warm welcome we were all given. The visit enabled the group to gain 'hands on' experience for this element of the coursework and has enriched the quality of their coursework. Thanks also go to Mrs Underdown who accompanied us and drove the minibus



Sackville's Forest Schools Programme

Mr Elsdon writes:-

Sackville year 9 students have really taken to our first Forest Schools Programme. Set up by the school, and led superbly in the forest by Miss Yendell, it takes some students out of the classroom and into wooded areas.

They will follow a land based curriculum incorporating maths, English and science mixed with team building, life skills and hard work.



The students attend a farm on the Holtze Road, thanks to the generosity of the farmer. The class visits over two lessons and lunch on Thursdays. Lunch is taken amongst the trees and grass, at the moment in the sunshine.

So far the students have taken part in a "Leaf Hunt", "Shelter Build" and team games. Everyone has really taken to it and is working to make it a success. The first real moment of excitement was the sight of a two hour old calf in the field, a real wow moment for the students.



Nathan Jones dances upwards

Nathan writes:-

I would like to tell you how I am doing with my Street Dance Career.

I have been dancing now since I was about five years old and have competed and danced at places such as The Royal Albert Hall, Saddlers Wells Theatre and Her Majesty's Theatre, London. I have also appeared on the TV show 'Got To Dance'.

Recently I was asked to audition for a new Street Dance Crew that the Brit School in London were putting together. I had to travel up to Selhurst in South London for five weeks to audition and see if I could learn a routine. I also had to show that I could learn other types of dance such as Comptemporary.

I enjoyed doing this. After the five weeks I was told that I had done really well and that they wanted me to join the Brit School's dance crew. This is called KHRONOS. The crew have performed at the Commonwealth Games and have recently got back from a tour of New York.



I have to travel up every Tuesday now after school and I am learning new skills and techniques. One of my tutors is a person called Dylan and he was part of the dance group called Boy Band, which were on Britain's Got Talent. They came sixth in the final.

He is really good fun and is helping me with my tricks.

I really enjoy my dance and hope to continue for years to come.

Sports Results

The sheer number of games played this half term gives some idea of the opportunities offered by the Sackville PE department to students. I have probably missed the odd game and certainly don't have all the scorers for which apologies!

Don't forget to check the website for up-to-date sports reports.

Girls

Netball				
U18	Tournament winners against Weald of Kent, Hillview, Bennet Memorial, Dartford Grammar, Walthamstow Hall, Tonbridge Girls' Grammar and Kent College			
U15	Sackville	8	7	Downlands
	Sackville	6	5	Oakmeeds
	Sackville	1	10	Millais
	Sackville	5	5	St Paul's
	Sackville	5	7	Oathall
	Sackville	5	3	Tanbridge House
U14	Sackville A	17	8	Oathall A
	Sackville B	10	5	Oathall B
Second in Versatility Tournament, beating Millais 4-3, St Paul's 9-6 and losing to Warden Park 3-4.				
U12	Sackville B	8	2	Imberhorne B
	Sackville A	13	0	Imberhorne A

Hockey				
U14	Sackville	0	6	Notre Dame
U12	Sackville A	7	0	Notre Dame
	Sackville B	4	0	Notre Dame

Boys

Football				
U18	Sackville Ben Randall	1	1	Hazelwick
U18	Sackville Joe de Souza, Michael Tarpey	2	2	Archbishop Tenison
U18 Memorial Cup	Sackville Jack Unwin, Chris Clark	2	4	Imberhorne
U18 second 11 County Cup	Sackville Freddie Webb 3, Dan Witt 2, Adam Woods	6	1	Angmering
U16 County Cup	Sackville Harry Bryant 2, George Saunders 2, Harrison Dunkley	5	4	Ratton
	Sackville Andy Huggett	1	7	St Paul's
U16	Sackville	0	1	Forest
	Sackville Dan Elliott	1	5	Hazelwick
U15 County Cup	Sackville Seb Messina	1	2	Varndean

U15	Sackville Alex Light	1	3	Warden Park
U14 County Cup	Sackville Reid Jenden 2	2	9	Heathfield
U14	Sackville Ethan Carrick 4, Fraser Hounslow 2, Kai Day, Reid Jenden, Kieron Taylor	9	1	Warden Park
U12 County Cup	Sackville Joe Leslie, Joe Sheridan, Freddie Payne	3	2	Thomas Bennett
	Sackville Joe Sheridan, Joe Leslie, Oliver Ally 2	4	0	Imberhorne
U15	Sackville A Alex Light 2, Jos Jackson, Jamie Allebury	4	2	Notre Dame
	Sackville B	10	1	Notre Dame
U14	Sackville A	6	5	Notre Dame A
	Sackville B	8	0	Notre Dame B
U13 County Cup	Sackville	4	2	Hazelwick
U13	Sackville A Joe Stone, Harvey Byatt 2	3	2	Notre Dame A
	Sackville B Elliott Broomfield 2, Nathan Jones 2, Brandon Tarhuni	5	1	Notre Dame B
	Sackville	4	2	Warden Park
U12	Sackville A Freddie Payne, own goal, Oliver Ally	3	0	Notre Dame A
	Sackville B Own goal	1	2	Notre Dame B
	Sackville A	4	3	Warden Park A
	Sackville B	3	2	Warden Park B
	Sackville A, B and C	Won all 3		Hazelwick A, B and C

Rugby				
U18	Sackville	64	55	Worth
U16	Sackville	55	57	St Pauls
	Sackville	15	17	Beacon
U15 County Cup	Sackville Loads of players scored!	67	0	Buckswood
	Sackville	0	42	Beacon
U14 Mid-Sussex Tournament	Sackville 2 nd overall			
U14 State School Cup	Sackville	0	42	Uckfield
U14 County Cup	Sackville	7	42	Forest
U14	Sackville Tries: James Scrace 2, Ayo Odeyinde 2, Matt Tompkinson	34	32	Tanbridge House
U13 County Cup	Sackville Loads of players scored!	74	0	Buckswood
	Sackville Tries: Harvey Byatt 2, James Young. Conversion: James Young	17	7	Forest
	Sackville Tries: Harvey Byatt 5, Sam Kelly 3, Ben Stripp. Conversions: James Young 3, Sam Kelly 2	55	26	Beacon

Sports reports

U18 Netball

Miss Jones writes:-

The 6th form netball team made a great start to the new year by winning the first tournament of the season. This was a real accomplishment considering the girls had never played as a squad before; the players are from different year groups and GA Molly Cummins joined the sixth form this year.

They beat Weald of Kent Girls' Grammar 9-1, Hillview 6-2, Bennet 7-2, Dartford Grammar 5-0, and Kent College 7-1. They drew with Tonbridge Girls' Grammar and Walthamstow Hall School.

The squad: Lia Raymond, Georgia Hunt, Esme Foreman, Meg Taylor, Amy Sands, Ellie Debenedictis, Molly Cummins and Emma Baker.



The team voted for their player of the tournament; it came out as a tie between GA Molly and GD Esme.

Attached is the Sackville squad selfie!

Apparently sixth-formers don't do squad photos!!

Cross country

Mr Endersby and Miss Jones write:-

On Thursday 8th October Sackville junior boys and girls put in a very strong performance at the County Cross Country Championships. Both the boys and girls finished third overall beating a number of private schools in the process.

Individual positions were

Junior Girls

Erin Harnett - 8th
Antonia Deeley - 12th
Lucy Williams - 20th
Hannah Plumb - 25th
Izzy Carrick - 28th
Harriet Davison-Irvine - 29th

Junior Boys

Callum Stone - 2nd
Ben Aubrey - 6th
Sam Kelly - 24th
Cameron MacInnes - 33rd
Jake Worth - 34th
Alex Moore - 39th



On Sunday 11th October the teams were in action again, barely having had time to recover. Sackville finished 2nd in the team event. All six girls finished in the top 15, Erin Harnett finishing 3rd. Callum Stone won the boys' event with Ben Aubrey finishing third. Bearing in mind the squads had ran on Thursday too they did a superb job; two big cross country events in one week is not easy!

Our runners: Lucy Williams, Antonia Deeley, Hannah Plumb, Issy Carrick, Cameron MacInnes, Hudson Beynon, Joe Leslie, Harriette Davison Irvine, Ben Aubrey, Callum Stone, Erin Harnett.



Year 7 football vs Thomas Bennett

Mr Carrick writes:-

Our new year 7 football team is going from strength to strength. Their performances were typified by the hard-fought win in the County Cup against Thomas Bennett.

The team showed tremendous resilience in coming back from 2-0 down, to turn the game around and win 3-2 after extra time.

Despite dominating possession they couldn't turn it into goals and went 1-0 down with TBCC's only shot on target at the end of the first half; a good save by Luke Peel falling straight to an attacker who tapped home.

The second half saw a miss-hit free kick find the top corner of the Sackville goal and gave the side a difficult task.

A penalty soon after that was scored on the rebound by Captain Joseph Sheridan gave the side the impetus they needed. Minutes later Joe Leslie allowed a throw to run past him and hit an unstoppable volley into the TBCC top corner.

Extra-Time ensued and Sackville pressed for a winner. Freddie Payne was called into action in the second half of extra-time and came on to make a name for himself. Despite being bumped and bored as he went through on goal he steadied himself with three minutes to go and calmly slotted the ball into the far corner for the winner.

Squad: Luke Peel, Daniel Leroy, Joseph Sheridan, Jack Sands, Oliver Ally, Ben Aubrey, Charlie Stone, Harvey Lewis, Freddie Payne, Joseph Leslie, Jude Hayman, James Grimwood.

U12 Netball Tournament

Miss Offler writes:-

Sackville's U12 netball team went to St Paul's on Tuesday 6th October to compete in a tournament against a variety of other schools across Mid-Sussex. The girls drew their first two games; 1-1 and 2-2. They showed fantastic skill and teamwork throughout these games and were in high spirits despite the weather. Georgie Coughlan and Annie Pinder made some great interceptions before Lucy Plumb was able to put her shots away.

Unfortunately we lost against Burgess Hill 0-4. However, Freya Healiss and Eloise Bassett worked well together to ensure the Burgess Hill team had to work for their goals. Going into the final game, the girls' energy levels were high and again they showed brilliant teamwork, with highlights coming from Hannah Plumb and Harriette Davison-Irvine keeping The Weald's attackers on their toes. Unfortunately The Weald managed to score three goals whilst we were unlucky to put away only two of our shots.

Overall the team did extremely well for their first tournament, battling against the rain that was persistently falling!

Team: Lucy Plumb, Anika Raymond, Georgie Coughlan, Annie Pinder, Hannah Plumb, Freya Healiss, Scarlett Treadaway, Issy Carrick, Harriette Davison-Irvine and Eloise Bassett.

Making a Splash!

On Wednesday 23rd September the Sackville Swimming Team travelled to Horsham Pavillions to compete at the Sussex Secondary Schools' Team Gala. With twenty schools taking part from all over Sussex, there was a lot of competition for our students. However, they took on the challenge showing fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and support for each other throughout the day. The results from the gala are as follows.

Team	Medley Relay Result	Freestyle Relay Result
Junior Girls	10 th	8 th
Junior Boys A	2 nd	2 nd
Junior Boys B	3 rd	4 th
Intermediate Girls	11 th	10 th
Intermediate Boys	4 th	6 th
Senior Girls	10 th	9 th
Senior Boys A	2 nd	2 nd
Senior Boys B	4 th	5 th

Thank you to Miss Offler and Mrs Rigg who took the pupils to Horsham and looked after them on poolside.

Yr 7/8 Girls: Nicole Noakes, Heidi Crowther, Erin Harnett, Ella Brown

Yr 7/8 Boys: Ben Bailey, Joe Lancaster, Ed De Barra, Nathan Randall, Jacob Knock, Luke Waddell, Danielus Tuma, Joe Astley

Yr 9/10 Girls: Laura Howson, Lauren Wadell, Zoe Brown, Mimi Ward

Yr 9/10 Boys: Ted De turris, Kirk Foulds, Caleb Rebelo, Matt Plumb

Yr 11, 12, 13 Girls: Jordi Crowther, Elena Kent, Antonia Major, Millie Rushton

yr 11, 12, 13 Boys: Joshua Rebelo, Will Hewitt, Ryan Foulds, Peter Jenkins, Michael Turnbull, Joe Tanswell, Liam Foulds, Jack Gibson



I think Mimi might be about to sneeze in this one ... nice to see former student Andy Rigg helping us out as well.

Year 7 A and B Netball Teams vs Imberhorne

On Thursday 1st October, Sackville's year 7 Netball teams had their first fixture against Imberhorne. Both A and B teams progressed throughout their games and showed some excellent qualities and talent throughout. The final scores were: A team – 13-0 win; B team – 8-2 win

Pupils involved:

Taylor Goodall, Sophie Larkin, Caleen Cherry, Annie Pinder, Ella Browne, Sophie Taylor, Issy Carrick, Lucy Plumb, Anika Raymond, Jess Aylen, Eloise Bassett, Freya Healiss, Scarlett Treadaway and Georgie Coughlan.

Overall our year 7s sports teams have made a fantastic start to their Sackville careers, taking every opportunity the school offers them. Here you can see the year 7s who have represented the school so far.



Geographers in the field

Both year 12 and year 8 geographers have recently visited the Sussex coast as part of their courses. Both groups of students looked at river processes and coastal defences. The highly fragile chalkland coast is retreating by about 30cm each year, making coastal defence in places like Birling Gap and Cuckmere Haven an important consideration for those whose homes are close to cliff edges.

Every cloud has a silver lining though: At this rate of erosion, in ten thousand years Sackville students will not have to travel to undertake the field trip.

Photos of both trips follow. Good to see Mr Latus giving that yellow coat a run-out; we haven't seen it much lately.



Interested in helping Sackville move forward?

Our **Parents' Focus Group** needs new members. You will get a chance to have your say on how the school develops over the next five years.

If you are interested please email Paul Street on pstreet@wsgfl.org.uk



We are so pleased with Sackville and how you've helped our daughter settle in. The work that you and your colleagues are doing there is amazing.

Year 7 camp in pictures



And finally ...

... a plea to drive carefully down Bourg de Peage Avenue. A couple of cars have recently had their wing mirrors clipped.