



19 September 2025

Dear Families

## Sackville Languages Week – Monday 22 to Friday 26 September 2025

The Languages Department is delighted to be hosting Sackville's inaugural Languages Week from Monday 22 to Friday 26 September 2025. The aim of the week, which is timed to coincide with European Day of Languages on the Friday, is to celebrate the enormous linguistic diversity of the Sackville community, to celebrate the cultural richness of our staff and student body, and to give students a greater awareness and appreciation of the value of language learning and languages as a whole.

Last year, as part of our celebration of European Day of Languages, students and staff contributed to a canvas which shows the word 'peace' in 47 of the languages spoken in our school. This canvas is now proudly displayed in reception as an example of our commitment to this value. This year, we will be focusing on 'Community' and encouraging students to take part in a range of activities with this in mind. A programme of events can be seen below.

### Video

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we are asking for students to volunteer to appear in a whole-school video, speaking for around 30 seconds to a minute about what 'Community' means to them. We would welcome students to do this in any language they feel comfortable, including English, but would like to particularly encourage those students who speak a language other than English. The video will be shown within school, circulated via the Families Bulletin, and used at school events for promotional purposes. If your child wishes to participate, please complete the attached [consent form](#) by Friday 19 September, and indicate the day(s) in which they would be available to record their clip.

### Programme

All students in Years 7-11 will take part in assemblies focusing on languages and communities. There will also be a form time session for each year group focusing on a different element of linguistic and cultural diversity in the UK. In addition to this, we have an exciting programme of events for students to take part in, ranging from competitions to artwork. Please find the programme, with locations, year groups and prices - where appropriate - overleaf. All monies raised will go to charity.

For the [Year 7](#) and [Year 11](#) film screenings, please complete the linked consent forms to register your child's attendance, and don't forget to bring some money for popcorn! Students can sign up for the other events through their form tutor in advance/on the day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breaktime	<b>Sixth Form Competition</b>	<b>Quiz - Open to all</b>	<b>Sweet Sale Canopy</b>	<b>Y10 and Y11 Tour de France</b>	<b>'Community' artwork/Poster</b>

	B14	B13	<b>Y10 and Y11 Tour de France Challenge Gym</b>	<b>Challenge Gym</b>	<b>making - open to all B14</b>
Lunchtime	<b>Year 7 Competition Fun with Flags B14</b>	<b>Year 8 Competition Hook-a-duck B15</b>	<b>Year 9 Competition Global flavours B11</b>	<b>Year 10 and 11 Competition Tour de France Gym</b>	<b>‘Community’ artwork/Poster making - open to all B14</b>
After-school	<b>Video filming B14 3.00pm - 4.30pm</b>	<b>Video filming B14 3.00pm - 4.30pm</b>  <b>Year 7 Film Screening</b> Carlitos y el Campo de los Sueños Main Hall 4.30pm - 6.30pm  Suggested £1 donation	<b>Video Filming B14 3.00pm - 4.30pm</b>	<b>Year 11 Film Screening - GCSE Spanish Students</b> Ocho apellidos vascos B14 3.30pm - 5.30pm	

We are thoroughly excited to be able to once more celebrate the linguistic diversity and cultural curiosity of all students at Sackville, and look forward to an unforgettable week.

Yours sincerely

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