

Sackville News

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Dear Parents,

We are already well into March and so much has happened since the last edition of Sackville News!



No sooner had our fantastic show “Back to the 80s” celebrated a fantastic final night’s performance, we had a large group of intrepid skiers landing in Boston at the start of a **tremendous week’s skiing at Killington**. By all accounts, it was an amazing experience.

We are accustomed to hearing about how **wonderful our students are when they go away on trips**. Even so, we were delighted to hear from the company representative in the USA that: “**Sackville School really did stand out from the crowd in a resort full of British school groups. They certainly did you all proud out there.**”



Special thanks go to **Mr Treen** for his fantastic organisation, and to **Mr Hayden, Ms Vance, Mrs Hadlow** and **Mr Gerretsen** for all of their support. It was certainly a trip that will last a lifetime in the students’ memories.



This was soon followed by fifty of our year 10 historians (and five history teachers) getting up before dawn on the last day of February to catch an early flight for their four day trip to **Berlin**. The trip was action packed, with visits to the **Bundestag**, the **Brandenburg Gate**, **Sachsenhausen** Concentration Camp, **Checkpoint Charlie**, the **SS headquarters**, the **Olympiastadion** and the **Holocaust Museum**. Many thanks to **Ms Vance** and the history staff for organising it so well.

On 1st March, **year 6 parents were informed about the secondary school places allocated for their children. Sackville was very oversubscribed**, clearly an **extremely popular choice** in the local area. I am so appreciative of the faith put in our school as a fine centre of education. I am also conscious that there are many disappointed families at this point and do hope they achieve positive outcomes.



We have had **significant sporting successes** over the past three weeks which I am delighted to share with you.

Huge congratulations go to **Cameron Wrapson** in year 8 for his swimming exploits over the last weekend of February. Cameron won **8 Gold, 1 Silver** and **3 Bronze** medals at the **Sussex County Swimming Championships** whilst swimming for Crawley Swimming Club.



Well done to **Cecce Cashman** in year 9, who is now **British Kickboxing Champion** in her weight category. Cecce returned to competition after a year away, **winning her three fights in Nottingham** last month.



Following a recent trial and assessment process **Matthew Tomkinson** has been selected to the **Sussex County RFU U17** squad. In the same weekend of hearing this he also was selected to play for **East Grinstead RFC 1st team** as part of a development programme, scoring and **converting a try in his debut game** and helping them win their league match against Plumpton RFC. Also in rugby, **Elliott Vincent** has been selected to play for Sussex.



Meanwhile, **Heidi Crowther** recently returned to defend her **national under-19 trampolining title** in the midst of her year 11 GCSE mock exams. Despite this added pressure she still managed a **podium finish**,

coming a creditable third. Heidi achieved her podium finish having scaled back her training from 12 to six hours per week to allow her to concentrate on her academic studies. We are seriously impressed!

On the academic front, I am delighted to share that **Luke Waddell**, year 11, has been invited to the **UK maths challenge summer school in Leeds** at the end of July following a fantastic performance in the **national maths challenge competitions**. I believe this is a first for Sackville. In addition to this, he has passed the aptitude test and reached the interview stage for an **Arkwright Engineering Scholarship**. Well done Luke!



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust



Our teaching staff are as committed as ever to their development and I am accordingly thrilled to announce the inaugural issue of our **teaching and learning research magazine *The Journal***.

Compiled by **Steve Bush**, our leader of professional learning, the publication exists to showcase the research that has been carried out by our **teaching and learning groups** over the last year. As you can see from the contents of this edition, there is some diverse and interesting work going on in the school, all of which is designed to ensure the **learning at the school is as strong as it can be**.

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Many congratulations to a large group of year 7 students who attended a celebration tea with Mrs Farrant, Mr Thompson and me to mark the excellent improvement in Attitude to Learning scores on their reports so far. These occasions are such a pleasure for us all and they remind me, yet again, that we have such a great student body here.



Isabella Collins spent the first Saturday in March at the **regional final of the Rotary Young Chef Competition**, having won two heats so far. Her cooking was up to her usual high standard, but she narrowly missed going through to the next round this time. A great effort to have got that far Bella! More from Mrs Smeaton later in Sackville News.

Thank you to all of the **visitors, students, parents and staff** who made the **Meet the Professionals** evening such a success last week. We were delighted to welcome such a diverse range of **local employers**, who could showcase the different pathways available to students once they leave school. Especially pleasing was the fact that several of the exhibitors were previous Sackville students, including members of last year's leadership team **Chris Oglethorpe** and **Chloe Maraner**, who are now nearly a year into their apprenticeships.



Having **Year 8 Options Evening** on the same day also meant parents and students could think about the choices made for GCSE alongside longer-term considerations. A special thank-you to **Ms Rooke**, our careers leader, upon whose tireless efforts the success of the evening was built.

This month, our A level physics students took a day trip to **Dungeness B Power Station**.



The students were able to see how **nuclear fission** and **electromagnetism** combine to generate power in this corner of Kent. The staff at the station were also keen to impress upon the students safety measures in place after the Fukushima nuclear plant meltdown, which have involved building a large sea wall around the reactor to protect against tidal surges. Thank you to **Mr Keeble**, **Mr Bush** and **Mrs Plumb** for accompanying the students.



Encouraging our students to read is always one of our key aims at Sackville– which is why we are always keen to celebrate **World Book Day**. This year our **English teachers** once again dressed up as **characters from literature**.

Meanwhile, in the **Learning Resource Centre Mrs Rose** offered students a **'blind date with a book'** on a first come, first served basis. Students chose a book wrapped up to disguise its identity, and were then entered into a prize draw once they answered a few questions on it. Mrs Rose was cleared out of books by the end of morning registration!

Thank you to **Mrs Rose** and our **English staff** for making sure books and reading stay front and centre of our minds.

Congratulations to **Freya Eastcott** and **Leah Bush** who have just come **second in the 2019 Big Bang competition for young scientists and engineers**. The girls' project looked at the cost-effectiveness of hand-sanitisers, using advanced scientific and mathematical procedures to reach their conclusions.

At the NEC on Thursday 14th March, the girls' immaculate poster presentation impressed the judges so much that they were awarded second place in the junior science category. This is a truly splendid achievement that places them amongst the country's elite young scientists. Mrs Stromfield has more on this later in Sackville News.



Finally, I would like to congratulate our **wonderful year 11 students** for their fine approach towards the **second set of mock examinations** held earlier this month. This process enables them to refine their preparations for the summer papers and I am so proud of their **resilience, commitment and positivity**.

Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop is now in place – **most items only £1 each ...**

We have shirts, skirts, trousers and PE kits all waiting for a new home!

Please visit reception to ask to see the stock or ask your child to visit at lunchtimes.

We ask that you are patient if Reception is busy at the time you visit.

Is your child now too big for the shirt you bought 6 weeks ago? Please give it a new home at the second hand shop, all clothes donations to reception gratefully received.

The recipe for success

Mrs Smeaton writes:-

Food students have had numerous successes over the past few weeks.



Isabella Collins did an amazing job at the **District Finals of the Rotary Chef Competition** at Merton College - creating a tasty, skilful and well-presented three course meal. Although she narrowly missed out on going forward to the next stage of the competition, she demonstrated an incredible work ethic in progressing so far in this competition.

All four of the Sackville Competitors this year (Hannah Plumb, Ciara Humphrey, Scott Humphrey, as well as Isabella) were excellent examples of the “Iceberg Illusion”. They all created dishes within a timescale that many adults would find extremely difficult. This was no fluke! It was due to an incredible amount of time and effort behind the scenes. Dishes were tested and improved, there were some failures along the way, but perseverance led to well executed dishes on the

day. Students responded well to feedback from our “Mentor chef” Simon Boyle (thank you Simon) and from the competition judges. Students continued to strive to improve their dishes, there were plenty of practices at home (Isabella’s family will not be eating chicken ballotine for quite some time I suspect!) to perfect their dishes and to make sure they could be completed within the strict time restrictions.

There were some less enjoyable preparations needed for the competition too – time-plans had to be written, dishes needed to be costed and a written justification handed into the judges. This was further evidence of the tremendous amount of hard work put in by the students, all of which had to be juggled around the usual demands of their GCSE courses.

The Year 11 **Food Preparation and Nutrition Students** have been completing their three hour practical assessment work this week. Yet again we have seen the success of students resulting from their commitment and hard work, where dishes have been carefully planned and practised to ensure their success on the day.

Well done to all!

The Paella Fella tells business students how it is done

Mrs Fleming writes:-

Y10 BTEC were given a guest lecture from local entrepreneur **Nick Blythe** from local catering company **Paella Fella** on 5th March.

Nick gave a masterclass to the enterprise students on delivering a pitch. He shared his journey from running the school tuck shop to IT sales professional to offering hassle free Spanish catering for events in West Sussex. Nick was impressed with the class’s questions about whether he still got nervous or how he thought BREXIT would impact the local economy. The students were hugely appreciative of the time he gave to help them develop their business skills for the future.



Danica, Kit and Melissa light up ‘Youth Speaks’

Mrs Fleming writes:-



Danica Douglas, Melissa Turner and Kit O'Callaghan chose the topic 'Invisible disabilities' at the latest round of the ‘Youth Speaks’ public speaking competition.

Following from their success in the East Grinstead heat, the team competed against three other teams in Lindfield on 23rd February to represent the district at the final with their public speaking entry on how invisible disabilities such as depression and anxiety need to be more widely recognised. They narrowly missed out on a finals spot but learnt more about how to plan and execute an engaging speech before a live audience.

UK Maths Challenge Team Challenge

Mr Linnington writes:-

On Wednesday 6th March, Callum Harrison (Y9), Emma Stefanescu (Y9), Thomas Salter (Y8) and Harry Roberts-Percy (Y8) went to Holy Trinity School in Crawley to take part in the UKMT Team Challenge.

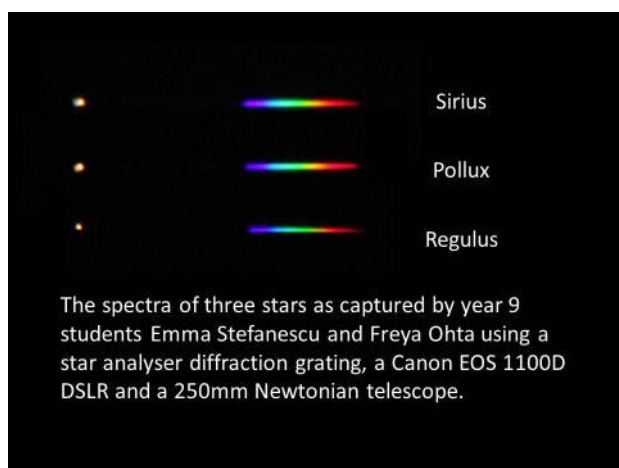
The day involved four different activities (covering a range of topics) where students worked either in pairs or collaborated with their entire team, culminating in a relay race activity at the end of the day. Our team worked incredibly well together, coming a highly creditable sixth out of 21 participating schools. The top five schools were all independent schools.

Well done everyone!



Observatory Open evening March 13th 2019

Mr Bush writes:-



Our final observatory open evening of the season was a great success, despite some early problems with nuisance clouds! Thirty students and parents came along for a busy two hours observing and photographing the moon.

Year 9 students Emma Stefanescu and Freya Ohta were the first ever to photograph stellar spectra through our scopes, and will use the data buried in the images to reveal the constituent elements of each star. They also took some great photos of the lunar terminator.

Meanwhile other guests observed double stars Castor and Alcor, as well as a glorious sporadic meteor streaking fast from east to west. Steve Pond, our friend and enthusiastic supporter, led tours of the sky too, making this a memorable evening for all. Thanks also to Geraldine James for her help.

The Big Bang competition for young scientists and Engineers – The Final!

Mrs Stromfield writes:-

Last summer our **CREST award groups** from year 9 entered The Big Bang competition at the South East fair held at Ardingly showground. **Freya Eastcott** and **Leah Bush** presented their project on whether the cost of hand sanitiser was linked to its effectiveness – do you get value for money in buying one that is more expensive

The girls completed their initial project using microbiology techniques and analysed their data using the Spearman's rank statistical test. The judges were impressed with all of the projects but the girl's project won the prize for mathematics AND overall winner from the South East Heat. In case you are wondering, they did not find any correlation between price and effectiveness.

Forward-wind to this week (13-14th March) and the girls have been competing in the final held over two days at Birmingham's NEC. In between the summer and the final Freya and Leah put in extra time to improve their investigation, adding some experiments to try to work out how much gel was needed to effectively kill the microbes on your hands.



This still remains inconclusive but more science knowledge and techniques were used and added to their presentation.

I had the privilege of going to Birmingham on the 13th to see how professional their project was and was delighted to hear that their visit from the judges had gone so well. Looking round I could see that the way they had presented their stand would be fierce competition for some of the other projects.

After waiting for the whole day Thursday to hear, I had a text to say that they had won **RUNNERS UP IN THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CATEGORY!** This is an amazing achievement for the girls WELL DONE LEAH and FREYA this is truly well deserved, the Sackville science department are very proud of you!

Sports News



26th February: **U14 girls' hockey** lost 1-2 to Woldingham Girls. Excellent attacking from the whole team. Special mention to Sarah Cotterell from year 8 for her work in defence

26th February: **U16A Netball** won 16-15 against Lingfield College, clawing victory back from 1-5 down. Player of the match **Freya Healiss**

26th February: **U16B Netball** lost 11-16 to Lingfield College with the game just escaping them in the final quarter. Player of the Match **Eloise Judge**



27th February: **U12 End of Season Netball Tournament** saw a great performance from the whole squad, playing nine matches in a row. An outstanding team effort. Watch this team for the future!



28th February: **U15 Girls' Cricket** won the Lady Taverners' U15 round and are through to the County Final on 18th March

28th February: **U15 Rugby** beat Oriol 24-5. Try scorers **Jack Sands** and **Elliott Vincent**. Player of the Match **Vincent Turner**



1st March: **U13 Futsal** team came third in the Sussex tournament. **Bella Kilkenny** was immense in defence, **Noemi Molnar** and **Orla Humphrey** ran the midfield, and **Katie Smyth** scored a goal against the eventual winners

4th March: **U13 Boys' Hockey** lost 1-2 to Oathall. Scorer **Freddie Mabey**. **Max Aubrey** was awesome as sweeper in his first ever game



5th March: **U13 Basketball** beat The Weald 42-10, with excellent performances from everyone. Point scorers **Will Bramwell** (16), **Toby Sheridan** (10) and **Sam Mosley** (10). Shout outs too to **Logan Joao**, **Rowan Englishby-Allen** and **David Tirsoaga**

5th March: **U13 cross country** competed strongly at Worth School. Gracie Beatty came 4th and Katie Smyth 21st



6th March: **U14 Girls' Football Team** lost 0-2 in each of their tournament games against Warden Park and The Weald. Player of the Tournament **Eve Kendall**

6th March: **U15 Boys' Football** lost 0-2 against Warden Park in the cup. Player of the Match **Darragh O'Connor**

8th March: **U14 Boys' Football** lost 1-2 to Forest in the Area Cup. Scorer **Harvey Burgess**. Players of the Match **Charlie Snashfold** and **Harrison Mills**

8th March: **U13 Sussex Hockey Tournament** Lost 0-2 to Seaford, 0-1 to Hurstpierpoint, 0-2 to Windlesham House, Drew 0-0 with Great Walstead, won 1-0 against Oathall (scorer **Freddie Mabey**). Great saves from **Matt Lehman** and tireless efforts from **Rhys Hunt** in midfield

11th March: **U15 Boys' Hockey** lost 0-1 to Worth. Player of the Match **Olly Ally** for tireless running and positive passing

12th March: **U15 Boys' Hockey** lost 2-3 to Lancing. Superb play in midfield from Luke Maker and Olly Ally. **Jake Hodges** voted Man of the Match

13th March: **U13 Basketball** beat Michael Hall 24-7. Player of the Match **Toby Sheridan**

13th March: **U16 Rugby** beat Forest 33-17

13th March: **U15 Girls' Hockey** drew 0-0 with Woldingham. Some great saves from **Lucy Rogers**. Player of the Match **Millie Knowles**

March 13th: **U13 Netball B** lost 1-9 to Imberhorne. Thank-you to all of the year 8 players for their great commitment this season!

March 14th: **U12 Rugby** came fourth in mid-Sussex tournament. Players of the tournament **Jay Richardson** and **Ollie Hodge**



March 14th: **U12 Girls' Football** won the mid-Sussex football tournament, four wins and one draw. Player of the Tournament **Lauren Tweed** for her tenacious tackles

Girls U13 & U15 Futsal Tournaments

Miss Offler writes:-

On Tuesday 12th February two teams competed in their first **Sussex County Girls Futsal** tournament. This was just one tournament in the area, with the winners of each age group going through to the Sussex Finals.

There was some fierce competition for both teams throughout the event. It was an excellent afternoon where the students got the opportunity to take part in an up-and-coming sport.

The U15 team played very well throughout all of their games and were unfortunate to lose 2 of their games; however, due to their excellent scoring record, they came 2nd overall on goal difference. Player of the tournament went to Hannah Plumb for her outstanding goals!

The U13 team also played very well throughout the afternoon and came 1st overall, giving them the opportunity to go through to the Sussex finals. Player of the tournament went to Mia Carew for her relentless effort.

U13 team: Tori McKnight, Amy Nolan, Dominika Molnar, Mia Carew, Lola Verocarre-Shaw, Katie Smyth, Bella Kilkenny, Noemi Molnar, Yasmina Lahboub, Daisy Titchener.

U15 team: Hannah Plumb, Lucy Plumb, Rhianna Major, Millie Knowles, Eloise Bassett, Emma Smyth, Lily Walker, Freya Ohta, Ella Kosifou, Eve Kendall.

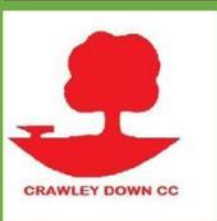
U13 Futsal Finals

On Friday 1st March the U13 team took part in the Futsal finals. The girls were positive throughout their matches, showing lovely quick skills and shots on goal. Bella Kilkenny was ferocious in defence, whilst Noemi Molnar and Orla Humphrey worked hard in midfield. The girls had some very tough competition but ended up coming a very respectable 3rd place, which they should be especially proud of as it was their first competition of this kind. Well done girls!

The team: Orla Humphrey, Katie Smyth, Tori McKnight, Bella Kilkenny, Noemi Molnar, Mia Carew.



Crawley Down Cricket Club



Are you aged 14 or below?

Would you like to play cricket for a local team?

Then why not come along and have a go at Crawley Down Cricket Club.

This year we have an exciting opportunity for juniors aged 14 or below to come along and have a go at Crawley Down.

Crawley Down Cricket Club is a friendly family orientated club. At Crawley Down our main aim is to enjoy playing cricket so no matter what your ability, we would be delighted if you would like to come along and have a go.



Training session will be on Friday evenings throughout the summer 6-7.

Matches for the U14s will be played on Thursday evenings.

For more information please contact the head coach Liam Henderson via e-mail at:
lhenderson@youngpilepsy.org.uk



Solihull Parenting Course – 0-18 years old

Solihull Approach is a 10 week course for parents with children from universal to complex needs and is all about emotional health and well-being.

Aims:

- To offer an opportunity for parents to reflect on their current situation with their children and how they can support them to find a positive way forward..
- To look at the whole family and their needs and how these can be best supported by the parents and wider family.
- For parents to have an opportunity to share experiences .

The programme is designed to run for 2 hours per week over 10 weeks, and sessions covered include:

- How do you know what you and your child are feeling?
- Tuning in to your child's developmental needs
- Having fun together
- Self-regulation
- Sleep and anger
- Different styles of parenting
- How to recover when things go wrong

"I'm more aware of mine and my child's feelings and I've learnt how all my children are different and how to cope with things to come"

