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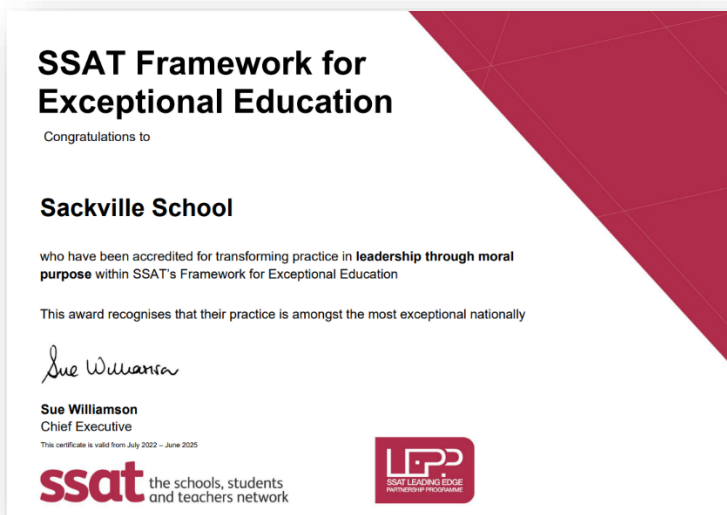
# Sackville News

Thursday July 21 2022

This final half term has been an action packed ending to the academic year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and enjoy a chance to relax, ready for students to return back to school in September.

## Sackville meets the highest standards of the SSAT Framework for Exceptional Education

We are delighted to announce that we have been recognised by the SSAT for **practice that is amongst the best nationally**. We have been accredited for **transforming practice in Engaging with evidence and research and Leadership through moral purpose**, a lovely recognition to receive at the end of the year.



## Duke of Edinburgh



After three years, Sackville students were back at **Wick Street Farm** on Saturday June 11, halfway through their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition**.

The weather gods looked on benignly and Sunday saw all 11 groups succeed in completing their expeditions as they arrived tired, but (largely) fulfilled, at the final checkpoint in Shortgate.

**Congratulations to all who took part** and thank you to the staff who gave up their weekend and especially **Mrs Doran** for organising.

## Diana Anti-Bullying ambassadors



Congratulations to Mrs Sands, Mr Pearson, Mia and Ben in year 7, Monty and Sienna in year 8, and Luke and Ellie in year 9 who are now **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors** from the Diana Award.

After training at the end of June, they will now be promoting positivity and being 'upstanders' around the school community. Thank you and well done!



## Year 12 Futures Day

Year 12 enjoyed a dynamic and wide ranging programme of events on Thursday June 9. Our programme included sessions from university representatives, job application preparation and former Sackville students following apprenticeship and degree routes.

The Lifeskills Company ran a CV and cover letter writing workshop, followed by interview preparation and practice led by Mr Batsford, and ably assisted by Mr Watson and Mrs Smith.

The University of Law, University of Sussex and University of the Arts (Plymouth) ran excellent sessions on how to prepare a university application, applying for a law degree in policing,

criminology or law, and preparing portfolios for arts related courses.

We were thrilled to welcome some university students to the school, some of them ex-Sackville students, to host a question and answer session on all aspects of university life.

We were very impressed by the students and by Neeve Theobald-Smith's (2020 leaver) presentation and interactive question and answer session on applying for and following a healthcare degree apprenticeship.

Students were then able to spend some time with form tutors researching suitable programmes of study. A big thank you to all those involved in the planning and delivery of the day!



## Proms 2022

On the last day in June we said goodbye to both our **year 11s** and our **year 13s**. These students are the first to have sat formal exams since the pandemic, and if ever anyone deserved a good send-off it was them.

Post-Covid booking challenges meant the proms were on the same night – but that merely doubled the enjoyment.



**Year 11s** kicked off the day with a special assembly compered by MC Millican, who at one point seemed to become a little teary – hayfever apparently.

The assembly featured a great collection of photos from the students' early days – the laughter could be heard on the other side of school. At the end of the assembly the students were applauded out by a year 7 guard of honour.



The venue was **Plumpton Racecourse** and students departed Sackville in coaches in the early evening. Tractors, a fire engine and a plethora of fine cars conveyed the students to school in all their finery. The prom was a huge success and enjoyed by staff and students alike.

Meanwhile, the **year 13s** had their prom at David Salomons' House near Tunbridge Wells. Another lovely location and a great way to send off a year group who sat challenging level 3 assessments this year having never taken their GCSEs. A great evening was had by all.

Thank you to all the staff who made both these send offs so memorable.



## Fundraising for Ukraine

### Orshivtsy Orphanage Ukraine Clothing Drive:

A Message on behalf of [www.anorphansmiles.org](http://www.anorphansmiles.org)

Well, thanks to you amazingly generous people of the Sackville Community there are some very smiley orphans in Ukraine now.

You have all been brilliant and very generous. Thank you so much for showing such kindness and compassion. The charity does fantastic work and it is wonderful that we can also show our support in this way.

They have sent a beautiful video of the children performing a flag dance, it reminds me of our Maypole dances and they have also sent a lovely photo so that you can see their gorgeous smiles.

Lyn Kolber from the charity is now going to start collecting **art supplies** so that the orphanages can begin doing some art therapy to help deal with the trauma suffered by the children both before and during the current incursion.

Thank you for your generosity with the Clothing Drive.



Well done to **Joshua** in year 7 who has raised nearly £50.00 for the **Disasters Emergency Committee's** Ukraine appeal – by knitting small Ukrainian flags.

These can be seen in the rooms of several members of staff at school.

Josh learned to knit during lockdown and has been honing his skills ever since.

Great to see a student living so clearly the *Sackville Way*.



## Hospitality and Catering

Our year 9 students really enjoyed learning how to cook paneer recipes from **Mrs Rahman**, one of our study supervisors.



Supervised by Mrs Slater, the results were simply mouth-watering!

The first **Sackville Bake Off** had the theme '**Platinum Jubilee**' as inspiration and students from year 7 to 9 were invited to take part by baking a cake and sending in a picture. Students from Sackville school and Imberhorne school were invited.

10 finalists were then selected, five from each school. Our finalists were Oscar year 9, Claudia year 8, Avy -Mai year 7, Rose year 8 and Neve year 8.

The live bake off was held on July 7 and finalists were given up to four hours to remake their cake for judging. The **judges** included **Max Leonard**, a local professional chef, **Ivy Pimenta**, who retired from teaching home economics at Sackville 23 years ago and **Mary Smith**, another retired home economics teacher.

The winners were then announced and prizes awarded by the **Mayor, Adam Peacock**. The competition was sponsored by the **Rotary Club of East Grinstead Meridian**. The overall winner was Angel from Imberhorne, second place went to Oscar and third place went to Rose both from Sackville school.

## Music

We've known how great they are for ages, so it is not surprising they were asked to play the **Oxted Beer Festival**. Well done to Amber and the band. They may have left Sackville, but we've not heard the last of them by any means.



We would like to thank TASEG (**The Arts Society East Grinstead**) for their very generous donation to the music department.

We have bought a new set of speakers for the classroom which deliver crystal clear audio for the students to experience and enjoy. We're very lucky to have the support of TASEG and are hugely grateful to them.

To find more about TASEG please visit their website <https://taseg.org.uk/>



**Well done** to our brilliant drumming students who performed on Thursday July 14 to an enthralled audience. We had fantastic renditions of songs such as Smells Like teen Spirit and Out of The Black.

A special mention goes to all of the students that performed last week who have all worked really hard this year to develop their drumming skills.

It was a pleasure to watch you playing with such accomplishment; we know that Sam Barnes, your drum teacher, is immensely proud of you all too.



Congratulations to Brodie, Dylan, Georgia, Harry, Keira, Oliver, Oscar, Raef, Summer, Yanni, Zach, Zoe, Rowan, Ava, Eleanor, Cadan and Lillian.



## Art

### Mrs Buckley writes:-

A school art department is a world of its own.

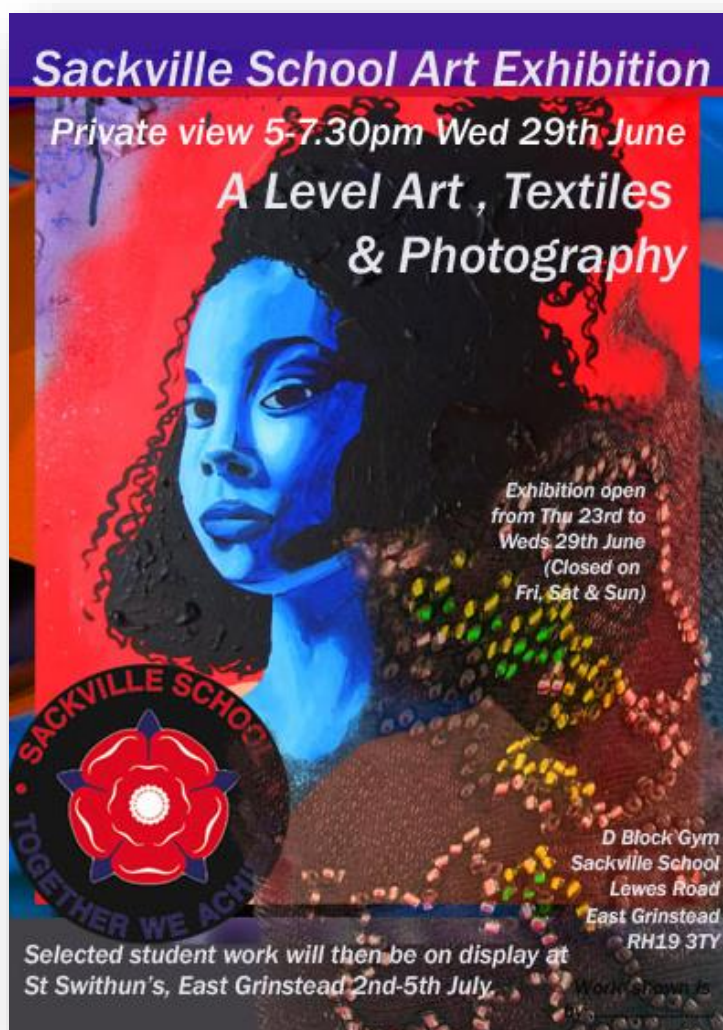
On any given day at Sackville School, you can find a small cluster of students making photographs in our darkroom; another group beavering away on sewing machines and another working at canvases on easels or putting their prints through the press.

The energy that our young people generate as they make drawings or design a product is an inspiration. They work hard and we are really proud to celebrate their achievements.

This year, after two years without a show, we presented you a selection of work from Sackville School's current cohort. They have studied GCSE art, A level photography, A level art and A level textiles. Despite so much disruption over the past two years, our students have produced work of great personality and strength of character, often dealing with themes that have touched all of our lives.

We hope those of you who attended enjoyed the display.

The Art Team



## English

Ms Wernham writes:-

In **Book Club** we have all been reading different books this month. Some members took a free choice of what novel to read, whilst some of our members wanted to explore books by the acclaimed author, illustrator and screenwriter Alice Oseman. She created the original webcomic 'Heartstopper', which then became a popular graphic novel series and has now been adapted into a hit series on Netflix.

Thank you for all of your wonderful entries to the '**Share a SHELFIE!**' competition. Here are our excellent winning pictures.



Ms Godden writes:-

Last week, students took part in a range of activities for **Reading Week**. The whole of year 7 took part in a creative writing workshop on creating cartoon strips from a children's author and illustrator, the top achievers for reading progress in years 8 and 9 enjoyed a Sherlock Holmes based Murder Mystery, the whole school had some peace and quiet with 15 minutes of **Drop Everything and Read** each day and various competitions, quizzes and reading based lessons took place across the school over the course of the week. Students were also read stories during assembly.





## Business & Economics

**Mr Batsford** and **Mr Dupoy** accompanied 42 enthusiastic year 12 economics students to the **City of London**. We took a train to London, and then took a classic commuter walk over London Bridge into the heart of the City. Passing through Leadenhall Market (Diagon Alley in the first Harry Potter film) we made our way to the **Bank of England Museum**, where the students learnt all about the operations of the Bank and also lifted a real gold bar.

We then enjoyed a fantastic lunch at a street food market, which some described as the best food they'd ever tasted!



Next, onto the Barbican, where we received all fresco presentations from an **Entrepreneur** and a **Financial Journalist** about careers in finance – the students were fully engaged, as evidenced by the multitude of questions they asked. Finally, we walked back to London Bridge, clocking up nearly 15,000 steps each in the process. An excellent day out, with a very special set of students, some of whom will hopefully be inspired to follow careers in finance. Well done to all and thanks to Mr Batsford and Mr Dupoy for organising.

## Sport

**Sackville were the run out winners in the annual Matt Cox game** recently. A beautiful sunny Sunday is the least that is needed to commemorate a young man as vibrant and full of life as Matt Cox, who passed away far too early in 2015. Each year, Sackville play a memorial game against Edenbridge, where this cricket-mad young man plied his trade. This year, we came out on top.

Sackville made 227 for 2. Henry Groves made a quick fire 16 dealing only in boundaries, including an audacious reverse sweep off Dan Cox. Jack Unwin was next to go with a brief 10 after playing a lovely cover drive. Then Ben Davies and Josh Watson came together and put on 179 in an unbeaten 4th wicket stand. With Ben scoring 84 not out and Josh 87 not out. They both scored all around the wicket with the skate park becoming a dangerous to be found on your board!

In reply Edenbridge began brightly with Nick Trotter scoring a quick 42. Alex Pearse and Ravi Cryer tried to dry up the runs. Wickets began to fall as the run rate increased with Ravi picking up a couple. Josh Watson and Ben Davies then helped themselves to some wickets to go with their runs. Some good catching by Luke Hollidge and Charlie Snashfold meant Sackville won by 21 runs in the end.



Well done to everyone playing  
– Matt would have been extremely proud of both teams!



.....Continuing with cricket, many congratulations to our U12 team who won the Area Cup! They bowled out The Weald for 29. The students bowled extremely well having 7 batsmen bowled. The fielders backed up the bowlers with two good catches by Ben and a superb one by Subomi! Charlie began the damage in the first over taking.....





A huge win for the **U13 boys** in the cup game against Imberhorne recently.

After losing the toss and being put into bat Ben and Lewys put on a great opening partnership, which included two massive 6s from Lewis. They were well supported by George and Barney. Well done boys!



**Congratulations to the U12 girls rounds team** beating Imberhorne 24 1/2 to 12 1/2. After an unsettled first innings of fielding they soon brought it back round.

Brilliant hitting by all, especially Ami, Poppy, Lois and Lexi...





## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Challenge

Over the last two months Pippa in year 9 has taken part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Challenge. She has just received the following recognition. Well done Pippa – a great effort!



## Dance

Huge congratulations to **five of our top dancers** who were in Blackpool over the weekend of June 25 & 26 competing in the British Championships as part of the *Division Streetdance* troupe.

Here they are pictured with their medals. Well done to:

**Chloe** - year 7

**Summer** - year 8

**Lauren and Callie** - year 10

**Ella** - year 12



Get involved with the England 2022 Fan Party:



**FAN PARTY**  
Brighton & Hove

# Brighton & Hove

**Victoria Gardens**  
(adjacent to the Royal Pavilion)

**12pm - 6pm**

Saturday 9 July  
Sunday 10 July  
Monday 11 July  
Friday 15 July  
Saturday 16 July  
Sunday 17 July  
Wednesday 20 July



Victoria Gardens,  
Marlborough Place

With Austria, England and Norway headed to the South Coast, the free event for all fans will offer:

- Live music and entertainment from local bands
- Food and drink
- Pop up football pitch for coaching sessions
- Goal Power, History of Women's Football exhibition
- Giant deckchair
- Face painting
- Inflatable football targets
- Table Football
- Fast-Feet



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## Geography

Our first year 10 geography trip since 2019 was a resounding success. The weather gods smiled and students and staff enjoyed two superb days in the field on Saturday and Sunday July 9 and 10.



The first stop was a walk along Afon Mellte ('lightning' in Welsh, because of the speed with which the waters rise after rainfall). Here students were able to see how cave systems and gorges develop in limestone country.



On the way home on Monday, students either visited *Pwll Mawr* (The 'Big Pit') to learn about mining life in South Wales, or the outdoor museum of social history at St Fagan's. A fantastic trip on which our students rose to every challenge set.

Thank you to students for their enthusiasm and to our staff, especially Mr Gerretsen, for organising.



## Science

Congratulations to our fantastic biology competitors for their achievements across two biology competitions. Out of the 160 students who took part across years 9 and 10 in the **biology challenge**, 10 earned a Gold certificate and 15 earned a Silver certificate, with many more achieving Bronze and Highly Commended certificates. In particular, congratulations to **Sam, Amelia** and **Jack** for being amongst the top 3 competitors in the competition at Sackville school.



Moreover, congratulations to those year 12 students who took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad. Well done to **Rebekah** and **Mia** for achieving the Highly Commended certificates and to **Charlie** for achieving a Silver certificate – an impressive feat given the rarity to get such a fantastic score.

We are thrilled to continue to provide these types of opportunities to our science students to help promote appreciation and awareness of the subject.

Fantastic work all of you, well done!

## Curriculum Enhancement Week

We have had a brilliant curriculum enhancement week during the scorching sun, where students have displayed great teamwork, dedication and creativity in all activities.

Year 7 launched into action on their STEM day, carefully constructing and launching their own personalised rockets high into the sky – very impressive!



Year 8 made a splashing start to the week with a STEM natural disaster day, in which they constructed (mostly!) waterproof

shelters that were put to the test. No doubt that those who were drenched enjoyed some cooling down in the heat! There was a brilliant effort from all students, with one student, Daisy, commenting on the activity saying 'it was



really fun because we had to work as a team'.

Some amazing sport was also played by the year 9 students throughout the day and year 10 enjoyed a successful and inspirational 'meet the professionals' afternoon, allowing students to speak with and ask questions to gain insight into a range of different professions represented.

Well done everyone!

## Learning and Resource Centre (LRC)



### Report by Mrs Rose

During July we ran a Book Fair in the library, in preparation for Reading Week. It was very successful and students were very impressed with the choice available to buy. We managed to raise enough to get 30 free books! Amazing.

During Reading Week we ran a competition to win a *goodie bag* of prizes. The successful winner was Freya who answered the questions; When, Where, Why, Who, What....do you read? Her winning entry is below:

**When** I read a chapter of my book when I have a break in dance and just before bed. I also sometimes read to my brother when he can't sleep.

**Where** I read on my dance school sofa, on the train when I am going up to London and at home on my bed.

**Why** I read when I am bored or can't get to sleep as it helps me relax and gives me something to imagine.

**Who** My favourite author is Jacqueline Wilson because I love the fiction factor and yet she also bases her books on true things that have happened like the book 'Hetty Feather'.

**What** I read fiction books as I like getting sucked into another world of imagination. No matter how I'm feeling it always cheers me up.

Well done Freya. I hope you enjoy your prize.

The last week of term we have been closed in order to complete the annual stocktake and prepare for the new windows being installed over the summer! We ask for all the library books to be returned in order to keep them safe over the summer. If you find any stray books that have not been returned, could you please keep them safe and return them on the first week back in September.

Many thanks and have a super summer break☺



## Meet the Professionals an amazing success!

We were delighted with our third **'Meet the Professionals'** day held on Monday July 18. We had so many organisations represented that our students were spoilt for choice.

'Meet the Professionals' rounded up **Futures Day** for our year 10s. Students had spent the day looking at possible career paths, taking part in CV writing workshops and interview sessions.

We owe a huge thank you to the companies that supported this event and made it the success that it was. Perhaps the last word should go to one of our year 10 students who said....

*"I've met so many professionals today I feel like a professional already!"*





## Year 12 work experience

Students were visited by Mr Watson and Mrs Valentine this week, as they were taking part in work experience for a variety of different companies and organisations.



Well done for those successfully completing the week and gaining a good insight into the working world.

## TEFL Course

Students completed a 2 day face-to-face certified course that is internationally recognised that enables them to teach English as a foreign language. Many enrichment and development events have been on offer to the sixth form this half term. 34 students undertook a **TEFL course** (teaching English as a foreign language.) One student has already taken the initiative to set himself up online on LinkedIn to advertise his qualification, other students will be helping at Sackville summer school and others will be working throughout the school as mentors to EAL students next term.

Well done to all those who took part.

