



Sackville School

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Sackville News

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Dear Families

Welcome to the final Sackville News of the year. You will see from its contents that there has been an awful lot happening outside of the classroom, alongside regular lessons and the completion of the external exams season. Once again we have a number of brilliant articles written by our students which really help bring to life their experiences through their eyes.

We have sports and arts well represented with such amazing work and achievements from our students, alongside STEM events and our all important reading week. That's not to mention our Curriculum Enhancement Week which has only just finished so there is just a short article and a few photos and we will share more in the new term.

Towards the end of term, we also had the first of our community assemblies where students found out for the first time which community they would be part of next term and who their figurehead is. We cannot wait to get started with our 5 communities, Angelou, Attenborough, Holmes, Turing and Yousefzai and our teams are ready to work with the students on what new opportunities could grow out from them.

As is usually the case, we have a few staff moving on this summer and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in their new ventures whether it be retirement, promotions, relocation or new challenges either in another school or out of education we have them all. In September I will introduce the new staff we have recruited and who cannot wait to get started working with our Sackville students.

All that remains to be said is I wish you all a safe, happy and restful summer. I look forward to seeing some of you on GCSE and Post-16 Results days.

Jo Meloni, Headteacher

Governor Update

After a combined service of almost eighteen years, Mr Tim Humphrey and Mr Richard Blackburn have come to the end of their tenure as Sackville School Governors. Both Richard and Tim have given generously of their time to the school, making a huge impact. Tim has been our Chair of Governors for over four years and one of the legacies he leaves behind is the work we have done to strengthen our Federation with Oathall, Downlands and Imberhorne over the past 18 months. His knowledge and experience will be greatly missed but we are in very safe hands as he passes over the baton in September to Mrs Emmeline Kane, who is a parent at Sackville.

Parent Governor Election Result

We are delighted to announce that following our recent communication regarding a vacancy for a parent governor, that Mr Patrick Rolland has been elected. Patrick has two daughters at Sackville and is looking forward to supporting the school in the next stages of its journey. In his application Mr Rolland said, 'My career has taken us as a family through four different countries and this experience has shaped our approach to parenting and education. We have learnt that education begins in the home with the parents. My current role as a director in a multinational healthcare company exposes me to governance structures of business across Europe, Middle East and Africa. I am also on secondment for the International Rescue committee in Jordan'. Patrick will be a huge asset to the school and we look forward to working with him.

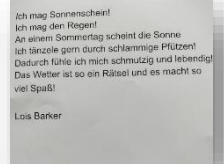


Reading Week

Last week we had Reading Week and students and staff enjoyed Drop Everything and Read in all subjects (and meetings!), guided reading sessions with a short story in tutor time, reading based lessons in a variety of subjects and we finished the week with a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream for **year 7**.

Here are some snapshots of the events, including some impressive German poetry from Mr Thompson's **year 8** class.

Esme Godden,
Teacher of English



Year 10 Geography Trip to Wales

Written by Chloe G: On the 8 July, **year 10** geography students woke up bright and early, with suitcases, duffel bags and rucksacks in hand ready for a three-day trip to Wales, for our river study fieldwork enquiry. After a long journey we finally made it to the first destination, the Sgwd Clun-Gwyn Waterfalls Walk, a lovely reward, especially after an uneasy climb down to it. If that's not enough, we continued along the river until we reached Porth yr Ogof, a cave, where we received our first of many geography talks. It was a long day, so was relieving when we arrived at Swansea University, eager to check into our rooms and try some interesting but not half bad dinner.



Having breakfast at eight the next morning, we were soon on the road to destination two, the Brecon Beacons. Enduring quite a vertical climb up to the top, we safely made our way back down the other side to the source of the River Taff, where we received a talk by Mr Johnson and demonstration on how to measure the river's depth, width, and velocity, linking this to Bradshaw's Model. However, the high spirits didn't last too long as the rain fell and kept falling for pretty much the entirety of our walk further down the upper course. I am sure a highlight for many was the burger van at the end. As the weather didn't get much better, we abandoned our attempts in Aberfan, however we did get to the mouth of the river in Cardiff.

I think a highlight for everyone was the two evenings that we spent on the beach, with the rain cleared, as we watched some lovely sunsets whilst keeping ourselves busy with ball games and even frisbee for some.

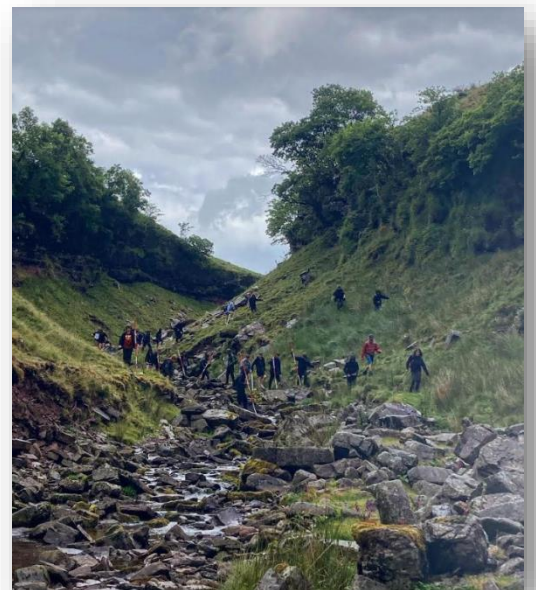
On our way back, others and I went to the Big Pit Coal Museum in Blaenavon. After queueing a very long time we went down around 350ft and experienced a fun, informative tour about what life was like for coal miners. Definitely worth the wait. Overall, this trip was great fun, despite the classic Welsh weather! **Chloe**



Written by Lewis C: When we arrived at our location we got off the coach and walked to the first sight. After getting a bit lost, we finally found the cave opening. The temperature was humid and it was definitely worth the wait. After a walk through some stunning and different landscapes we got to the waterfall. The waterfall looked like something out of a movie, the water was clear and the view from the top made it not look real. When we got back to the coach we drove to the Swansea campus, checked in, had food and went to the beach. The beach was the complete opposite of Brighton. The sand went on for miles! After playing football on the beach we walked back to the university and went to sleep ready for more exploring on the next day.

The next day involved exploring, measuring rivers and testing the velocity of the river (by throwing an orange into the river). After testing the velocity, we moved on to the other part to measure the river. This involved someone walking to the other side of a river with a person and the tape measure and seeing the measurement. We also checked the depth with a metre ruler every 3 metres. This was quite easy for some people, others were struggling with the river itself and this person might have been me. Even though I fell in, I still got the measurements. We then measured the other parts of the river the weather did fluctuate but we were resilient and managed to get the readings. We got back to the campus and went to a different beach called Caswell Bay. After that we got back to campus and went to sleep ready to go home.

The last part of our journey involved the big pit, a mine, this was very interesting especially as my Great Grandpa was a miner. After we had finished, we got on the coach to get home and that unfortunately put an end to a very enjoyable trip. **Lewis**



Year 10 Art Trip – Tate Britain

Written by Esme R - Year 10 Art GCSE: The year 10 art trip to Tate Britain was a very memorable and helpful experience for art GCSE. Seeing the paintings and portraits in person gives a very contrasting view, as to when viewing it on a modern screen or paper. It really altered my view on painting when getting to see all the detail and hard work that goes into those famous paintings, for example J M W's self-portrait.



The whole experience was astonishing and inspiring, even the architecture which made the trip even more mesmerising and it

complimented the art work. Overall, it was a lovely trip and I can't wait for the next one. **Esme**



Written by Wilfie F-W- Year 10 Art GCSE: I learnt a lot from this trip as I experienced many abstract, quirky and more modern pieces of art as well as old paintings dating back to the 1700's. I took a lot away from the gallery as I made three sketches of paintings that particularly interested me and caught my eye.



As soon as I saw the gallery entrance I was wowed by the large scale of the building and as soon as I walked inside the main

gallery the spiral staircase had my head spinning in all directions. There was art everywhere, and it took me a while to focus and take it all in as I wanted a high level of concentration for looking at the fine and intricate details of the artworks. **Wilfie**



Sackville Art Exhibition

On Wednesday 28 June we held our annual end of year 13 art and photography exhibition in D block gym. The exhibition showcased the outstanding work our year 13's have created over the last two years, as well as a selection of incredible year 11 final pieces, many of who will go on to study art or photography with us next year.



The private view evening was a great success with many visitors coming out on a very humid evening. The food technology department and **year 9 GCSE** students very generously supplied us with an array of delicious nibbles for the guests, which went down a treat.



Thank you to all those who attended and your incredibly kind comments. We look forward to seeing you at the next event.



St Swithuns Arts Festival

After a wonderful year 13 art show in school, we were then able to display a selection of high quality pieces of artwork at St Swithun's Church as part of their annual Arts Festival. The artwork was on display from Friday 30 June until Tuesday 4 July and we had work on display by the following year 13 and 11 students: **Mia L, Eve K, Ella B, Natalie R, Rebekah W, Oli C, Shauna R-D, Holly G, Seren F, Armina P, Alex P, Grace R, Amelie H-S, Hannah T and Libby S.**

Thank you to all of those who helped make the art show at school a success.

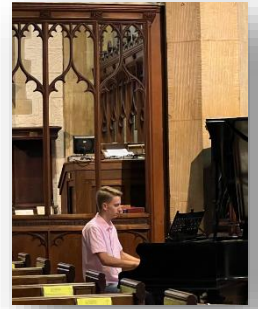
Sarah Stirling, CTL of Art & Photography





Musicians at St Swithuns Art Festival

On Friday 30 June we took students from year 8 - year 13, along to St Swithuns, for the Music & Arts Festival. The students performed in front of an audience comprised of parents and local members of the East Grinstead community. Not only did our students perform, some helped Mr Herron & Mr Costain with setting up the tech. It was a fantastic afternoon, and once again the students did us proud! **Mr Jarrod Spittles**



"The arts festival at **St Swithuns** was such a joyful even and it was so much fun to be a part of it! This was a brilliant opportunity to perform in public and to meet other **musicians** within the Sackville community, as well as to appreciate the work of the brilliant young artists in East Grinstead!" **Maja C**



20 Performing Drummers!

We held an afternoon recently, where our drum students performed to parents and friends. There were over 20 drummers performing, demonstrating their skills and progress over the year. Thank you to drum teacher Sam Barnes, who organised the event and prepared the drummers for the concert.

Tom Heatley, Curriculum Team Leader of Music



STEM Challenge

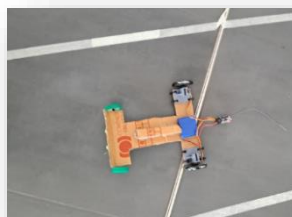
We had an amazing day at Ricardo in Shoreham by Sea with an amazing group of nine ambassadors of our school.

Students were put in groups of three. They were given a motor, remote controller and a lot of recycling materials. The groups all designed different robots, which took doing including the problem solving skills.

When robot was ready students were able to try it out and solve any engineering issues before taking part in a race against students from Holy Trinity School. We had winners team of year 9 girls: Isabella, Imogen and Eleanor robot. We were shown in the end where McLaren's engines are made as well as other engines designed and or made in company over years.

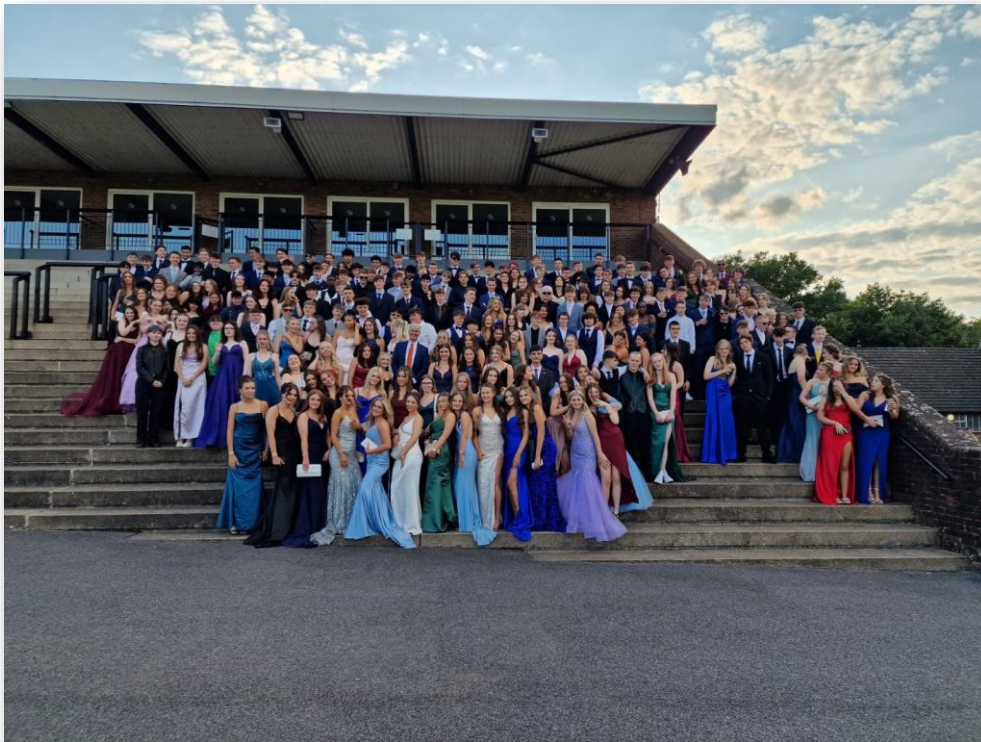
Huge thank you to James Costain for being our driver and first aider for the day.

Anna Ferguson, Teacher of Mathematics



Year 11 Prom

Prom night was a spectacular night for all of year 11 which started off with a big bang as many students arrived in fancy cars, trucks, fire engines and even one very small toy car! All of the students looked stunning in their prom outfits as I am sure they are all aware. The prom venue looked amazing thanks to our prom decor committee who deserve a massive thank you for sacrificing their time to help with prep (Mr Thompson, Mrs Randall, Emma L, George E, Naomi M, Daisy B and myself. The dance floor was packed with students dancing the night away to timeless classics and a few ABBA hits. The Prom was a chance for many students to connect with each other one last time before they all go their separate ways. As well as this, it allowed students who may have drifted apart or lost contact over the years to reconnect one last time. Overall the night was a success and it allowed students to say one last goodbye to fellow peers and teachers and it ended the same way it started with a big bang and an explosion on the dance floor of students and teachers alike dancing to Kings of Leon. **Written by Amber J**



Year 12 Biologists Visit to Wakehurst Place

The year 12 biologists had a fantastic time at Wakehurst Place. Over the course of the day, we were able to use advanced DNA techniques to identify different species and create our very own cauliflower clone!



We also had the opportunity to visit the Millennium Seed Bank and discover ways of protecting various plant species for future generations.

Mate Tate
Teacher of Biology



Year 10 and Year 12 Biology Competitions

Congratulations to our fantastic year 10 and 12 biology competitors for their achievements across two biology competitions. Over 13,000 students took part from 800 schools, and out of the 120 students who took part from year 10 in the biology challenge, many achieved a certificate for their fantastic scores. In particular, congratulations to **Lucy B** on her Silver Certificate, and **Isabelle E, Reuben H, Michal D, Jack M, Tom H** and **Joel A** on their Bronze certificates.

Moreover, congratulations to those year 12 students who took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad. Well done to **Linn S** and **Tom W** for achieving their Bronze certificates and to **Grace K** for achieving a Commended certificate. 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! **Mate Tate, Teacher of Biology**



Year 12 Photography Competition

On Thursday 15 June in the afternoon two members of the East Grinstead Meridian Rotary Club visited Sackville to present our year 12 photography students their competition prizes. **Jed S** came in 1st place and won a £50.00 Amazon voucher, with **Henry L** coming in 2nd. **Maddie S, Rhiannon B, John P** and **Barakah Y** also received a prize for entries.
Sarah Stirling, CTL Art & Photography



Oxford University Open Day

On Wednesday 28 June Mr De Souza and I took a group of year 12 students to Oxford for the university open day. The students participated in various activities in their preferred subject areas, including taster lectures, meet the students/tutors and a mock interview. We then enjoyed a tour of beautiful Worcester College in the sunshine.
Mel Porter, Curriculum Team Leader for Sociology & Criminology



SIXTH FORM

The last half term of the summer term is always a really busy one in KS5. The majority of the level 3 external exams take place at this time. Alongside these external exams, our internal year 12 exams are taking place. We were impressed by the way in which our students prepared themselves for these exams. Students are also keen to follow up their exams with consolidation work over the summer before the final countdown to exams begins in year 13.

Year 13 Prom

We were delighted to celebrate our Prom with year 13 at High Rocks in Tunbridge Wells. A special thanks goes to **Anna L, Maud K, Stalla X and Armina P** for their fantastic help with the organisation and choreography of the evening. This event would not have happened so seamlessly without their efforts, combined with the outstanding behaviour of year 13 leavers. We were very proud of them. We were delighted that the evening was so well supported by the form tutors and key staff who have been involved with the year group over the course of their time at Sackville - Mr Morris, Mrs Sands, Mr Hayden and Ms Offler.



Year 12 News

Our **LIFE** super curricular programme is now well underway with year 12. Rarely a week goes by when I am not impressed by some of the achievements of our students. Special mention and congratulations go to **Emily D** for her great achievement in gaining a place with Harlequins U18s Centre of Excellence for the 2023/24 rugby season. Watch out for her name in matches against other premiership academies throughout the season. We congratulate **Harrison C** for his enduring contribution to whole school events, in particular to his sports leadership contribution, and also **Erin B and Macie M** for their work at East Grinstead food bank.

We must mention too all those students who showcased their EPQ presentations. **Harry R-P** gave a spectacular EPQ presentation, playing and explaining and analysing the composition he had created. I apologise to those people I have missed out as this selection of activities merely skims the surface of what takes place week in week out in our sixth form. Please do encourage your child to come forward and tell us of their achievements as I know many more great things have taken place this year. **Emily D**

Year 12 Economics Trip to the City of London

Mr Batsford, Mr Dupoy and Mrs Fleming accompanied 42 enthusiastic year 12 economics students to the City of London earlier this month: “We took a train to London, and then did 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, filled out some challenging worksheets, and also lifted a real gold bar!

“We then had a fantastic lunch at a street food market, where many different types of food were sampled and enjoyed. Next to City University where the students were given a comprehensive tour of the campus, followed by a lecture from a Professor of Economics, who was impressed by the students’ engagement and varied questions.

Finally, we walked back to London Bridge, clocking up nearly 20,000 steps each for the day. An excellent day out, with a very special, impeccably behaved, set of students, some of whom will hopefully be inspired to go to University and/or follow a career in Finance”.



A popular event on our sixth form calendar in July is the **TEFL**

course - a certificated qualification enabling our students to build the foundations for teaching English as a foreign language. Over 20 students undertook this qualification and all gained certification - the sessions were vibrant, lively and engaging and Mr Dupoy and I certainly enjoyed seeing the students further their skill set.

It is of course not just about the achievements of our current students. We are always delighted to hear news of our past students. It was lovely to catch up with Katherine Radley (leaver 2022) who is now one full year into her Nursing degree. We were thrilled too to welcome **Emily C** who left some years ago now but came in and gave a great talk about life as an ICU nurse. Congratulations go to **Aminah R** (leaver 2020) who gained a first class degree in Biomedical Sciences from UCL and to **Hannah P** (leaver 2022) who has gained a scholarship to play in performance team, Loughborough Lightning women's football club, alongside studying for her undergraduate degree at Loughborough.



Our **rewards assembly for year 12** provided a great opportunity to celebrate those who have excelled in certain categories. We were proud to announce winners of various categories. Awards covered a wide variety of school life including attendance, performance and contribution to school life awards. We are of course aware that many students deserve awards and we apologise for those worthy candidates not recognised in this round of awards.

Our students in year 12 are now out on **work experience** - this is an exciting week of sampling life in the working world.



Our current **year 13s are awaiting the outcomes of their level 3 exams** - we wish them luck and good fortune and urge them not to be anxious over the summer about these impending results. We will see our students **in school for results at 8.00am on Thursday 17 August.**

In the meantime, I wish you all a pleasant summer.

Helen Valentine, Assistant Head, Head of Sixth Form

SPORT

Sackville Rowing Club

Freddie M and **Archie S** have had a very successful last rowing coaching session of this year and got out in a single racing rig without capsizing and getting wet! No mean feat! Very proud of all the rowing club members and what they have achieved.

Katie Pashley, Club Leader

Statsports

Thanks to James from Statsports for putting the year 10 GCSE students through their paces. The students experienced how the GPS technology could help monitor their performance and progress. They looked at elite stats to see what is needed to compete at the top level. An eye opener into one of the many sporting careers avenues.



Reg Clarke Games, K2 - CHAMPIONS!!!!

What a fantastic day for our junior and intermediate boys and girls. They were all fantastic in the field and on the track, with everyone contributing to the final points total, which placed us as the overall **winners**. Well done to all who competed, we are so very proud of you 🙌🏆



U13's Cricket Tournament, Burgess Hill



Our U13's competed in the Chance to shine cricket tournament in Burgess Hill. They got off to a great start with a solid win and eventually secured a place in the semi-finals. They came up against a strong Oathall side and despite bowling really well, they were unfortunately knocked out, finishing 3rd overall. Congratulations to all who took part 🏏

Sussex Schools Athletics Championships

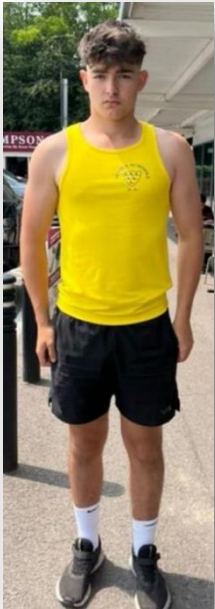
Lots of our talented athletes represented Mid-Sussex in the Sussex schools Athletics Championships. Some superb performances across the board with a few 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. Well done to all who took part 🙌🏆



Sussex Champion in the Senior Boys Hammer who was **Oscar S** with a pb of 42.78 m!
Johnny D came second in junior boys shot and has also been selected for the Sussex team.
Jack M came third in the inter boys triple jump and is reserve for the Sussex team.
Finn W in 1500m ran a pb of 4 minutes 46 seconds.
Will B came 4th in the discus.
Gabriel N 4th in the javelin.
Aiden S 4th in the triple jump
James V was 4th in the long jump
Harriet F - 6th in the triple jump
Cerys D - 4th in the discus
Emilia L - 9th in the javelin

Well done to everyone who took part. Some wonderful achievements and a great experience.





Shot Putt

Well done to **Johnny D** who represented Sussex in Athletics in the Shot putt recently. A fantastic achievement!

Year 7 Super 6's

We welcomed 5 other schools to compete in the Super 6 competition, where 6 boys and 6 girls compete in 1 track, 1 field and 1 relay. There were some superb performances across the field with lots placing in the top 3. This consistency meant the team finished 2nd overall. Well done year 7's fantastic!!



U14 Cricket

Great performance for the boys against a very strong U14 Bedes School team. Sackville lost the toss and were placed into bat first. Some powerful hitting from **George P** (47 runs) set a base for Sackville to build upon. He was well supported by **Barney M** (31 not out). Sackville finished with a total of 111, a decent score on a tough pitch to bat on. Sadly, Bedes knocked off the runs in the 16th over with Sackville taking only one wicket (**George P**). It was a great day out for the boys and even better that we were the only state School there. Well done!

U13 Boys Cricket

We are very proud of our U13 Boys Cricket team who beat Heathfield in the county cup by 9 wickets. Heathfield 30 all out. **Morris K** bowled extremely well and took 4 wickets for 6 runs. He was on a hat trick twice! **Ben V** was the other pick of the bowlers taking 2 for 2. Also **Subomi O** took his first wicket for the A team with a perfect yorker. Sackville batsman then knocked them off in 5 overs losing **Tom H** (8), **Woody R** (12 not out) and **Ben C** (4 not out).



U12 Boys Cricket

Well done to our U12 boys cricket team, Sackville A, who recently beat Skinners U12 B team by 19 runs. Sackville 118 for 5
Toby B 29 not out, Arthur KB 17, Frankie T 15,
Skinners 99 for 7
Milo H 2-4 on debut!



U13 Rounders

Our team came joint 4th at the tournament. They played exceptionally well and learnt a lot from their first game. Some great catches from **Mia, Bea and Obaapa**, POT Erin for her amazing bowling. Well done ladies!



U15 Girls Cricket

Our U15 girls cricket team beat Hazelwick with an over to spare. They fielded superbly taking 3 wickets and scoring 112 runs. Batter of the game was **Charlotte** who opened the batting and finished with 30 runs, not out. Bowler of the game went to **Imi** for her superb wickets. Well done girls, superb game 🏏



To keep up to date on all the sporting events, please follow us on our Instagram page [@sackvillepeandsport](#). Kind regards, PE Staff

Curriculum Enhancement Week

We have enjoyed a very successful and fun packed week with our students who have been taking part in a vast range of chosen activities and experiences including horse riding, mountain biking, skiing, rock climbing, coding & game design, art fashion, Blackland Farm, Thorpe Park, Belgium, Lion King, Harry Potter Studio Tour, Oxford and Sussex University visits to name just a few!

You can follow what has been going on during CEW via our [Instagram](#) and, if you have not already done so, please could you spare a few minutes to complete the CEW feedback form [HERE](#). Thank you!

