



Friday 31 March 2023

Dear families

I am delighted to welcome you to the Easter edition of our Sackville News. I hope you enjoy reading about the various activities and achievements, as well as some fond farewells to departing colleagues.

You will see from the very first page that we have included a number of articles written by the students themselves. I hope you enjoy reading these first person articles as much as I did. Whilst Grease may be a distant memory to some, reading Maud and Charlie's accounts brought all of those positive emotions flooding right back to me when I read them. Later, two sixth form students write about their recent art and photography trips to London and some of our younger students in year 8 present short reviews on books they have recently read.

For all of this and much more, grab a cup of tea and dip into the Easter chocolates early, put your feet up and read on.

I wish you are a restful Easter break,

Jo Meloni, Headteacher

Grease!

By Maud (Sandy):

.....said in Australian accent:

I am hopelessly devoted to this show!

I have never felt more a part of Sackville than when I take part in the school productions and Grease was no exception. After a while without performing - thanks to Covid and the A Level workload, such fun - I was hesitant to audition this year, but I'm so glad I did. For one thing, it was Grease! I grew up listening to these songs and always dreamed of having the opportunity to be involved - so to be cast as Sandy, as you can imagine, was simply incredible.



Both the talent and dedication of everyone involved, including Sackville's very own West End legend Charlie (Danny), was what truly made the show - in my humble opinion - one of the best ever! The show got better and better every night; the songs got louder, the dances got slicker and the applause got rowdier!

To anyone considering joining the show, I would absolutely go for it. Whether it's tech, costume, orchestra or cast member, there's a place for everyone - and we need you to help make it fabulous. Sackville show memories will stay with me for life, thank you to the wonderful teachers who made it possible, you're all peachy keen, jellybean!



We really hope the audience enjoyed Grease 2023 as much as we did. If you now can't hear 'Beauty School Dropout' without being taken back to Raff's gorgeous vocals and Mr Feist, Mr Cowlin and Mr Street debuting as a teen angel, then tell me about it, stud. **Maud**



By Charlie (Danny):



Being in the show was such great fun from the very first rehearsal all the way through to the final bow. I made some great friends along the way.

Show week was a blast! The performances kept getting better as the week went on and everyone seemed to be loving every moment on the stage.

Performing is something I thoroughly enjoy and am passionate about so as soon as I saw the Grease poster go out, I knew I had to get involved and share that passion with other pupils in the school.



Throw yourself into it, you will not regret it. You will have a tremendous time and you will be surrounded by amazing teachers and students supporting you all the way. All the work you put into it pays off as you will miss it when it's over.

The teachers are a delight and there is no business like show business! **Charlie**



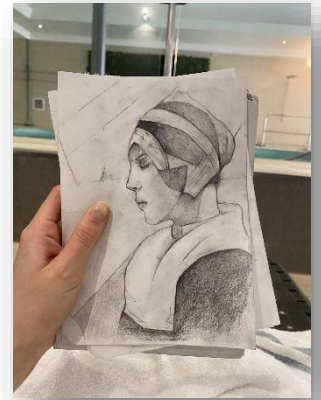
Our A Level Art Trip – by Grace



Last week, our A level art group visited both the Saatchi Gallery and the Tate Britain. The Saatchi Gallery was a modern exhibition including a mix of photography and art with a common theme of graffiti and street art. The Tate on the other hand, had older, more traditional paintings collected over many years such as 'Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose' by John Singer Sargent and 'The Lady of Shalott' by John William Waterhouse.

Whilst there we were given the task to sit down and sketch a piece of art we found interesting (what I drew is shown here). This trip was a great way to kickstart our new project in art 'Simple or Complex' and help us discover new ideas and inspiration! However, I

would've liked to spend more time in the Tate Britain as I felt like I hadn't fully taken in everything there was to see. I am planning to return at some point soon so I can look at all the paintings in more depth. **Grace, Sixth Form**



Our A Level Photography Trip – By Jed



I really enjoyed the photography school trip to the V&A and the Beyond the Streets Exhibition at the Saatchi. The whole trip really opened my eyes up to the world of art, especially the Beyond the Streets Exhibition. I feel as if I really resonated with lots of the art work there. I also had a lot of fun at the V&A looking at the African display. Some of the fashion pieces there were so detailed and beautifully worked. It was very interesting learning about traditional African fashion as it was nothing like what you'd expect.

The work at the Beyond the Streets Exhibition was so abstract and inspiring. Every artist had a different style of work, it was just beautiful to look at. Personally I think this experience has really changed the dimension in which I see these styles of art.

Jed, Sixth Form



Emma Passes her Senior Cadet Instructor Course

In February half-term, year 13 student, Emma, attended the Senior Cadet Instructor Course in Thetford with the Army Cadets. This week-long course was all about developing leadership skills and teaching techniques, through delivery of lessons and a Fieldcraft Training Exercise. For part of the week Emma was awarded the role of Section Commander and achieved a Highly Competent grade. She thoroughly enjoyed the course and would 100% recommend younger students to get involved in the Army Cadets and take advantage of all the activities they offer to improve confidence, discipline and teamwork. Congratulations Emma!



KS4 Debating Team

Our KS4 debating team took part in the second round of The ESU public speaking competition on Monday 6 February at Tonbridge School in Kent. As one of four schools competing, Elizabeth and Aadi were Chair and Questioner to a public speaker from another school and Emily spoke eloquently on her topic of 'Whether patriotism damages international relations' in front of the audience. The standard of competition was very high and unfortunately at this point the team did not progress to the next round of the competition. However, they did receive excellent feedback which they can take into their next competitions in the coming months as part of the international Hart debating challenge.

Also, some Photos from a recent local debate between Imberhorne and Sackville where they argued about Media reporting of ongoing criminal investigations. It was a very close call with Imberhorne narrowly beating us. Best opening went to Lucy in her first ever team performance. A great job from the team!



Mrs Julie Fleming, CTL Business



Sackville Sixth Form



This term has been defined by study, more study, mocks and some great enrichment activities. We are delighted with our sixth form for making so much of the activities on offer to them.

Congratulations to our British Sign Language BSL students - A group of 11 students are nearly finished studying for their stage one BSL exam. They have enjoyed attending a 20 hour course teaching them basic BSL features. I have enjoyed seeing their progress. Our thanks go to Mrs Plumb who has organised this and supervised the course.

Staff v Sixth Form Students Charity Quiz-

Our fantastic head students, overseen by Mr Dupoy, organised and delivered a high quality quiz, well attended with approximately 200 participants - congratulations to the sixth form tutor team who won. The staff felt disadvantaged by the modern, cutting edge technology used by the students and the very modern Generation Z questions included in the quiz! The quiz included a fish and chip supper - I think the Forest Row Fish Shop had its busiest Thursday evening of the year so far, producing box loads of fish and chips.

International Women's Day - Thanks go to two of our lead students, Anna and Maud, who took the initiative to make an International Women's Day noticeboard on the main corridor of the school. This was followed up with International Women's day assemblies. We are grateful for these two inspirational females taking the lead in raising the profile of International Women's Day.



Upfront Theatre Company - Our dynamic SMSC programme goes from strength to strength. We were delighted to welcome The Upfront Theatre Company - a small theatre group of young actors from London, who deliver school friendly and age appropriate plays. We were treated to an amazing 90 min workshop and theatre production around the theme of consent and relationships. The students gave very positive feedback about their engaging and informative morning.



External exams, Mocks and Revision Sessions - Many congratulations to students who took external exams in January and got great results. Exams can be very stressful and we always seek to be as supportive as possible to our students. To that end, several members of staff have undertaken training as mental health first aiders. Students are aware of who these staff members are and are free to approach them for support. The mock exams ran well last week and students are now anxiously awaiting their results. My thanks go to the students for taking these exams so seriously and also to the staff who prepared their groups so well for the exam period. I witnessed Mr Batsford run an impressively attended Friday afternoon revision session for his Economics group.

Assemblies, Trips and Visits - We aim to make these stimulating and engaging for students. This term we have enjoyed Mr Dupoy's LinkedIn assembly for year 13, Mr de Souza's study skills modules and also his assembly on enrichment courses - MOOCs - for year 12 specifically. In addition to this we were delighted to take 127 students to the UCAS Discovery exhibition in Brighton.

We look forward to talking with many year 12 parents at our year 12 consultation evening shortly after the Easter break (Thursday 20 April). We hope that year 13 enjoy a mixture of revision and leisure time over the coming couple of weeks. In the meantime, I wish you a very happy Easter.

Helen Valentine and Sixth Form Team

Construction Event

We would like to thank BAM, Ibstock Brickworks and the CITB for coming in and supporting us with our construction afternoon. Students were given the opportunity to speak directly to people in the industry and to explore the many careers within construction.

Students were able to speak to people that had taken the apprenticeship route in quantity surveying, general construction and ground working. We had a visitor who had started their career as a labourer and worked their way up through the ranks and now manages a team of 80 site supervisors. He is also a qualified engineer. Our visitors from Ibstock Brickworks, our local brick producer, explained the opportunities that they have for young people and a representative from CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) was able to provide advice on all the routes and qualifications available to students. Many students signed up for this event and gained a valuable insight into what this area of employment has to offer.

Mrs Helen Smith, Futures Leader



Staff Fundraiser - Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

I decided I would like to organise a fundraiser to raise money for the victims of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. It's always important to help those suffering around the world. I cooked the staff a lunch of Pilau rice, samosas, spring rolls, pastries, pakoras and chickpea masala. The staff were really so generous in their donations and enjoyed their flavoursome lunch! I managed to raise £400.00. The money will be donated to my chosen charity Islamic Relief UK, Islamic relief is an international NGO founded in 1984 and also a proud member of the DEC.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated and also to everyone who helped me to set up!

Salma Rahman
Cover Supervisor



Reading, Reading and More Reading

Since half term Mrs Wogan and I have been promoting World Book Day, which was on Thursday 2 March. We arranged a competition for students to enter to win a class prize. I wrote a chapter of a story which contained 15 book titles in the text and students had to identify the book titles. None of the entrants managed to get all 15 correct but the winner, with 14, was form group 7EWY. Congratulations to them. (pictured)



We also hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in the LRC. This gave students the opportunity to purchase some great books and also help the LRC get Free books based on the total sales. Students could enter a competition to win a £5.00 voucher to spend at the Book Fair by telling us about the best book they had read and why it was so good. Here are a few excerpts from the winning entries:

Mya Fenton 8DPT - Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

"It's so good because it's very interesting, emotional and has a lot of tension and suspense. I really enjoyed it and its plot."

Naomi Martin 8JBV - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J K Rowling

"I like this book because it keeps me entertained and interested because I don't particularly like reading but I like reading this book."



Anosh Sultani 8DPT - Football Changer

"..It tells us how to be a success in life...This book was a very good book because it is very helpful."

There were some fabulous entries who all deserved to win but it came down to picking names out of the hat! So well done Mya, Naomi and Anosh. The Book Fair was well attended and created quite a buzz with the students.



As the end of term approaches we say a sad **farewell to Mrs Wogan** who will be retiring. She has been in the LRC for 8 years helping staff and students. Although thoroughly deserving of the rest, Mrs Wogan will be missed by all. Her enthusiasm and support has helped make the LRC an inviting and vibrant space for the students to discover the joy of reading.

Mrs Tracy Rose



SPORT

'The Vault Manchester' Competition

"The Vault Manchester competition was held in Manchester athletics stadium, right next to the Etihad Manchester City Football Stadium.

I jumped 2.76 meters, 4 cm short of my personal best and I narrowly missed out at a new PB of 2.91m. This jump ensured that I stayed at the top of the U13 ranking table in the UK. My next competition is in Lyon - France, where I sincerely hope to set a new personal best!". **Milo, year 7**



Felbridge & Sunnyside U13 Cricket Success

I wanted to share some cricket success with you. The Felbridge and Sunnyside U13 team recently won the Sussex Premiership Indoor Cricket League.

The squad of 13 players included 9 year 8 Sackville pupils. Over 4 months they played 13 matches, winning 12 - including the final. They did the club and school proud with their excellent play and brilliant team spirit. Looking forward to the summer of cricket ahead.

Many congratulations Ben V (Captain), Morris, Charlie, Ben C, Harry, Felix, Ethan, Jacob and Hudson.

Kathryn Vale, Sackville Parent



Skiing Success in Switzerland!

We went skiing and visiting family in Switzerland during the half term break and I attended ski school, as I have done for the last 10 years, and at the end of the week I won gold in the ski school race (in my category).

I was very happy with my achievement as I only ski one week each year. **Milli, Year 7**



Regional Equestrian Event

In February Scarlett, Ruby and Mia from year 8 competed at a regional Equestrian event and were very proud to share that they came 1st in the team competition at the 60cm category and 2nd in the 70cm category.

Individually the girls performed really well and they have qualified for the national finals which is taking place on 23 August at Hickstead Showground.

A fantastic achievement girls and very well done.





Second Place in the First 29er EuroCup of 2023

Year 13 student, Jamie, spent his half term competing in the first 29er EuroCup of 2023 in Spain. The race finished with a 3-way points tie and after count back Jamie and his partner came second overall. The event attracted more than 130 29er crews from 17 European countries. Congratulations Jamie, fantastic achievement and a half term well spent!

Training with the England Rugby Team!

Emily, Year 9, had the opportunity of training with England rugby players, Henry Slade, Lewis Ludlam and Jack Walker, whilst her brother Benjamin watched from the side lines. What an amazing experience for you Emily!



U18 Rugby Squad - UR7's Tournament

U18 rugby squad had a superb afternoon at the **UR7's tournament** in February. They played some outstanding rugby across all 6 matches winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 2. Player of the tournament went to Emily, who alongside Emily, was scouted for the academy. A big thank you to ex-student Theo who supported the girls at the end of his work experience week and to Mr Millican for refereeing and coaching the girls. A big thank you also to [@ur7sacademy](#) for giving us the opportunity [#thesegirlscan](#).



U13 Netball Team

WINNERS 🏆 congratulations to our U13 netball team who won their tournament earlier this month. All of the girls played amazingly and showed great teamwork, scoring a total of 54 goals in 5 games. POM Hannah, Emma and Bella.

Well done girls!

Year 10 Rock Climbers

Massive congratulations to our year 10 rock climbers. They had an absolutely heroic few days, climbing in the rain and freezing conditions in February. Superb strength, flexibility, resilience and determination all round!



U12 Girls Football

Sackville U12 girls ran out 5-0 winners v Oathall meaning they **have won the league!** Goals from Lexi C, Mya, Olivia, Niamh and Stevie sealed the victory, well done girls!! [#leaguechampions](#) [#thesegirlscan](#)

U13 Mixed Hockey

U13 Mixed Hockey are the undisputed **State School Champions of Sussex!!** We had 2 teams who beat all the other schools and didn't concede a goal! When they played each other one team came away the winner even though the other team had more chances! Sorry no pictures it was horrendous conditions!

Well done Elsie, Mia, Evie, Milli, Amy, Olivia, Liv, Ben, Woody, Harry, Harry, Charlie, Morris, Eddie and Hudson! They played brilliantly beating all teams by at least 2 goals or more 🏆🏆🏆



U12 Boys Rugby

Sackville beat Bohunt 40-5

Try scorers: Frankie x 2, Charlie x 2, Bobby, Marcos, Leighton and Adam-try on debut! Great call Mr Davies!

A great performance by the boys with excellent tackling and running with the ball. Well Done!

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

Year 9 & Year 10 – Trip to France

34 Year 9 and Year 10 students accompanied myself, Mr Green, Madame Monnier and Mrs Hitchens on our first trip to France since 2019!

The students had a great time milking goats, making croissants, tasting artisan chocolate, buying presents at the local market and spending a morning in a French school. They needed to understand and speak in French throughout, even when taking part in a treasure hunt or asking for more bread at dinner. We all came home tired but happy. A la prochaine fois!

Ms Liza Stewart

CTL of Modern Foreign Languages



Farewell to Ms Liza Stewart

Liza Stewart joined Sackville in September 2017 and her boundless energy has enthused six years of language learners. She is a great one for making languages fun and introduced trips to the BFI in London for KS3, Poetry Slams and foreign language debating for Year 10 and two language enrichment trips to France. (There would have been more but Covid played a part in that). She has also encouraged and supported other Modern Foreign Language staff to arrange European visits to Germany and Spain.

Her tutor group have enjoyed taking part in various charity events, most notably Friends of Lindi where several hundred pounds were raised through Valentine's promotion and cake bakes and raffles.

We will miss you but we hope you enjoy your return to the school travel business!

Mrs Suzanne Roberts

Leader of Spanish



Farewell to Mrs June Hadlow

It is with real sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Hadlow at the end of this term.

She started at Sackville Community College in 2001 as an LSA, showing her love of supporting some of the students with the greatest needs, she was quickly employed as a Behaviour Special Support Assistant in 2003.

Her empathy and success in these roles led to her being appointed as leader of the Student Support Unit (SSU).

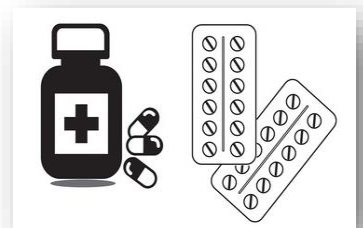
The students trust and show confidence in her, with non-Unit users often seeking her out for advice.

June has established an orderly ethos and excellent learning routines within a supportive environment and generations of students have been helped by her firm yet kind and caring support. June isn't leaving Sackville completely as she will become an exam invigilator but for now we want to say thank you for being a wonderful 'Queen of the SSU' and an invaluable support to us all.

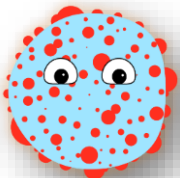


Medical Reminders

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact the school. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.



We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.



In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.

Thank you
Hannah Nibloe