

# Sackville News



5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

We seem to have arrived at the Easter break incredibly quickly and, as ever, there has been so much happening at Sackville.

I am really delighted to begin this edition of Sackville News by sharing the following press release we have just received:-

## ***'Sackville School wins national award for performance'***

Sackville School has been **recognised nationally** for its excellent results in 2018 based on data from the **Department for Education and Ofsted**, analysed by SSAT (the Schools, Students and Teachers network). **Sackville School was found to be among the best performing secondary schools in the country**, receiving an award for being in the **top 20% of schools nationally for progress**. The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England and the **highest performing schools for a range of key measures** are awarded **SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards**. Sackville School will be presented with their award during the summer term at a ceremony attended by winners from across the region.



Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said: "I am delighted that Sackville School has won an Educational Outcomes Awards. This recognises one important aspect of the school's work but at SSAT we believe **an outstanding school has deep social justice at the heart of its plan**; it subjects that plan to constant challenge and innovation; and it liberates teachers to perform brilliantly in the classroom. SSAT is pleased to recognise the quality of leadership and the **hard work of all staff** to ensure the success of every child. **A big thank you and well done to students, parents, staff and governors.**"

Needless to say, we are over the moon about this!



Our **year 11 students** completed their second set of mock examinations early last month and it was good to see so many of you at the **parents' evening** on 21<sup>st</sup> March. We have a **full programme of GCSE revision classes running during the Easter holidays** and I am very grateful to the staff for giving up their time to provide this.

To mark the end of the spring term and as a token gesture, we gave each year 11 student a **'good luck' pack** to take away with them from the final assembly which they will hopefully find both useful and enjoyable!



Last Wednesday we were delighted to welcome everyone to our annual **Sports Presentation Evening** to which we welcomed our special guest **Sophie Bray MBE**. Sophie was part of the stunningly successful **gold medal-winning GB women's hockey team in the 2016 Rio Olympics** and she talked about her journey to the top and how important it is to have **personal goals**.

Students were awarded for both efforts in lessons and for performances on the sports fields, with both **individual** and **team achievements** recognised.



Tim Cox presented the **Matt Cox Memorial Award** to **Joe Sheridan** – a very deserving recipient who is about to **tour Sri Lanka with Surrey Cricket Club's elite player squad**. Tim talked of how sport allows you to make lifelong friends, and that we should cherish the social side as well as the competitive.

The award for the 'sports personality of the year' went to **James Young**, an equally deserving choice. James has represented the school at pretty much every sport over his five years at Sackville.





Two weeks ago we held a special celebration tea for all of our **year 9 students who had achieved strong attitude to learning scores** on their recent reports – and it was many of them! I am delighted by the numbers achieving such success in their first year of studying GCSE. I would also like to thank the year team of **Mrs Sands** and **Mrs Newcomb** who work extremely hard in supporting the students every day of the school year.

Our **year 10 musicians** were extremely fortunate to be visited by **Alex Baranowski** on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Alex came in to the music BTEC lesson to share his experiences of working as a composer.

The students were enthralled as he discussed the ins and outs of working on **Broadway**, the **West End** and the **film industry**.

He is currently composing the music for the **new Christmas Carol film** due for release later this year which the students await with great anticipation. He also arranged the theme tune for the **BBC's 2018 World Cup** coverage.



Staying on a musical theme, Crawley was alive to the sound of **Sackville musicians and singers** on Monday 18th March, as our performers lit up the stage at **The Hawth** as part of the second annual **Crawley Sings Live**. Songs such as *Something Just like This* and *Happy Endings* had the whole audience foot-tapping.



**Sackville's band** was the talk of the evening and its singers were exemplary in their conduct and support on stage. Many **secondary mainstream and special schools** took part and the sound of them all singing together was heartening. I certainly enjoyed it!

Thank-you to all of the **performers**, and to **Mr Heatley** for organising and rehearsing the performers.

Many congratulations are due to **year 13 chemists Ellie Bush** and **Caspar Parsonage** who have both achieved bronze certificates in the **2019 Chemistry Olympiad** which is a national challenge for **elite chemists**. This is a tremendous achievement.



A group of 35 year 9 and 10 students visited Pas de Calais for a **French language trip** during the last week of March. Their visits included an **artisan chocolate maker**, an **old-fashioned sweet maker**, a **boulangerie** (with a terrifying baker!) and a morning in a **French school**.

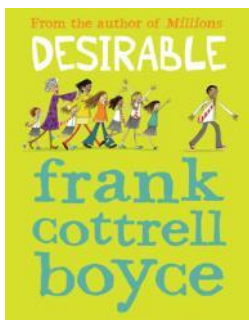
All visits and even the instructions at the hotel were **conducted in French** and the staff were delighted by the students' positive response to this challenge.

A last night disco and the chance to buy Mothers' day presents at the market on their way home rounded off the trip nicely. The behaviour of the students was continually praised as exemplary and I would like to thank **Ms Stewart**, **Mr Green**, **Mrs Hawken** and **Mrs Monnier** for giving up their time to ensure that this was such a success. As one parent kindly put it in an email to the staff: **"The trip was such a positive reflection on you and the exemplary teaching and care they are given at Sackville"**.



This week has been **Reading Week**. There have been readings in the LRC each day, and the students have taken part in **Stop Drop and Read** when they drop everything and read their books for fifteen minutes. Many get so engrossed it is hard to get their noses back out of the books.





On Wednesday, years 7 and 8 enjoyed a chapter of **Frank Cottrell Boyce's 'Desirable'**, a hilarious tale of a year 10 student whose life is transformed by his discovery of some ancient after-shave and a pair of lucky cuff-links.

Many year 7 students were also involved in the **Easter Fair** on Tuesday this week where they raised almost £300 for their chosen charity **Friends of Lindi**.

Each form had their own stall and these ranged from tombolas and raffles to sponge the teacher and hook a duck.

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**Steve and Sue Scorer**, who founded and run the charity, were also on hand to tell students about the charity and to give them a go at pounding rice and carrying buckets of water on their heads. Much fun, laughter and enthusiasm all round! You can read more about **Friends of Lindi** [here](#).



Our year 12 historians visited HMS Victory in Portsmouth in preparation for their *British Experience of Warfare* paper.

Students were able to explore the gun deck, officers' mess and visit the spot where Admiral Nelson was shot and killed during the Battle of Trafalgar. The trip enabled students to get a flavour of life on board a ship of the line during the Napoleonic Wars and evaluate the reasons for British success. Thanks to Miss Garrison and Mrs Plumb for taking the trip.



Finally, I would like to wish you all a good Easter break.

Best wishes,

Julian Grant  
Headteacher

## Chemistry Olympiad 2018-19

Dr Morley writes:-

'Draw dot and cross diagrams for carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.' was the first question in this year's Chemistry Olympiad question paper. Whilst this is fairly straight-forward, the rest of the questions certainly weren't. But questions like these didn't stop two of our year 13 chemistry students from entering this year's competition.

As in previous years, the competition started with a two hour paper comprising university-style questions. Students progressing from this are then invited to a residential weekend from which the top four students in the country will represent the UK at the International Chemistry Olympiad which this year is in Paris. Despite the timing for the paper clashing with mock A level revision, **Ellie Bush** and **Caspar Parsonage** decided to go for it.



The question paper proved to be much more difficult than last year, with the grade boundaries adjusted accordingly. And whilst Ellie and Caspar did not make it through to the residential weekend, they did score enough marks to be awarded Bronze certificates. This is a brilliant achievement and highlights their excellence in A level Chemistry.

They both deserve huge credit for entering, especially at a critical time in their A level preparations, and continues Sackville's success in Chemistry competitions, following the 'Top of the Bench' event a couple of months ago. Many congratulations to Ellie and Caspar.

By the way, just in case you're wondering what the dot and cross diagrams are, I have reproduced them here.



# Law students' Magistrates in the Community experience

Mrs Fleming writes:-

A selection of our year 12 and year 13 students took part in a 'Magistrates in the Community' session on Friday. This involved three local magistrates presenting about the role magistrates have in the Criminal Courts. Our students were actively involved in role-playing a bail application, a trial based on shoplifting and helping to determine the sentence of a young man who pleaded guilty to two counts of assaulting a police officer.



In the image we see Morgen Hake completing her examination of Molly Bryant who played the role of an accused shoplifter whilst our Sackville Magistrates (Oscar Arro, Dan Harding and Charlotte Nolan) tried to determine her guilt. Unfortunately for Molly, her character Lottie, was found guilty and faces a possible custodial sentence of six months. All the students were grateful for the time the visitors took to explain the importance of justice being carried out without fear or favour.

As for Molly, she should be out in time for her progression exams with good behaviour ...

## Type 1 Awareness

Mrs Knock writes about her experiences with her year 10 son Jacob.

Type 2 diabetes (usually brought on by lifestyle) is in the news all the time at the moment but children are mostly diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (an autoimmune condition). This means that they are tasked with keeping themselves alive daily by calculating insulin doses by having to count carbohydrates, measure what levels of activity they are doing, include their stress levels, changes in the weather, how much sleep they've had and how their hormones are reacting!

As you can imagine this is not an easy task and the usual management is via pen injections and insulin pumps. However there are a small minority who are not waiting for the medical profession but are venturing out and building their own artificial pancreases. This is exactly what I have done for my son Jacob; it's a system called *Closed Looping*. Because of this we were invited up to London in February to present to four hundred people (including medical professionals, medical companies and people interested in what we are doing). We were sharing the stage with some top names in the world of diabetes. Jacob did amazingly in his presentation sharing about the complexity of building, the difference it has made to his life and how he wants to share the technology with others.

Dr Partha Kar then personally invited Jacob and me to the Royal College of Physicians on 30<sup>th</sup> March, to be a part of an exclusive event and for us to be able to share our closed looping experience. Four hundred people attended and Jacob met some famous Type 1s such as Mohammad Ali (boxer), Sam Brand (cyclist), James Norton (actor) and lots of professors and consultants. Jacob took it all in his stride, networked very well and has been invited back next year to be a speaker alongside the professionals.

Although Type 1 is challenging for those children having to cope with life alongside it, medical technology and personal determination make it an exciting time to be part of a process of making life a little less challenging. This is by no means a cure but it does help the life of a sporty laid back teenage boy and means slightly less nagging from his mum!



## Sackville Reading Week

Ms Pearson writes:-

This week at Sackville has seen the return of our fantastic **annual Reading Week events**. Students across all year groups have been prioritising their reading and literacy skills with a variety of fun-filled events and competitions.



Mid-week saw years 7 and 8 all reading a book together across their school day, and all week long we've all been pausing lessons once a day for a relaxing 15 minute Stop, Drop and Read session.

Some lucky students have even had lesson tasks based around the books they have been reading and enjoying!

Staff have been getting involved too, with lunchtime readings of some choice teen fiction books: Mr Grant himself wowed pupils on Wednesday with a reading of Frank Cottrell Boyce's award-winning tale of mistaken robbery, *Millions*.

Well done to everyone (especially the very busy library staff) for taking part; your enthusiasm for reading this week has been truly outstanding.



## Have you heard of Amber yet?

An update on Amber Titchener, our budding music star!

Amber's single, "Tick Tock" will be premiered on **Radio One** on Sunday 7th April, which is amazing. It will be on the early morning show, aimed at listeners who are leaving clubs, so not Sackville students or their parents! The show is presented by Kan D Man & DJ Limelight. At the same time, the video for the single will go live on YouTube and the track will be available on streaming services.

You can hear the show once it is broadcast from [this link](#).

Amber is also doing a charity performance at Chequer Mead in June, in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. There are some other Sackville students supporting Amber and it promises to be a great evening. Tickets are now on sale.

Make sure you are there to say you saw her at an early public performance!



## Sports News



14<sup>th</sup> March: **U15 A netball** beat Lingfield College 20-10. **U15 B** narrowly lost 11-12. Players of the match **Rachel Canepa-Anson** and **Ella Kessell**



15<sup>th</sup> March: **U12 Netball C/D** team drew 7-7 with Imberhorne. Player of the match **Noemi Molnar**. Great shooting from **Evie Stone** and **Holly Mooney**, and defending from **Gracie Beatty**.

19<sup>th</sup> March: **Rugby First XV** beat Lingfield College 27-14. A great end to the Sackville rugby career of several of the boys. Player of the match **Harvey Snashfold**. Scorers **Ollie Roberts, Oscar Arro, Or Shay, Harvey Snashfold, Dan Harding**



19<sup>th</sup> March: **U12 basketball** won their group stage in the Mid – Sussex tournament, beating The Weald and drawing with Forest. Player of the tournament **Freddie Mabey**



20<sup>th</sup> March: **U12 A girls' football** beat Windlesham 5-2. Players of the match **Noemi Molnar**. **B team** drew 3-3 with player of the match awarded to **Yasmina Lahboub**





21<sup>st</sup> March: **U15 girls' hockey** beat Uckfield 6-0, built on a great performance from **Dilyn Arro** in defence, **Emma Smyth** in midfield and **Sienna Mogg** challenging for every ball. Player of the match awarded to **Bea Chappell**

27<sup>th</sup> March: **U13 rugby** had a tough time at the Mid Sussex tournament on the same day as interform, losing several matches despite great effort levels. Tries scored by **Logan Joao**, and special mention to **Luc Elias** for his fearless tackling

3<sup>rd</sup> April: **U13 rugby** put up a strong fight against Warden Park in the county cup final, but sadly came off on the wrong side of a 5-65 score line. **Izaak Shimizu** got our try.

3<sup>rd</sup> April: At the same time Warden Park also beat our **U16 rugby** team 27-7. A great performance from our boys, narrowing the margin from their previous fixture considerably. A last game at Sackville for several of the players too.

## Sports reports from Miss Offler

### **U12 Football Tournament**

The U12 girls' football team went to The Weald to compete in the 6-a-side Mid Sussex Football Tournament. The Sackville girls were up against another five schools, all to be played in a round robin tournament.

With games only seven minutes one way, they knew they had to be switched on from the very start. The team did exceptionally well throughout the tournament with the following results:

- Sackville 1 – The Weald A 0 (scorer Noemi Molnar)
- Sackville 4 - The Weald B 0 (scorers Noemi Molnar x 2, Katie Smyth x 2)
- Sackville 0 – Tanbridge House 0
- Sackville 1 – Warden Park A 0 (scorer Noemi Molnar)
- Sackville 5 – Warden Park B 0 (scorers Noemi Molnar x 3, Katie Smyth x 2)

These fantastic results gave them 1<sup>st</sup> place overall!! An excellent end of season tournament after a very successful season so far.

Player of the tournament went to **Lauren Tweed** for her excellent tackling throughout the tournament. The team now look forward to playing a couple more friendly games over the next few weeks to finish off their season.

**The team:** Louise Harrington, Katie Smyth, Noemi Molnar, Bella Kilkenny, Daisy Titchener, Poppy Furbank and Lauren Tweed.

### **U12 Football vs Windlesham**

The U12's had their final game of the season against Windlesham House School on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We were fortunate enough to take two teams along allowing even more of the girls to participate.

The A team did very well with Noemi, Bella, Katie and Daisy working well in midfield and upfront to score a total of five goals between them. Poppy and Lauren had a harder job in the second half but their excellent confidence in defending kept Windlesham at bay with the final result being Sackville 5 – Windlesham 2. Player of the match went to Noemi for her excellent skills used getting round defenders.

The B team had a shaky start going 0-3 down in the first half, despite some



excellent shots on goal by Eden and Jess Walker. The second half however saw a more determined Sackville side. After Yasmina scored the first goal of the game for Sackville, the girls grew in confidence and started making some great attacking plays. Holly scored a lovely goal shortly after. It was a nail biting finish with Sackville looking to try and get at least a draw in the closing minutes. Luck was on their side as they got a penalty in the last two minutes of the game, which Jess Pinto very calmly put into the back of the net making the final score Sackville 3 – Windlesham 3.

Player of the match went to Yasmina for her excellent runs down the line and persistent tackles.

The U12 team has had a great season this year. Well done to you all for your outstanding commitment to training each week and enthusiasm at each game. We look forward to seeing you back in September!

#### **The teams:**

**A team:** Louise Harrington, Katie Smyth, Noemi Molnar, Bella Kilkenny, Daisy Titchener, Poppy Furbank, Lauren Tweed.

**B team:** Holly Mooney, Eden Kosifou, Jessica Pinto, Amie Botha, Jess Walker, Yasmina Lahboub

#### ***U14 Football Tournament***

The U14 girls had their final tournament of the season at The Weald. The rules of this 6-a-side tournament differ from the others they normally play, with the ball not being allowed over head height and throw-ins having to be rolled in.

It makes the girls think a lot more about their passing game! It was a triangular tournament against The Weald and Warden Park allowing each team to play each other twice.

The girls had a tough day at the office during the tournament losing each of their matches 0-2. There were moments of excellence and they were unlucky not to have been able to put away a couple of their chances.



I want to take the opportunity to say well done to all of the girls for their commitment throughout the season, not only to training but also in the game play.

**The team:** Skye Caffyn-Baptie, Eve Kendall, Lily Walker, Louisa Orme, Emma Smyth, Ella Kosifou and Shannon Feeney

#### ***U13 Cross Country***

Some of our keen Year 7/8 cross country runners took part in a competition at Worth School on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The weather conditions were perfect for the run – cooler weather and nice and muddy!

The course was 3.73km long with a mixed terrain of a mixture of woodland and fields and contained some steep hills.

As always our students represented Sackville incredibly well with the following results:

Girls:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Gracie Beatty
- 21<sup>st</sup> Katie Smyth
- 24<sup>th</sup> Chloe Grantham
- 29<sup>th</sup> Beth Currie
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jess Greenwood
- 44<sup>th</sup> Yasmine Noble Christian

Boys:

- 18<sup>th</sup> Staten Beynon
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Harvey
- 31<sup>st</sup> Robert Taylor
- 44<sup>th</sup> Max Aubrey



Well done to all of the above for their fantastic efforts throughout the event.



Finally, we would like to thank this year's wonderful crop of young sports leaders, who have quietly and extremely effectively helped out at many events.

Pictured here is the recent **primary netball festival** which would not have happened without the dedication of **27 of our year 8 leaders**. You would never have guessed these helpers were only from year 8, so maturely did they work with the 250 year 3 and 4 children. A credit to Sackville – well done!



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## **Volunteer and Event Experience Opportunities 2019**

We are busy planning for the 8<sup>th</sup> Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend. This is a 3-day running event that brings together the three towns of Mid Sussex. In 2019 we have some opportunities for students aged 16 or older to volunteer as marshals and gain event experience in the process.

The dates and locations for 2019 are:

East Grinstead – Saturday 4th May – 10 miles – East Grinstead Rugby Club  
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