



Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

The end of term is always a lovely opportunity to **celebrate achievement**. There were certainly too many fantastic year 7 students this week to fit into a **#HotChocFriday**. More than eighty had achieved straight grade As for 'attitude to learning', and it was great to see them all rewarded for this with a certificate and a handshake from Headteacher Ms Meloni and Year Leader Mr Endersby.



There is a **lot more to celebrate** at the end of a long half term, so please read on!

## Fundraising for Ukraine

The situation in Ukraine moved to the centre of everyone's attention in February, and at the start of the new term our students were challenged to raise £2000 to support refugees fleeing the conflict. Our students are truly marvellous and they responded in the way you would expect. It was genuinely impossible to keep track of the bake sales, sweet stores and raffles. Students made lapel ribbons in blue and yellow, and some year 7s even persuaded year leader Mr Endersby to be on the wrong end of numerous wet sponges. Staff also took part, with the entry fees for a virtual relay going towards the cause.



There were still students holding events this week, and so far, we have managed to raise **£2800**.

The Sixth Form have also been sending essential equipment to eastern Poland to support newly arrived Ukrainians, with transportation arranged by East Grinstead Lions.

## Other fundraising

Year 8 student **Josh** accompanied his dad mile-for-mile in March in runs to raise money for stillbirth and neo-natal death charity [SANDS](#).

For 31 days, through sun, rain, and COVID the pair have run through March and raised over £1000 as **#TEAMCRYER**.



Well done to both – a truly inspiring achievement for a truly worthwhile cause.

Our **Diversity Group** baked the world a better place last month. Their fundraiser was in aid of **Just Like Us** – a charity which provides valuable teacher training and student education to help improve the lives of young LGBT+ people.

The group’s hard work paid off and the cake sale was a sell-out success. Well done and thank you, team!

That pun ‘bake the world a better place’ is the work of year 12 student **Maud Kendrick** who has been handling the [website newsfeed](#) this

term in advance of an application to university in the autumn. Her writing is great, and by visiting the page you get to hear what is going on at school immediately!

Finally, former student **Chloe Raymond** is running the Brighton marathon for “**GO girls**” gynaecological cancer charity, after her younger sister received speedy and successful treatment on the NHS. You can read her [story here](#).



## Food technology

Our students’ baking ability is definitely enhanced by their experiences in food technology (as well as some families who would make the final of *Bake Off* of course).

Our **year 9 food students** have been cooking up a storm over the last few weeks, with the three Hospitality and Catering classes taking part in an exciting cookery competition.

Working in pairs, they had to design and whip up a 2-course meal for two, using as much local and seasonal produce as possible. With just 90 minutes to prepare and present, the sumptuous dishes were then judged by an esteemed panel, including our Head, **Ms Meloni, Jayne Palmer**, Sackville’s very own canteen manager, and **Max Leonard**, Head Chef at the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club.



Dishes were reviewed by a range of criteria, such as taste, texture and presentation. The standard was very impressive! Max Leonard was blown away with the skills the students showcased.

Winning pairs were: Class 9A – **Xander and Darcy**, Class 9B – **Summer & Amelia**. And, with the highest scores out of everyone, we’re thrilled to announce the joint winning pairs Class 9C – **Liberty & Bronte** and **Shane & Destiny**

Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to our wonderful judges too!

Meanwhile staff member **Ms Rahman** was chosen by ASDA to host a special evening of food in London, because the company saw just what she can cook on



her [blog](#). Look out for some of these recipes appearing at a store near you. If you want to try to cook them at home, the recipes are on the [ASDA website](#).

## Creative arts

With barely a pause for breath, our drama team have moved on from the flawless performances of *We Will Rock You* just before half term. The year 9 GCSE Drama class are participating in the **National Theatre Connections Festival** this year, and last month put on a work-in-progress performance to an invited audience. This was an opportunity to gain valuable feedback from their support director, Jemma, who travelled down from London to see their hard work. They are working towards a **performance at Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells on 13th April**.



Each year the National Theatre commissions ten new plays for young people to perform, bringing together some of the UK's most exciting writers with the theatre-makers of tomorrow. With over 300 youth theatre companies and over 6,000 young people from every corner of the UK taking part, we are very excited to be participating!

The picture shows them in a post-show discussion with their teacher and director Mrs Hodgkiss, and their support Director, Jemma Gross.

Our **dancers** are also pretty talented, both within school and outside. Congratulations are in order for Sackville members of Sussex street dance troupe, **Urban City**. The troupe ventured to Manchester last month for the Intermediate Streetdance competition at Event City.

They came an **incredible 1st place**, which automatically qualifies them for the British Championships!

The Sackville dancers are **Chloe** year 7, **Summer** year 8, **Lauren** and **Callie** Year 10 and **Ella** Year 12.

The performing arts are certainly alive and kicking at Sackville. It's always lovely to see students start to master a musical instrument, and we know we will see more of them at **school concerts**. Congratulations to our latest crop of budding young musicians, who have just received **West Sussex Music certificates of achievement**.



**Lea** and **Elise** are learning the guitar, **Chloe** the cello and **Mia** the keyboard.

We look forward to seeing these students progress and perform in the future.

If these students are lucky enough to enjoy a music subject at key stage four or five, they may even get to tread in the footsteps of the *Beatles*. Our **year 12 and 13 BTEC Music students** enjoyed a fantastic such day in London on Friday March 11.



They visited **Abbey Road Studios**, took a trip around the iconic music venues and culture at Camden Lock, before heading to **Tileyard Studios** for a studio masterclass in the very same room where amongst others Lady Gaga, Mark Ronson, Rufus Wainwright, Lily Allen and Chasing Status have recently recorded.

A great way to bring the students' studies into perspective and to link the school with the music industry. Many thanks to Harry at Tileyard for hosting us and giving us such an inspiring afternoon!

As for the photo ... we think George would be flattered ...



We would like to thank **The Arts Society of East Grinstead (TASEG)** for their generous sponsoring of a variety of specialist art books and equipment for our students.

They include **'Read This If You Want to Take Great Photographs'** by Henry Carroll for our A-Level photographers, and a range of **'Art Textiles of the World'** books for our A-Level Textiles students. Additionally, art students were treated to some high quality Lino Printing equipment, which has already improved the quality of their prints. TASEG have given the Art department a number of grants over the years, which have greatly enriched the work of the department.



## English

Our English staff love **World Book Day**. Each year they dress up as characters from works of fiction.

How many can you recognise from this photo?

Ms Wernham held a competition inviting students to recreate their own book covers. Their entries were outstanding and certainly gave the English Department something to ponder over. Well done to all of the entries!

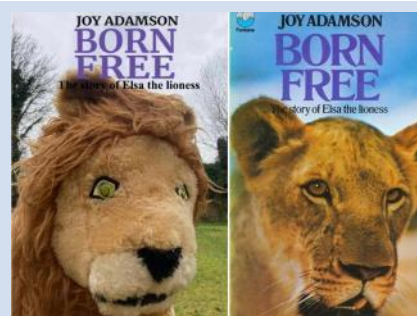
In the end we chose the 3 best entries for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.



1<sup>st</sup> place – Maud (12MBH), Anna (12ADT), Lyra (12ADT) for their fantastic recreation of 'War and Peace', which we believe involved borrowing a wedding dress to complete the look!



2<sup>nd</sup> place – Immi (8BDS) for her incredible hand painted cover for 'Wings of Fire'



3<sup>rd</sup> place – Ethan (8JHS) for his excellent recreation of 'Born Free'

You can see other notable entries [on our website](#).

In the 'classroom', our year 11s greatly enjoyed a very **interesting interactive workshop on Macbeth**.

The students were invited not just to watch the professionals at work, but to join in too. Judging by the reaction of some of our students it was not an experience they would forget.

*"I really enjoyed my time in the Macbeth Workshop, I played the role of Macbeth and it was a hilarious, enjoyable time. The adults supervising and guiding the story did a great job of keeping everything on-track so the story didn't stray too far from the original.*

*The section at the end where the adults performed the scene where we first see the witches was an interesting insight into how the slightest change in technique can change an entire scene's ambience. Towards the end of it I found it very comedic too. Great 10/10 experience."* - John

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the engaging Macbeth performance. The costumes were great as was the music and supportive audience. The presenters were knowledgeable, supportive and encouraged volunteers. Overall I think it was a remarkable experience that will be remembered fondly."* - Ula



## Maths

Things have also been busy over in maths. On Wednesday March 23 Ms Woolley was invited by the **Advanced Mathematics Support Programme** to take fifteen year 10 girls for a day of maths enrichment at Imberhorne School. Students from Oathall and Downlands also attended.



Students Amber and Blessing take up the story:

*In the morning when we arrived at Imberhorne School, we were presented with the challenge to create an intricate origami masterpiece (a skeletal octahedron). We then had a presentation on how mathematics is used in the wider world and in jobs we may pursue, including medicine, sports science and journalism. After this we split into groups of three for a dragon race. We tried our best to complete the image of a dragon by answering mathematical problem solving questions, leaving a winner and a runner up. For the last task, we listened to a presentation about Space and how different equations are used in the Universe. For a fun last task we had the opportunity to create mini helicopter drones made of paper before we departed. We enjoyed*

this experience because it opened our eyes to the many job opportunities in STEM and how maths can be applied in the greater world.

## Science

News from upstairs in A block is that we now have our very own **Sackville Science Blog**. Molly and Stalla (year 12) explain.

*Our aim is to use this blog as a platform for budding writers, editors and researchers from all years of Sackville School to explore and expand their interests and knowledge in science, outside of the curriculum and publish something that is uniquely theirs.*

*We also plan to include articles from more mature writers connected to the school. We are new to blogging and publishing online, which makes our main agenda to give young science writers a platform.*

You can find the link to our blog [here](#). If you do wish to submit an article you can email either [16SuttonM@mysackville.co.uk](mailto:16SuttonM@mysackville.co.uk), [16XystraS@mysackville.co.uk](mailto:16XystraS@mysackville.co.uk) or [jstromfield@mysackville.co.uk](mailto:jstromfield@mysackville.co.uk). On a Wednesday after school we are based in A37 and run the club for around an hour, you're able to borrow the chromebooks if you don't have your own device and can use this hour to create your own article or begin to research and develop ideas for one.



## Geography

We wrote last issue about all of our extra-curricular activities. This half-term in geography something special was achieved when a competition arose to design a **flag for Antarctica**, the winning entry being taken to the South Pole itself. Club member Claudia, year 8, was the talented designer of the chosen flag!

Here is the Geography Club standing proud alongside their flag being flown high in the snowy depths of the continent, with a certificate showing the exact location of her creation; we think it's brrrr-illiant!



This week, our year 12 geographers visited south London to look at urbanisation and redevelopment.

This is the first part of their fieldwork, with the students going to Pembrokeshire at the end of the holiday to concentrate on physical geography.



## Sixth form



Yesterday we were delighted to welcome **our local MP Mims Davies** and county councillor **Jacquie Russell** to the school to talk to our year 12s.

Students were then invited to ask questions by the chair Lao Lufu.

Some very interesting topics were covered, including the situation in **Ukraine**, dealing with the challenge of **climate change** and the participation

of **transgender athletes** in sport. This session was followed by coffee with the debating team and a tour of the school. We'd like to thank Ms Davies and Cllr Russell for giving up their time.

Currently in year 12 students are starting to think about **life after school**. On Wednesday March 23, a group of potential Oxbridge applicants were given the opportunity to visit St John's College, Oxford, with an exclusive tour of the Hogwarts-esque grounds, talk, and taster interview session kindly run by Dr Ken Amor, Geography and Natural Sciences lecturer and part of the admissions panel.

They were also given a valuable Q&A session with current student, Alfie, who gave an insight into life at Oxford, applying, and the delicious meals prepared daily, which the group gratefully sampled!

The students left aesthetically satisfied, full-bellied and very well informed; all in all a successful trip.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Restarting the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is another sign of us slowly emerging from COVID hibernation. Over a beautiful weekend in March, more than 70 year 10 students completed their training weekend and are now well placed for the real expedition in June.

Thank you to Mrs Doran and the team for giving up a weekend to make this happen.



## Sport

Our annual **Gym and Dance display** was back this week after a two-year hiatus. It was lovely to welcome so many families into another live event at school. The performances themselves were a mix of grace, athleticism and creativity.



At the end of the display, it was difficult to disagree with Ms Meloni when she said that everywhere she goes in the school she is amazed by the talent of the students.

If you missed the evening, or if you want to see it again, you can [still purchase a DVD or USB copy of the display.](#)

**Other sporting activities** are pretty much back to normal. A few of the teams who have taken part are pictured here.



U12 rugby



U12 football



U12 basketball



U13 netball



U13 Hockey



U13 rugby





U13 hockey



U13 hockey



U13 basketball



U13 hockey



U13 cross country



U14 basketball



U14 Hockey



U14 Netballers



U14 football



U14 football



U15 netball



U15 football



U18 netball



Connor (year 11) after playing for Sussex in a hard-fought win over Surrey 21-19



Rhys (year 11) competing in the English Bouldering Championships



Emma (top left, year 12) at the Include Summit in Birmingham for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in sport



Milli (year 7) burning up the slopes in competition in Switzerland over half term

## Andrew Smith

A final piece of sports news. We were delighted to welcome Andrew Smith's family back to school on Tuesday March 29th. Andrew [sadly passed away](#) nearly three years ago after a long illness.

Andrew was a [fanatical basketball player](#) who was rarely seen in school without a bouncing ball by his side.

His head of year **Mr Endersby** ran an ultra-marathon last spring to raise money for a permanent memorial to Andrew, and we are now the proud owners of a new basketball hoop on our playground. Our year 7 basketball team were keen to try this out!

Thank you to those who supported Mr Endersby with his fundraising and thank you too to Andrew's family for coming in and inaugurating the use of an enduring commemoration of this remarkable young man.



Dear Sackville parents and carers,

If, like us, you are feeling utterly hopeless about the situation in the Ukraine, we think we have come up with a way for you to offer some help! Not only will you be helping raise important funds for those fleeing the dreadful attacks on the Ukraine, but you will be treating yourself (and any other lucky souls you might include) to an evening of dinner, dancing and top-notch entertainment! Please see the attached poster for details. Please consider purchasing tickets and helping the cause by indulging in a fabulous night out!

With warm wishes,

Liz James (parent in year 7) and Amelia Michie (hopeful future parent of Sackville!)

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