

Sackville News



20th December 2017

Dear Parents,

We have reached Christmas and the end of a very busy and productive term! This photo shows our festive reception area with a generous collection of donations building up for the **East Grinstead Foodbank** which we have been very pleased to support again this year.

First and foremost, I would like to **thank the whole community** for your dedication and continual good cheer. I am now in my fifth year as Headteacher here and the supportive atmosphere never ceases to amaze me. It is very special!

It was a great pleasure to express our gratitude to our **wonderful support staff** on the Unison “**Stars in our schools**” day at the end of November. All of us – teachers, students and parents alike – owe these folk a great debt for the fine work they do day in, day out, ensuring that the school functions so well. It was so good to see them on the front page of a recent issue of the East Grinstead Gazette. Thank you!



This week, it has been a pleasure to conclude with our traditional **service of nine lessons and carols at St. Swithun's** when we were treated to some wonderful readings by our younger students and to enthusiastic, talented singing by all ages, including the **Sackville Community Choir**.



Another well-established tradition occurring the same day was our **6th form Christmas dinner**, when the whole cohort of nearly 400 students come together to celebrate the festive season with their favourite food, crackers and Mr Whitehead's renowned raffle prizes! This followed the **main school Christmas dinner** the week before which was its usual excellent standard.





Our **Sackville junior singers** were honoured guests at the annual rotary **Christmas tree lighting ceremony** in the centre of town at the end of November. They were in hearty voice and superbly led by one of our sixth formers, **Tia Bartlett**. I was very pleased to be there and our students impressed the many folk who attended, including the **Mayor and Rotarians**.

Music is always particularly joyful at this time of year and this was certainly the case at our annual **Winter Concert** which was a real feast of talent. The organisation was incredibly slick and our 6th formers once again played key leadership roles which is exactly what we like to encourage here at Sackville.



The **parental support** at the concert was tremendous and it was also good to see so many of you at our other parental occasions such as the **'Ten Weeks In'** evening for our new year 7 parents and, more recently, our **year 12 and 13 parents' evening**. This, together with the very helpful work of our **Parents' Focus Group** which has included a **learning walk** during a

typical school day, reflects what I feel is an ever strengthening home-school partnership to the benefit of all.

On the sporting front, there have been some great achievements over the past few weeks.

Our **swimming team** competed in the **National Finals at the London Aquatic Centre** following superb qualifying performances at the regional heats in Horsham. Having originally qualified in 24th position, the **girls' team improved to come 18th in the Nationals**. The **boys improved from qualifying in 17th place to finish 12th in the Nationals**. This was all achieved competing against the **very best school teams** in the country, so what a result! Thank you to their parents and to **Miss Offler and Mrs Rigg** for all their support.



This success was swiftly followed by **fantastic performances** by Sackville students at the **South East Schools Trampoline Competition** at Gillingham:-

- **Oscar Morgan** U14 Boys intermediate - 1st position
- **Jordi Crowther** U19 girls intermediate - 2nd position
- **Sofia Davis** U19 girls intermediate - 4th position
- **Heidi Crowther** U19 girls elite - 1st position

Oscar, Jordi and Heidi have all qualified for the next round, the **Southern Zonal competition** in January and Sofia is 1st reserve. Well done!

Sackville students have also been positively making their mark off the school site in other ways recently.

Our **sixth form A level economists** have attended a useful conference in London where speakers included **John Redwood, Vince Cable**, economist **Jonathan Portes** and **Tim Harford**. Pictured here are **Mutsa Dhlwayo** and **Chris Oglethorpe** with **Vince Cable**, Leader of the Liberal Democrats and Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills from 2010-2015.



On Wednesday 29th November, Mrs Stuart was very proud to escort our year 11 debating team to the **English Speaking Union debate SE competition at Ardingly College**. Since September, the 'Sackville Speak Out' debate and public speaking team has been preparing for both the Rotary

public speaking competition and the ESU South East debate competition. We had to oppose the motion '***This house believes that all elected politicians should be paid the median wage***'. Aminah Rahman and Isabelle Goddard (pictured) were selected as our speakers for the evening debate. Lily Kendrick, Imogen Gaines and Alex Cumpatescu all came along to support, having made great contributions to the research and arguments.

I am delighted to say that Aminah and Isabelle performed astoundingly well and **we won our debate against Burgess Hill Girls. We now go through to the next round of the prestigious competition, this time against Tonbridge School.** The level of debate and argument was very high and Sackville should be very proud being the **only state school to have progressed** from the local area.

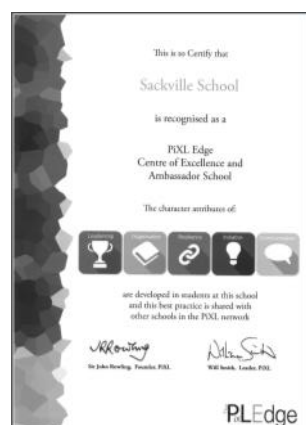


Our **Junior Leadership Team**, which has established itself so well this term, took a visit last week to **Chailey Heritage School**, a fine centre of education for those with significant need. They were invited to see how the funds raised for the school by Sackville students over the past couple of years have been put into good practice. The students found it a very fulfilling visit and were moved by the fantastic level of care and purposeful atmosphere there.

Back onsite, we were recently pleased to welcome staff from the **Queen Victoria Hospital** to share with students in years 12, 13 and 14 about their roles and how they came to choose a career in the health care sector. Their talks were both illuminating and inspiring.



The end of November also saw the first round of the **Rotary Young Chef Competition** being held at our school, with four competitors from Sackville (**Harriet Allison, Megan Stratford, Maisie Barnes and Kieran Du Feu**) joined by two competitors from Imberhorne. After exhaustive tasting, **Maisie was judged the winner and Megan runner-up.** Both girls progress to the next round in January, which is marvellous. It was a privilege to see what all the students had prepared and the fine way in which they presented their food. We were delighted to be joined by **the mayor, Cllr Mrs Julie Mockford**, who was equally enthusiastic about what had been produced!



Sackville is now an official '**PiXL Edge Ambassador School**'! PiXL Edge is an award which allows students to demonstrate their **leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and character**: characteristics in much demand in the workplace. Under the leadership of **Miss Garrison**, the school has been busily developing the programme this year and we are now recognised as a **key national provider**.



There are seven levels that students can work through during their school career, and we are delighted to announce that **Kit O'Callaghan** has achieved the second highest '**graduate**' status. The photo shows Kit receiving his certificate with his tutor **Mrs Grace**.

Last week, I paid a short visit to East Grinstead's twin town **Bourg-de- Peage** in southern France to spend a day in their secondary school, **College de l'Europe**. This is a return visit after we hosted their college staff and students in the summer and treated them to afternoon tea here at Sackville!

It was an interesting day comparing how different the education systems in the two countries actually are. We all share the same aim of wanting to provide the best possible learning experience for our students and **exchanging ideas and approaches** is very helpful. I attended two English lessons, had a tour of the school and engaged in a meeting with various staff about how we can encourage more links between our schools. A meal with the English department and the mayor was also very welcome! The photo below is taken with the Principal, Vice Principal and English staff of College de l'Europe.



On the morning of Wednesday 13th December, it was quite a privilege to be invited to the **launch of Ofsted's annual report** led by the **Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman** at Birdcage Walk in London. Sackville was one of very few schools nationally to be represented at such a prestigious occasion. There was plenty of interesting food for thought to process on the train back to East Grinstead afterwards!

The end of term always brings staff departures but I am delighted to say that we have only one member of staff leaving us, **Warren Smart**. Parents will probably be aware that Warren had already been on secondment for over two years to Brighton University and was very successful in his work there. He returned to us for two days per week this term but is now hoping to pursue further his career in higher education, most of which will involve training P.E. teachers. We wish him well.

I would like to leave you with some photographs from our wonderful **year group celebration assemblies**. All year groups celebrated in a different way and it was great to see so many **year 7** parents come along to support their children in what were delightful events. There are photos later in Sackville News. **Year 8** held a lunchtime fair to raise money for a Kenyan student they are sponsoring as part of the **Harambee project**. The **year 9** assembly included certificates for effort and achievement as well as entertainment from the students. **Year 10** were invited to the hall for breakfast and enjoyed a rolling presentation of quotes from all the staff about the brilliant things they have done this term.



In **year 11**, students have had a special assembly where they were presented with their **mock exam results**. I am exceedingly proud of this year group; they have shown great maturity, have worked hard and have conducted themselves very well this term under increasing pressure. It was therefore a pleasure for me to present them all with **special Sackville pens** which will hopefully bring them good fortune in 2018!



Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful festive break,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Another amazing performance from our drama students

Our **A2 drama students' scripted pieces** were performed in front of a live audience on Friday 8th December. The standards are so high each year that we have come to expect perfection – and that is what we got!

First up was an intense and immersive duologue from Tony Kushner's '**Angels in America**', a play written and set in the USA at the start of AIDS hysteria in the 1980s. **Alex Mustard** and **Imogen Fraser** had the audience captive within seconds of the start of their compelling performance. The raw emotion portrayed by these young actors was extraordinary. We would have happily watched the entire eight hours of this play with performances such as these.

This was followed by a hilarious interpretation of part of '**A Midsummer Night's Dream**', which went way beyond the humour already written into Shakespeare's comic masterpiece. **Nathan**



Callis, Elise Flude, Tom Axtell, Rhys Harmour, Daniel Wheate and Kimi Brockley-Hatch gave high-octane

performances in the style of the Knee-High Theatre Company, showing the hilarious consequences of getting a love charm wrong.

We are looking forward to the devised pieces these groups produce next summer. Well done and thanks for an evening of fantastic entertainment!

A special thanks too to Mrs Carrick, Mrs Newman, Mrs Warran and Mr Taylor for getting the students so well-prepared. Mrs Beasley would be very proud this evening.



What a performance!!

Congratulations to our year 12 and 13 performing arts students for their showcase spectacular on Monday 18th December. How they have managed to keep their energy levels so high this late in the term is a mystery perhaps only Mrs Newman can answer.

Year 12s kicked off with extracts from Stephen Sondheim's 1970 musical *Company* which deals with the trials of Bobby, a popular 35 year-old struggling to commit to a relationship, let alone marriage. His espoused friends don't seem to make it easier for him to commit to matrimony, and despite a number of girlfriends he ends the play a single man. Great performances from the whole cast (**Melissa Turner, Nuha Diaz, Eliza Roser, Juno Phitidis, Jordyn Hyre, Ethan Chapman and Thomas Whitwick**) meant the first half of the evening rushed past.

This was followed by the final-year students performing selected numbers from two Bob Fosse directed shows, *Chicago* and *Sweet Charity*. Again, the energy and enthusiasm of the performers was infectious, and numbers like Cell Block Tango and Reach for the Gun would have graced any stage. Thank you to (pictured) **Megan Parsons, Isobel Booker, Sophia Ody, Tia Bartlett, Amy Collins, Imogen Fraser, Catherine Belcher and Alex Walsh**.

It makes us anticipate all the more eagerly the next performances these students put on. Apologies to the year 12 cast for the lack of a photo!

Year 11 performing arts showcase

Imogen Minns (year 11) writes:-

On Wednesday 31st January the two year 11 BTEC Performing Arts/Dance classes are putting on their final show. The evening's performance is based around the theme emotions and the pieces include dance, acting, singing and live music. It's being held in the main school hall at 5.30pm. Tickets are £3 for adults and £2 for concessions (OAPs/students/children) and can be bought on the door. We hope to see you there!



Fourth Monkey Theatre Workshop

Mrs Beasley writes:-

On Wednesday 8th November 2017, Drama and Performing Arts students from the sixth form were given the opportunity to participate in a three hour workshop with Steven Green, the Artistic Director of Fourth Monkey, an actor training company based in London.

Laura Sizer said: "The workshop was a very memorable experience. We explored the idea of movement and energy in acting, including ways to move around the stage with a purpose and how to link with other actors on stage. Overall, the whole workshop was enlightening and taught us very useful acting skills which we can incorporate in future performances."

Gabriel Rathbone said: "The Fourth Monkey workshop taught me a lot about things that I sometimes forget to think about in acting and theatre. It's easy to just think about yourself and your own performance on stage, but over the course of the workshop, they taught me about balanced staging and just how important it is to take everyone into consideration in the scene and establish the dynamic between the actors."

Our students represented the school brilliantly and Steven was very impressed by the energy and enthusiasm they brought to the workshop. He even said that he was keen to return so we look forward to offering the opportunity to those students who may be taking A level Drama and BTEC Performing Arts in the future.



The Woman in Black

Grace de Souza (year 12) writes:-

On Wednesday 13th December a coach full of Sackville drama students, spanning years 9 to 13, went to the **Fortune Theatre in London** to see **The Woman in Black**.

They were there to experience how attributes such as lighting, sound and design elements come together with the acting to create a hair-raising atmosphere. A lot of the students didn't expect a stage show to be very frightening.

But sound effects of screaming sent shivers down their spines. Clever set design meant that a small change in the lighting suddenly brought new scenes to life. And a plot twist at the end left a lingering sense of fear, even after the house lights illuminated the theatre.

Some of the students came away laughing and some shaking, but the verdict was unanimous: it was terrifyingly good.

Don't forget the spring term starts at 8.25 on
Thursday 4th January 2018!

Film students on the run!

Mr Scarfe writes:-

They're young...they're in love...and they kill people!

No, not our students but the titular anti-heroes of classic gangster film *'Bonnie & Clyde'* which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Wednesday 29th November saw twenty-two film students from our sixth form travel to newly opened cinema *'The Depot'* in Lewes for an Explore Film event delivered by film academic, Jenny Stewart.

One of the set film texts for the new Film Studies A Level (and co-incidentally one of the films our year 13s are studying as part of their *Emotional Response to Popular Cinema*), *'Bonnie & Clyde'* is an important film in the birth of what came to be known



as New Hollywood.



The event was not simply a university-style lecture, but a fully interactive experience that helped broaden the knowledge students already had from their studies. Of all the schools in attendance none were as polite, well-behaved and involved in the day as Sackville students. Contributions from **Laura Sizer, Gabriel Rathbone, Henry Lagrange, Tom Axtell and Dan Wheate** (I may have missed others because we almost monopolised the session with our insight) really helped the day go with a bang. The event organisers and the lecturer herself were keen to praise Sackville students. They are looking forward to receiving us again in January for an event on Film Narrative and UK Film. I, for one, cannot wait.

Christmas e-safety tips

Mr Lea Writes:-



If your child is getting a **new phone or tablet for Xmas**, you may wish to consider some monitoring software to keep a parental eye on what they're doing. There are plenty available to download, some are free, some you have to pay a small subscription. An article explaining some of the more popular monitoring apps can be seen [HERE \(https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/best-parental-control-apps/\)](https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/best-parental-control-apps/).

For advice and instructions on setting up the most popular devices (parental controls, internet filters etc) see the Internet Matters website [HERE \(https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/\)](https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/)

If you are buying a new game for your child, make sure you are happy with it first. Just because "everybody else has got it" doesn't mean it's appropriate for your child. Check on the [Common Sense Media website first: \(https://www.common sense media.org/\)](https://www.common sense media.org/)

There will be plenty more information on e-safety in the New Year. For parents whose child is in years 7, 8 and 9 don't forget there is an e-safety information evening on **Thursday 18th January between 5.30pm and 7pm**; if you would like a place then please email me on jlea@sackvilleschool.org.uk. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Invisibliteam

Year 12 students **Melissa Turner** and **Hollie Barden** have been busy giving assemblies raising awareness of people with disabilities. For the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** on 3rd December, they organised a concert over lunchtime in the main hall. Those present enjoyed the excellent entertainment as they ate.

Hollie and Melissa would like to thank the performers and technical crew who made this event possible.

Performers: Grace de Souza, Sky Bollom, Juno Phitidis, Nuha Diaz, Amber Titchener, Toulah Morgan, Saskia Crumpton

Technical crew: Mr Forsyth, Mr Taylor, Michael Hoelters, Ben Thomas



Our chemists are 'Top of the Bench'

Dr Morley writes:-

Sackville was represented at the Royal Society of Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' Chemistry competition at Millais School on Wednesday 6th December by **Eleanor Canepa-Anson, Alec Bignall, Dan Beard** and **Eric Parker**. There were seven schools competing, carrying out 45 minute practical tests and 30 minute multiple choice tests. The practical tests really challenged the students but they performed admirably, obtaining excellent results and plotting high quality graphs. The scores from both tests were added together and Sackville finished in a credible fourth place overall, only missing out on a spot in the top three by two marks. The students really enjoyed the experience, demonstrating their passion for Chemistry and for representing Sackville with enthusiasm and pride. Well done all four!



Our physicists have a pretty good time too

A level Physics trip to Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station

Mr Wilcox writes:-

We drove down to Dungeness B power station with thoughts of Homer Simpson and men in full radiation suits in our minds but as soon as we arrived our misconceptions started to be corrected. We started off being kitted out in full health and safety outfits including high-vis jackets, helmets, ear defenders and gloves and then made our way to the tight security. Once through the metal detectors, security card reading door locks, pin number turnstiles and past the barbed wire fences with CCTV cameras we were finally in the main PowerStation area. Our tour started by telling us the history of the site and nuclear power production in the UK and then we



headed into the reactor room viewing gallery. The only nuclear power stations in the world where you can view the top of the reactor are the advanced gas cooled reactors and they are only in the UK. It was fascinating to see the top of the fuel shafts and cooling rod shafts, to watch the workers preparing to refuel the uranium fuel rods and to get a sense of the scale of the power station. Whilst watching this we were told some nuclear power statistics, such as the fact that a single 18g uranium fuel pellet will produce as much energy as one million tonnes of coal and that in the fifty years of nuclear energy production the total volume of high level radioactive waste would fit in two London buses.

After we left the reactor viewing room we then headed to the turbine hall. This was very noisy and we were very pleased to have our ear defenders on. The turbine hall is where the hot water from the reactor makes steam to drive a series of turbines which then produce the 1 Giga Watt of electrical power. Our next stop of the tour was the water inlet to see the vast amount of sea water which is used to cool down the turbine outlet water so it can be reused. Finally we were taken into the control room training suite. This is an exact copy of the Power Station control room where staff train for any potential situation. It looked really out of date with 1960's wooden desks and old switches but the technology behind them is cutting edge; apparently the workers prefer the old style switches to touch screens! After our tour we had lunch back at the visitors' centre and then had a competition to build a pair of electricity pylons which were able to hold the most weight; we were reasonably successful at this and it was a nice fun way to finish the day.

Astronomy research with Sussex University

Mr Bush and Mr Keeble write:-

A group of fifteen year 12 students recently embarked on an exciting project allowing students studying A level physics to work with professional astronomers at the University of Sussex. This is a unique opportunity that aims to develop students' skills and understanding of the physical world, inspire students to follow a career in physical sciences or mathematics at university and enhance UCAS applications.

Working together, we have developed a project to use both the University's own large telescope, situated in Chelwood Gate, and the Sackville Observatory to gather data on the magnitude of variable stars. Students attended a launch event at the University last month and will return there in the late spring to analyse their data with professional guidance. During their visit, students learnt about why stars vary their brightness and had a tour of the University facilities, including their rooftop observatory and radio telescope (see photo). We aim to begin collecting data from real observations in January and will report back with an update in the spring term.



AIG come to talk to sixth form business students

Mr May writes:-



Chris Burgess (**UK Cyber Insurance leader**) from AIG visited Sackville to speak to year 13 A level Business students about working in insurance, developments in the industry and why it might interest them.

Chris also spoke about his time working in graduate recruitment for AIG and explained what the students can expect from a graduate programme and how to get the best chance of success during the recruitment and selection process.

Chris allowed time for students to ask questions and was impressed with the questions asked. Chris spoke about overcoming adversity as a key element of success and gave an insight into personal mistakes he had made and how he managed to turn them into a positive and ultimately learnt from his errors. He explained the significance of remaining positive and how that can be a key driver in meeting your goals. Chris wrote:

"I was very pleased with the class engagement, several of them raised very good questions which demonstrated to me that they were thinking about the topics we were covering. I thought they were particularly engaged on the two topics of 'Technology changing jobs in the future', and 'How to get access to jobs', two good questions came out of that, and I hope my answers to them provided some further guidance for them. I would add that I thought the attitude of the pupils during the discussion was engaging and polite"

Sixth Form updates

Mrs Valentine and Mr Whitehead write:-

University and apprenticeship news

Our strong links with the **University of Ulster** are going from strength to strength. Mrs Underdown, (Sixth Form Secretary) and Mr Bush (Leader of Professional Development), have enjoyed taking **two groups of students there in November for Open Days** specifically geared towards attracting students from the mainland to study in Northern Ireland. The university went to a massive effort to make our students feel welcome and to provide a real insight into the courses. We are very grateful to University of Ulster for making these visits possible, as well as to our students for taking up these excellent opportunities. One visit was specifically targeting students for bio-medical science related degrees and the other visit targeted law and economics related degrees. The Business Studies students participated in workshops and did team building tasks and assessments. The day culminated with a city tour of Belfast. All students came away with goody bags including prospectuses and University of Ulster hoodies.

Mrs Underdown writes about her two day visit to Ulster in early November:-

After a long day at school and journey from Gatwick, we arrived in Belfast to be transported by coach to our hotel accommodation (courtesy of the university). Once we were shown to our rooms which the students were really pleased with, we all had something to eat then went to straight to bed!

Up for an early start, we had breakfast and then travelled to Ulster University at 8.15am, where with other schools we met Natasha and the rest of the team from Ulster University.

We had a Group Campus Tour around the Coleraine Campus and were shown the accommodation, library, study areas, student union and lecture theatres.

We all attended a *Welcome Presentation* with Dr Karise Hutchinson which included a talk about the university and the different campuses, explaining all the different types of degrees on offer. Dr James Nesbitt, the Chancellor, also came on stage which was a lovely unexpected surprise and spoke about Ulster University. He was spending the day in the Riverside Theatre working with students at the university. There was also an ex-student that spoke about her experiences.

All the students attended their first workshop. I went along to the psychology workshop which was extremely interesting, talking about the huge range of accredited degrees available and work placements.

Other workshops available were biology, pharmacy, stratified medicine and optometry.

We had lunch with representatives of the students' union who were able to answer any questions we wanted to ask.

Next we went to our second workshop of the day. I went along to the bio-medical workshop where we had to test blood samples for a pretend crime scene investigation. Students had to work in groups and were provided with four blood samples and had to determine each blood group using anti-A and anti-B immunoglobulins.



We then collected our Ulster goody bags which included a hoodie and materials to take home and returned to the coach to be taken to the airport.

Degree Apprenticeship Open Day visit and Nursing apprenticeship opportunities

The sixth form team had the pleasure of the company of 37 year 12 and 13 students on 6th December when we took them to Portsmouth University for the evening to find out more about degree apprenticeships, a post-16 route that is gaining in popularity. They involve students gaining a work placement and then spending some of their time at university learning the theory to back up what they are doing at work. More and more employers are involved in this and the university did a very good

job at looking after us and explaining what was available, with lots of speakers from various disciplines/courses on hand to explain the finer details.

We will endeavour to do more of these visits as and when they come up. Needless to say the students were attentive, listened keenly to what was discussed and made the most of the visit and the information they were given.

Many of our **health and social care students** are interested in following a **career in the nursing profession**. We are thrilled with the links that Mrs Rooke and Mrs Underdown have established with our **local hospital, the Queen Victoria in East Grinstead**.

On 3rd November, we welcomed five speakers to give teachers and students a comprehensive guide on how to access nursing training on the apprenticeship programme which is being launched in the next year. It was particularly nice that two of the speakers were our ex-students – Ashley Kaufman and Rebecca Low. Both of these students have had high quality training through the Queen Vic and are either en-route to being now highly qualified or already highly qualified.

This is in addition to Jack Burchett who is currently undertaking training there. We are proud of the achievements of our ex-students and very grateful they gave their time freely to inspire our current generation of sixth form students.



The Queen Vic is offering many training opportunities to interested students. They hosted some of our prospective applicants on 11th December for a tour of the hospital; this included a detailed tour of the operating theatres and the opportunity to undertake some certificated CPR training. Several of our current year13/14 students are preparing applications for the nursing apprenticeship scheme. This is an excellent route into a very worthwhile profession.

If this is something that interests your son/daughter and you have not already explored it, please ask your child to come and speak with either Mrs Valentine hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk or Mrs Rooke erooke@sackvilleschool.org.uk We are

able to help arrange work experience in health care settings and also help with the application process for health and social care related training positions.



Mr Gerretsen dressed in a Nigerian Agbada this week as we are teaching about Nigeria to our year 9s in geography. He also took the opportunity to wear it with 7X for their last lesson of the year.

LRC News

Mrs Rose writes:-



A Christmas present arrived in the LRC at the end of November to be unwrapped on 5th December. What could it be?

There was much excitement from students visiting the LRC during the days before the *reveal*; could it be books? Was it Mrs Wogan ready to jump out and surprise us?

The wait was finally over at break time on Tuesday when students gathered to help tear off the paper and reveal... a very festive display - with not a book in sight!

The students also received a festive chocolate for helping to open the present and could also take part in a word search which proved very popular. It was a successful start to the LRC Christmas countdown.



"No books" I hear you cry! Of course there were books, what would a library be without them? A display of books with a festive theme, which students could borrow, covering things to make, bake and read over the holidays was also set up until the end of term.

There was time to thank our wonderful library monitors and trainee monitors with a little Christmas party at break time last week. Everyone enjoyed some snacks, drinks and games: model balloon making was great fun and Chloe Grantham won "pin the nose on Rudolf"! A good time was had by all.

The LRC was again lucky to have Mr Roberts come to read Christmas poems and stories at lunchtime on the last two days of term. Mr Roberts has done this for many years and it is very much appreciated, these always go down well with students of all ages, causing much laughter and giggling!





















Did you Know..... That the LRC is open from 8.25am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and from 8.25am to 3pm Friday. So we are open for one hour after school. There is always a member of staff on hand to assist with homework or for students to read quietly.

It just remains for me and Mrs Wogan to wish all students, staff and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and joyful new year.

Sports news

Despite the race against fading light, there have been plenty of sports fixtures since the last *Sackville News*.

A slight change in format this issue – don't forget you can follow Sackville sport and PE on Twitter [here](#). If you are not a twitter user, our [PE page](#) on the website has all of the latest results on it.

-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 20
U12 Football beat @TheWeald 4-1 in the Area Cup. Goalscorers: Harry S (2), Charlie F and Max A. MOM Murray J. Well done boys!
1 retweet, 3 likes
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 21
The U14 Rugby team won 36 - 17 vs Lingfield College tonight. A great game with some excellent runs scored. Scorers, Elliott V, Vincent T 2, Aaron H, Reece L, Luke P. Great work boys!
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 22
Under 13 Rugby beat @Lingfield_Sport 55-10
Tries Jamie D 6, Ellie B 2, Liam D 2 and Jules L.
MOM Jamie D for his devastating runs to score tries! Great game boys!
1 like
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 22
Under 15 Rugby Vs Christ Hospital lost 19-12. Tries from Rodi D. MOTM Harvey S.
2 likes
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 22
U14 Girls Football Team drew 2-2 vs @TheWeald in tonight's league game. Thank you for hosting and best of luck in the rest of the league.
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 22
U12 rugby beat @Lingfield_Sport 65-0. Try scorers Ben W 3, Theo P 2, Harrison FM 3, Jed D 3, Isaac S and Oscar R. MOM Nathan S. Excellent game boys, well done to all.
1 retweet, 3 likes
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 23
The U15 Girls Hockey team lost 1-0 to @Lingfield_Sport. Both teams played well. Thank you LC for hosting.
1 retweet, 1 like
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 23
U13 Football lost 4-1 in today's County Cup fixture vs Tanbridge House. MoM Saul M.
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 28
U12 Rugby County Cup
Sackville 45 Christ Hospital 5
Scorers Isaac S, Oscar R x2, Harrison F, Will B x2, Josh S, Max A and Nathan S.
MOM Isaac S
A fantastic win boys, well done!
1 retweet, 4 likes
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 28
U13 Basketball lost to Lingfield College yesterday 30-28 after the second period of overtime. MOM Ellis B. A close game boys!
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 29
Well done to the U12 Netball teams today. A's beat Millais 8-3 and the B's beat them 3-2. PoM A's = Emily D & B's = Chloe G. All teams did incredibly well since especially as it was so cold! #winterterm Thank you for coming over @Millais_PE
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-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Nov 29
U14 Boys Hockey lost 4-0 to Oathall.
MOM Joe S and Cameron M.
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Dec 5
The U13 Basketball squad won this afternoons tournament at Tanbridge House, beating TH in the final 8-6. Player of the tournament Jude B. Great effort from all those involved. Thank you @TanbridgePE for hosting!
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Dec 7
Well done to the U12 Netball A&B teams who both won against St Paul's tonight.
A team won 6-5
B team won 6-4
A great game from both teams! Thank you St Paul's for hosting!
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Dec 7
U13 Cup Rugby Sackville 10 St Phillip Howard 15
Try scorers Harrison F-M and Noah R.
MOM Noah R and Jules L.
A tough game against a good side. Well done for all your efforts boys.
3 likes
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Dec 13
U12 Football last week got beaten by Tanbridge House in the Area Cup 3-1.
Max A scored our goal and George M was MOM.
Great team performance by the whole squad!
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Dec 14
U15 Boys Hockey lost 3-0 to Tanbridge House. MOM Harvey B.
-  **Sackville PE & Sport** @SackvilleSport · Dec 14
U13 Rugby lost to Cardinal Newman 45-30. Harvey B 3, Jamie D 2 and Liam D.
MOM Jules L and Jamie D
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Sports reports

Miss Offler writes:-

English Schools Swimming Association Secondary Schools Relay Nationals

This year is the 60th Secondary Schools Team Championships and was held at the Olympics Aquatics Centre in London. Prior to this event, schools had to compete to qualify for the National Finals which for Sackville, was held at Horsham Pavillions. The qualifying events are held around the country and only the top 30 fastest teams go through to the finals. The teams for each age group comprise four pupils who compete in both the 4x50m Freestyle and 4x50m Medley Relays.

Sackville took eight teams to the qualifying event consisting of all three age groups (junior, intermediate and seniors). Pupils had the challenge of competing against a range of schools – more so than normal as we also had teams from across Sussex, Kent and Surrey. Everyone involved showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and support for each other throughout the day.

As a result of the fantastic swims in the qualifying stage, two teams were successful in getting through to the finals; the junior girls (freestyle relay) and the intermediate boys (medley relay). It is also important to note that the junior boys' medley relay team and intermediate boys' freestyle relay team were reserve teams for the finals, but were unfortunate not to be put through on this occasion.

On Saturday 18th November the junior girls and intermediate boys travelled to the London Aquatics Centre for the chance to compete in their qualified events. The girls had qualified in 24th place whilst the boys qualified 17th. Both teams swam exceptionally well in their heats and rose to the occasion of competing against some of the best school teams in the country. Each team improved their times and places, with the girls finishing in a time of 2:06:01 resulting in 18th place and the boys finishing in a time of 2:02:79 resulting in 12th place.

It was a fantastic event and the pupils should be incredibly proud of their impressive efforts. Thank you to their parents for transporting them and supporting them throughout the event. We will look forward to continued success next year.

Junior girls' team: Rachel Davies, Emily Graziano, Abigail Hall and Ella Kessell.

Boys' intermediate team: Joe Lancaster, Same Wiles, Ed De Barra, Nathan Randall.



Girls Football Week

On Monday 6th November some of our year 8 and 9 girls were fortunate enough to have a training session lead by Roxanne Bennett, a Sports Developer at Crystal Palace Football Club. This was a part of the FA Girls Football Week which is a national campaign aimed at raising the profile of female football and supporting our aim of doubling the number of women and girls playing football by 2020.

Roxanne came to deliver 2 sessions where pupils were able to access different football drills and games, alongside giving them the opportunity to learn more about opportunities to get into football. The girls were great throughout both of the sessions and we hope that from this we have helped to inspire more girls to get into football.



U14 Hockey

The U14 hockey team played an excellent game against Lingfield College. Both teams were well matched and the girls progressed throughout the game. Their persistent determination helped them to regain control of the ball. Once they got into the match the team looked a lot more composed and the passing became more accurate leading to goals from Hannah Plumb. Please see the match report below for more information.

The team: Lucy Rogers, Lucy Plumb, Hannah Plumb, Freya Healiss, Charlotte Radley, Annie Raymond, Rachel Canepa Anson, Ellen Green, Jasmine Silk, Emma Smyth.

Thank you to Mrs Smyth for the following match report:

On Monday 13th November the U14 hockey team played Lingfield College B's. It was a close match and we had to keep our energy up in order to win the game. With our quick passing and fast counter attacks we managed to lead 1-0 at half time, with Hannah scoring a brilliant goal. Then in the second half we pressured Lingfield early, with Hannah scoring again. Then we unfortunately conceded from a short corner; however we kept our heads up and carried on. The final score was 2-1 to us, it was a great match and the whole team played very well with Hannah and Annie tied for girl of the game.



Year 7 Netball

The year 7 girls have been fantastic throughout this half term, showing excellent commitment to training and developing their game.

Their first experience of a chilly winter's game was against Millais. Both teams showed great improvement from last half term's games and worked especially well since it was such a cold afternoon. The A team won 8-3 with player of the match going to Emily Darch and the B team won 3-2 with player of the match going to Chloe Grantham.

The A team: Emily Darch, Mia Carew, Gracie Stratford, Beth Currie, Eleni Lucas, Emily Moore, Amelie Saul, Annie Lyons.

The B team: Zoe Ray, Lillie Gilbert, Charley Handyside, Chloe Grantham, Lauren Burchett, Katrina Mutimba, Hannah Gibbon, Grace Kolter.



Both the A and B teams went to St Pauls on Thursday 7th December for a friendly match. The A team had a close encounter with the score favouring both teams throughout the game. Great teamwork from Beth Currie and Emily Darch in the final 5 minutes allowed Sackville to edge ahead to win 6-5. Player of the match was given to Emily Moore for excellent movement around the court throughout the game.

It was the first away game for some of the B team players so they were eager to impress against St Pauls. The team worked well together, with a noteworthy performance from Sarah Cotterell playing Centre and Sadie Ellis playing Wing Defence. The girls had a strong start to the game but a determined St Pauls team tried to regain control towards the end of the game. The girls kept control of the game and won 6-4 with player of the match going to Lillie Gilbert for passing throughout the game. Well done to those who have played this half term. We look forward to more games after the Christmas holidays!

The A team: Emily Darch, Mia Carew, Gracie Stratford, Beth Currie, Eleni Lucas, Emily Moore, Katrina Mutimba, Annie Lyons.

The B team: Zoe Ray, Lillie Gilbert, Charley Handyside, Sarah Cotterell, Sadie Ellis, Lauren Burchett, Hannah Gibbon, Ellie Parkes.



Oliver Roberts, Sky Bollom, Imogen Booth, Sofia Day and Marufa Rahman added a creative twist (a double twist?) to their **study of DNA** this Christmas, making an **origami model** of the molecule. Imogen wins the Christmas costume prize!

Photos

The Winter Concert



The Rotary Young Chef Competition



Year 7 celebration assemblies



Year 7 disco, organised by year 13 travel students

By year 9 these girls won't allow their photos to be taken!





Travel and tourism Mexican themed bowling evening with the teachers

On Friday 24th November our year 13 travel students organised a Mexican themed bowling evening in Crawley. The evening began with a students vs staff fixture in the Hollywood Bowl. We hope for the students' sake that the losers did not have to pay for the meal that followed! These are non-alcoholic 'mocktails' by the way.



Take on the geography teachers at your peril ...



**Midweek Christmas
Holiday Offers**



- ⚽ Adults £10, Juniors £6
- ⚽ Junior FREE with paying adult!
- ⚽ Family* Ticket - £25
- ⚽ Five Friends** for a Fiver each!
- * Up to 5pp - Max 2 Adults
- ** Juniors only

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- Christmas Day - **Closed**
- Boxing Day - **Closed**
- Wednesday 27th Dec' - 10am-Dusk
- Thursday 28th Dec' - 10am-Dusk
- Friday 29th Dec' - 10am-Dusk
- Saturday 30th Dec' - 9am-Dusk
- New Year's Eve - 9am-Dusk
- New Year's Day - **Closed**

Don't forget your new boots!





Science technician (chemistry) Grade 4

We are looking to appoint a science technician to support teaching and learning in our large and vibrant science department. They will be based in our chemistry preparation area but support colleagues across the faculty.

The successful candidate should have good interpersonal and organisational skills, be a strong communicator and able to work as part of a successful team.

This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who likes working with young people.

Hours: Hours of work: 10 hours per week

Salary range: £16,781 - £17,419 FTE (pro-rata £3,768 - £3,911)
term time only.

Sackville is a large, mixed, 11-18 comprehensive with 1610 on roll. We are a STEM school, leader in Space Education and hold International School, Artsmark Silver, Healthy School and Good Schools Guide awards. Our GCSE are consistently strong with positive progress 8 scores.

Further details are available on our website www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk or from Mrs K Rowlingson, PA to the Headteacher, on 01342 414900
krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Please address your letter of application together with the application form and safer recruiting sheet (available on website) to Mr Julian Grant, Headteacher.

Closing Date: Friday 5th January noon
Interviews: w/c Monday 8th January 2018

Sackville School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.