

Sackville News

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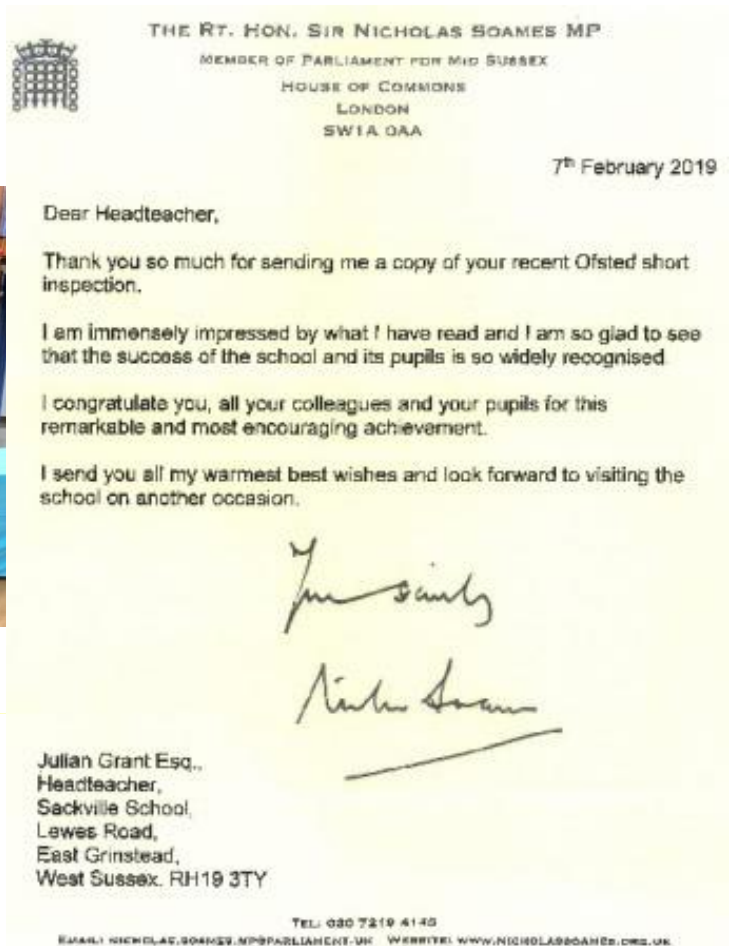
Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of half term, I thought I would take this opportunity to share an extremely complimentary letter we received last week from our MP, **Sir Nicholas Soames**. As stated, it is indeed great to see the school's success widely recognised!



Sir Nicholas Soames visiting Sackville last year

Congratulations are specifically in order to our four competitors in the challenging chemistry 'Top of the Bench' contest this year. **Luke Waddell, Sophie Larkin, Scarlett Green** and **Charlie Snashfold** competed against ten other schools in a regional heat at Lewes Priory School. After a gruelling day spent completing practical tasks and multiple choice assessments, they finished a very creditable sixth overall, with a score that would have earned them second place in other regional competitions.



All of the four team members represented the school with enthusiasm and commitment, working very hard throughout. They **displayed excellent practical skills, worked safely, and accurately analysed their results**. Very well done and congratulations!



Sixth formers **Aminah Rahman** and **Isabelle Goddard** smoothly took Sackville to the **regional final** of the **English Speaking Union Mace Debate Competition** on Tuesday 29th January. They proposed the motion **"This house believes that no essential service should be provided on a for-profit basis"**.

Aminah and Isabelle spoke with confidence and passion against a challenging **Brighton College** team. Of the three teams in this round, Sackville and Brighton College **progressed to the regional**



finals – to be held in February. Judges commented on the **clarity of expression** and **quality of reasoning** that the team demonstrated. Many congratulations to the whole debate team, including those behind the pair who have helped research and hone the arguments for this debate: **Imogen Gaines** and **Kezia Augustine**. Many other students are involved in debating club, so it has been a real Sackville team effort.



It is always so good to touch base with many of you during the spring term series of parents' evenings. You continue to remind me what a joy and privilege it is to be involved with this community.

Most recently, we held a **parental revision support** session for GCSE run by the **Elevate** group. It was an excellent session full of practical advice and I am grateful for such a strong attendance.

We have also had a busy and productive **year 9 evening** with subject teachers and soon after half term we will welcome **year 8** parents to our **GCSE options evening**.

7LST have had the original idea of using Valentine's Day to raise money for a school in Tanzania. As Ms Stewart writes later, her tutor group have raised well over £100 by offering an anonymous **Valentine's Day gift service**. Presents are wrapped in attractive bags and come with a card for a private message.



Finally, I am delighted to express my sheer delight with the fantastic **'Back to the 80s'** school show taking place this week.

We have enjoyed an amazing first two nights' performances and are looking forward to the final night. **The standard of performance by orchestra and cast is stunning**, closely matched by the **professional quality of the stage set, lighting, sound and costumes**. This is a **true community event** that shows **Sackville at its very best**. The numerous participants are from all ages and they pull together with **tremendous camaraderie**. We have even had ex-Sackville families **flying in from Europe** to take part in the orchestra, such is the attraction of the show!



I know many parents will have thoroughly enjoyed this and I am pleased to include a few **photos** here for all to see.





I hope everyone has a relaxing half term break. All the best to our **intrepid skiers** who are setting off to the **USA** for the week!

Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

7LST spread the love at Sackville ... all the way to Tanzania!

Ms Stewart writes:-

Sackville students had the chance this week to order a Valentine's gift for their one they love. 7LST have chosen and wrapped these pretty bags which will be delivered anonymously on St Valentine's Day to the lucky recipients. Each bag comes with a card for a private message. The gifts sold out quickly which means we have raised an incredible £125 for our year 7 charity Friends of Lindi.



After living and working in Lindi, South East Tanzania with VSO for three years, ex-teachers Steve and Sue Scorer could not leave without continuing the help they had started to give to local people in need. Their mission is to alleviate poverty and hardship by providing education to break the cycle of deprivation and lack of opportunities, particularly for girls and women. All money raised is spent on projects or education. No donated money is used for administration, travel or any other incidental expense.

Please can we ask all drivers in the school community NOT to park in the private road leading to Littlefair care home? It has in the past obstructed ambulances in emergencies.

Some 'Valentines' make an appearance in every Sackville News ...

Visit to HSC by Alzheimer's Society and Dementia Crisis Service

Mrs Valentine writes:-

It was a privilege to welcome Tim Wilkins of **Alzheimer's Society** and **Sarah Edgar** from the **Dementia Crisis Service** to our sixth form Health and Social Care lesson. They were accompanied by three Alzheimer's sufferers who bravely told us their stories.

Our students saw first-hand how people can manage to live a rich and full life with dementia. Their stories were movingly recounted and our students then engaged in group work activities with our visitors. Students learnt of the help available to dementia sufferers, as well as the barriers to care and how to overcome these barriers.

Such visits are invaluable for enriching our HSC course; they make students aware not only of the conditions and impact on daily lives, but also of career opportunities in the health and social care sector.



I would like to thank all who took part, helped and gave up their time to enable this visit to happen. We certainly look forward to welcoming our guests again next year.

Youth Mental Health First Aid training – January 2019

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

I write to update that the second round of staff MHFA training this academic year took place at the tail end of January. There were seven Sackville staff included and a colleague from St Mary's CofE Primary and two from Imberhorne.

As before, despite the hard hitting and thorough nature of course content the delegates were engaged and already quite passionate about the subject matter. It was lovely to feel that everyone in the room was on board with what is an important area in today's society. Absolutely everyone on the course gained new knowledge or skills and some of the comments are as follows:



"Extremely informative and given me the confidence to deal with issues when/if encountered."

"I have done many courses over the years and this one is by far the most informative and useful. Fantastic course and delivered beautifully."

"Very helpful – I feel better equipped to work with our students."






MHFA England

I am looking forward to delivering this training for the last time this academic year in June. I have Sackville staff lined up and will be sending invitations out to our primary headteachers in April. I hope that I will see lots of staff from the wider community joining us. Hopefully with this training the young people in and around our school will get the help and support through what can be one of the most challenging times.

I am also looking to see if there is sufficient interest from you to see if I could run a parents' course. Please do let me know via email if this is something you would like to attend; hnibloe@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Sports News

New year – new fixtures ...

	<p>25th January: U14 netball beat Millais to win the U14 Netball League</p>
<p>25th January: U14 boys' hockey lost 0-2 to Oathall. Player of the Match Jake Hodges</p>	<p>25th January: U15 netball played their last games of the season finishing eighth in the league</p>
<p>25th January: U15 boys' hockey drew 0-0 with Oathall. Player of the Match Cameron MacInnes</p>	<p>28th January: U15 boys' hockey beat Worth 4-2 (Kieran Green 2, Luke Maker 2). Player of the Match Oliver Ally</p>
<p>29th January: U13 basketball beat Tanbridge House 14-8 and lost to Warden Park 6-14. Player of the Match Sammy Lane for an outrageous basket</p>	<p>29th January: U15 rugby lost to Warden Park 0-50, despite some strong performances from our forwards</p>
	<p>29th January: U12 basketball beat The Weald 14-12, with a basket in the dying seconds. Player of the Match Lucas Welton</p>
	<p>4th February: U14 hockey beat Lingfield 2-0. Some excellent play with special mention to Jake Hodges, Charlie Snashfold, Emma Smyth and Liam Dawes. Player of the Match Jake Hodges</p>
<p>5th February: U13A rugby lost to TWBGS 0-60. Player of the Match Harrison Foster-McPhedran</p>	<p>5th February: U13B rugby lost to TWBGS 5 tries to 6. Tries Charlie Vickery, Towa Mphande, Harrison Webster, Malachi Abiri. Player of the Match Max Aubrey</p>



5th February: **U12 girls' football** won 4-0 against Imberhorne in a brilliant display. A hatrick for **Noemi Molnar**, and a goal for **Katie Smyth**. Player of the Match **Noemi Molnar**

6th February: **U13 netball league** lost 3-9 to Warden Park, drew 4-4 with Millais, won 8-3 against St Paul's. Player of the Tournament **Emily Moore**

6th February: **U13 basketball** lost 22-24 to Oathall in a close game with a much improved performance. Player of the Tournament **George Sutton** for some great layups

7th February: **U13 rugby** county runners up at 7s tournament, beating Cardinal Newman, Steyning and Boxhill and drawing with Christ's Hospital to get to the semi-final, where they beat Bexhill 15-5. The only loss was in the final to Warden Park. Strong school, Warden Park!

7th February: **U14A netball** lost 28-32 in a close game against Burgess Hill School for Girls. The **B team** lost 3-13.

7th February: **U16 netball** came fourth in a county tournament

7th February: **U15 hockey** lost 1-15 to Ardingly. Scorer of the Sackville goal, **Kieran Green**. Player of the Match **Kamil Stawinski** for his many excellent saves

7th February: **U14 hockey** lost 0-6 to Ardingly. Player of the Match **Emma Smyth**. Most improved **Isaac Lancaster** for the most dramatic tackle of the day

11th February: **U13 boys hockey** lost 1-3 to Skinners. Scorer **Freddie Mabey**, Player of the Match **Matthew Lehman**

12th February: **U13 and U15 girls' Futsal**. Our U13s won, and qualified for the next round. Player of the Tournament **Mia Carew**. Our U15s came second after some great performances. Player of the Tournament **Hannah Plumb**.

13th February: **U13A basketball** lost 14-26 to Warden park, **U13B** lost 12-13. Players of the Matches **Will Bramwell** and **Sam Mosley**



13th February: **U12A basketball** beat Warden Park 22-16. **U12B** also beat Warden Park 24-0. Players of the Matches **Freddie Mabey** and **Robert Taylor**. I'll just repeat those three words ... 'beat Warden Park' ... doesn't often happen.

February 14th: **U13 netball** played their final four games last night, beating Burgess Hill Academy and Oathall, but losing to Tanbridge House and Imberhorne

February 14th: **U13 rugby** lost 20-65 to Uckfield. Tries **Samuel Lane (2)**, **Harrison Foster-McPhedran (2)**

February 14th: **U15 rugby** beat Tunbridge Wells Boys' Grammar 48-7. Tries **Elliott Vincent**, **Bradley Stuart**, **Luke Maker**, **Dan Leroy**, **Vincent Turner**, **Jamie Davis**, **Jack Sands**

February 14th: **U16 hockey** beat Ardingly 2-0. Scorers **Euan Raeside** and **Ollie Kebbell**, both set up by Player of the Match **Joe Lancaster**

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop is now in place – most items only £1 each ...

We have shirts, skirts, trousers and PE kits all waiting for a new home!

Please visit reception to ask to see the stock or ask your child to visit at lunchtimes.

We ask that you are patient if Reception is busy at the time you visit.

Is your child now too big for the shirt you bought 6 weeks ago? Please give it a new home at the second hand shop, all clothes donations to reception gratefully received.



MEET THE PROFESSIONALS!

CAREERS EVENT

Parents and Students welcome!

Thursday 7th March

4.30pm—7pm

Sackville School

Main Hall

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apprenticeship advice and gap year
information.**

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Today a lovely sackville lad who helped my daughter in East court. My granddaughter slipped on the ice and had a epileptic fit , he help my daughter put her in the recovery position and made sure she was ok. If his mum is on here you should be very proud of your son and please say a big thank you to him. ❤️

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