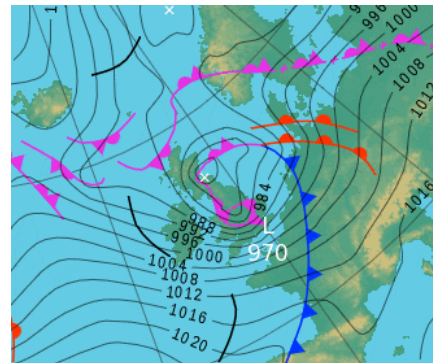


Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Thank-you for your understanding this morning** as we **closed the school**. With the amount of enforced time away from the classroom over the last two years this is not a decision we took lightly. We hope students were able to access the work and lessons set by staff. Sadly, the closure meant we were not able to present the matinee performance of our school show to local primary schools.

**School show week** is one of the high points of the school year. So many performers, musicians, support crew and staff are involved it really is the perfect illustration of our *Together we Achieve*.

This is our first show for two years, and we certainly had additional hurdles with staff and students having to isolate. In true Sackville style **it came together beautifully in the end**. Our school performances are always very special, but one audience member left the auditorium saying this is the **best Sackville show ever**. The band were at their peak, and the light show gets better every year. The perfect stage for our performers to put on a show that another audience member declared **worthy of a West End theatre**.





Spare a thought too for **Amber Titchener**, who played *Scaramouche* on Wednesday and Thursday, who this week has also been busily promoting her new single *Broken Dreams* which you can hear on [Spotify](#).

The show is a fitting crescendo to a busy half term during which we have been getting closer to more normal ways of operating. This has meant that trips

have continued to pick up. Our outdoor instructor Mr Brinkmann started working with a group of year 7 students this term, taking them out of school to places such as **Hindleap Warren, Harrison's Rocks** and **The South Downs National Park**.



The students have gelled as a team and have developed their problem-solving skills. Most of all they have learned how to **support each other in challenging situations**, such as on this high-ropes challenge at Hindleap – the beam moves as you jump onto it!

We have also been lucky enough to be able to take some of our **year 8 students** for two reward trips to Hindleap. **Year 8 is a tremendous year group** and year leader Mr Pearson had to resort to **drawing names out of a hat** to decide which students were able to enjoy this exhilarating opportunity.

Our **extra-curricular provision** has picked up this term too. The full programme of activities [can be found here](#). As you can see from the pictures, the variety of after-school opportunities is large.



Enterprise Club with Mr Dupoy



PE activities are always popular ...



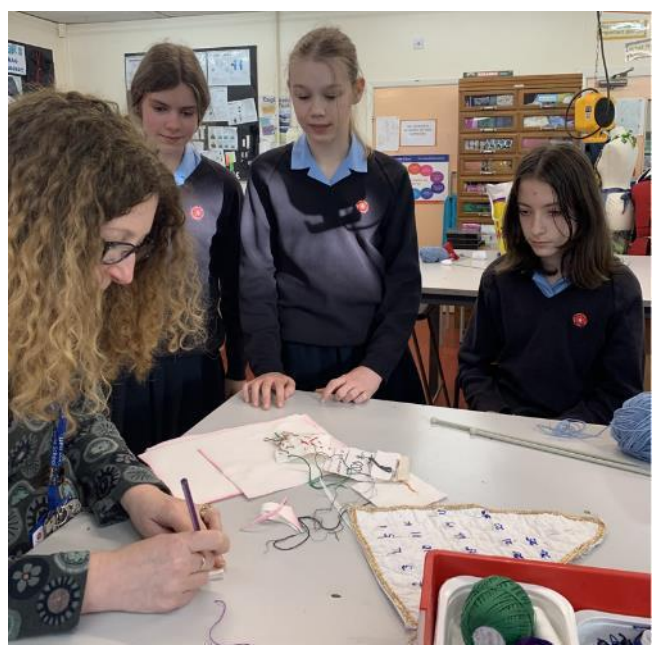
... whether indoors or out



Horrible histories club with Mr Beaver



KS3 drama club



Funky Fabrics with Mrs Pope

We have also been able to welcome visiting speakers back to school. On Wednesday 12th January, **ex-professional dancer and choreographer Jeannine Desmier** visited Sackville and spoke to all our Year 9 and 10 BTEC Performing Arts and Dance classes.

Jeannine gave the students an exciting look into some of the highlights of her career, including performing to 10,000+ troops who were deployed in Afghanistan and starring in *Mamma Mia 2*.

The students were thoroughly engaged with what Jeannine had to share and posed some interesting and thought-provoking questions.



Our **sixth form business students** benefitted hugely from a talk by the co-founder of [SOAP recruitment](#) this week. The session both introduced the world of HR to the students, and allowed them to practise and improve their skills in a workshop where they had to interview one another.

Alongside preparing for the school show, our performing arts students have been showcasing their talents in assessed performances. Our year 12 performing arts class presented a mesmerising performance of Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*.



**Natalie Rathbone** brought Christopher Boone to spectacular life as he struggled to come to terms with what was happening in his life. Christopher is not neuro-typical, and the cast worked together in a powerful way to show how approaching the world from a different angle made life such a challenge.

Congratulations to **Adam Lindsey, Hattie Williams, Emma Nathaniel, Maddie Rees, Natalie Rathbone, Grace Gentry, George Dearing** and **Armina Pritchard** for transporting us to a different world for an hour!

Congratulations too to **Sam Parsons** (year 13) and **Tom Salter** (year 11) who have just received merit certificates in the **Senior Maths Challenge Kangaroo**. This is a competition from those who have already excelled in the original contest, and to get a certificate means finishing in the top quarter of those who have gone through. Well done to both students!



This week it was lovely to see our **fabulous year 10 sports leaders** run a primary schools basketball tournament for eight local schools. The young students' enthusiasm could be heard in the centre of town! Winners were **Baldwin's Hill** and **Blackwell**.

One of the best things of our cautious emergence from two years dominated by the pandemic is the number of after school fixtures we are now able to play. A few of our favourite photos from this term are here.



The U13 sports-hall athletics team – brought home a hatful of medals



The U13 Basketball team after a narrow loss to Lingfield



The U12 rugby team and coach Mr Beaver



Our U16 netball team who came second in their end-of-season tournament



The U13 boys' football team full of smiles after a big win over Oxted



Our U15 girls' team. Counting how many goals they wish they'd scored ...



U13 mixed hockey



U13 girls' five-a-side team (well it should have been six ...)



U12 rugby players happy to have played Oathall



U12 netball A and B teams after beating Millais



U14 girls after a narrow loss to Hazelwick



U12 basketballers smiling after winning the local derby against Imberhorne



This is our U15 girls' indoor cricket team



And their peers in the U15 football team



Our U12 boys' football team



The undefeated U15 boys' hockey team



The year tens have been busy – this is our U15 netball team



Our U13 netball team after the invitational Lingfield tournament



Follow [sackvillepeandsport on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/sackvillepeandsport) for all the latest news and results.

Finally, one **individual year 7 performance** to report: well done to Ruby Seamer-Bingham in 7BPY who has recently taken up **dressage** and has done so well in her initial competitions that she has qualified for the **Sunshine Tour Championship** at Hickstead later this year.

With our best wishes for a safe and peaceful half term.

The next Sackville News will come out towards the end of next half-term. Don't forget you get news of all upcoming events from our weekly bulletins which you can get from our '[Current Letters](#)' page.