

Sackville News

24th January 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that 2018 is progressing well for all of you!

We have very much hit the ground running here with **four parents' evenings** taking place this month: years eight and ten with subject teachers, a year 11 revision support evening and an e-safety awareness evening for years 7 and 8. I do believe that regular consultation is important and it was great for me to catch up with so many of you.



Our **sixth form students are undertaking their mock examinations** this week and I would like to wish them all the best for that. We deliberately time this to coincide with our two staff training days so that students miss the minimum amount of teaching time possible for these exams.

Our **inset days** start with a meeting of the **teaching and learning research groups** we have running this year, and this is followed by work on how to enhance the **role of the tutor** at school, including training on the delivery of **spiritual, moral, social and cultural education (SMSC)**.



On the second day, we are delighted to host the world-renowned **educational expert Shirley Clarke**, who will talk about enhancing our **learning culture**. This is followed by staff working in their departments to create and review '**personal learning checklists**' (PLCs) which we have found are a significant help to students as they take control of their own learning and revision. Some staff are also having their **first aid qualification** re-validated.

Our training days are always purposeful and focused on the **enhancement of teaching quality**. They do remind me how fortunate I am to have such dedicated staff!



Earlier this month I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of our year 13 students to Germany where they undertook a variety of **work placements in Hamburg**, as well as a very interesting visit to **Berlin**. I would like to thank the staff who gave up their time to support the students: Mrs Valentine, Ms Flatman, Mr Whitehead and Mr Leahy and also to Mrs Underdown and Mrs Rooke who were very supportive with arrangements. I can now navigate the S-Bahn, U-Bahn and Deutsche Bahn pretty well!



The range of work experience was varied and interesting, including an **international law firm, shipping companies, a corporate events agency, logistics** and a **pre-school nursery**. I was very impressed by the approach of the students to the challenges they undertook and with the organisations which looked after them well. I am proud that the school offers such opportunities and grateful to our **partner school**



in Hamburg which helped us in this venture. This partnership now stretches well over ten years and we are welcoming a group of their students back to East Grinstead in February to undertake work placements here.



One of their placements will be at **Chailey Heritage School** for which we do a lot of fund raising. Indeed, only this week **our year 10 students presented a cheque for over £1000** during an assembly.

This money will go towards providing for students with very complex special needs, which often involves producing **bespoke engineered solutions**. Our students listened with amazement as **Al Carter** from the school talked about the work they do.

The picture shows **Louise Greenaway** presenting Al with the cheque. Many thanks to Chailey Heritage for giving up their time to come and speak to us.



On the **sporting front**, the school continues to thrive with many events and fixtures and much success.

Our **sports hall indoor athletics competitions** are becoming renowned in the local area, not least because many primary schools are frequently involved and the organisation of them by Mrs Currie is second to none.

Last week, our **year 8 indoor athletics team** excelled in the finals with

the **girls winning** with 147 points and the **boys coming second**. This week, our **year 7 teams** were in action, with the girls narrowly beaten into second place, and the boys coming fourth.

Our **under 13 netballers** have also made an excellent start to the league with **three good wins** over **Warden Park, Millais** and **St. Paul's**. Well done all!



Year 12 student **Oliver Roberts** is making the trek to **Everest Base Camp** next month and is raising funds at the same time, which is really excellent.

*"In February 2018, I will be trekking with a group to the Base Camp of Mount Everest which lies at an altitude of 17,600 ft above sea level. The trip will last just over two weeks from the 17th of February until the 4th of March. Any money I raise in completing the trek will go to the **Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Matt Rieley**, an ex-student of our school, who sadly passed away in*

May 2016. Matt was such a huge part of many people's lives in East Grinstead, especially within the Sackville community. Matt fought his illness with courage, determination and never lost his sense of humour – he was an inspiration to many."

I am sure we would all like to wish Oliver the very best for this challenge and adventure. The link to his fundraising page is [here](#).

Finally, it always sad when members of staff leave us and no more so than when they have given ten years of loyal service to the school. **Harry Burton**, our **Premises Manager**, is retiring on Friday 26th January and we wish him all the best. Managing such a large site as ours with 1700 students and 200 staff occupying it every day is far from easy; we are very grateful for all he has done.



Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

E-safety how to guides

Mr Lea writes:-

I would like to thank everyone who came to the **recent parental e-safety sessions in December and January**, there was some interesting discussions on strategies to both enable children with the use of technology and understanding some of the dangers all children now face when going online. The slides for both evenings are on the Sackville website on the link below:

<https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/e-safety/>

For more information regarding **specific applications which are popular amongst young people**, CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre) have produced 'how to guides' for parents to give advice on understanding new technologies including strategies on how to stay safe. The link for this is below:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>

If you require any more information on anything related to e-safety then please get in touch!

Mr Lea

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Calling year 8 girls

The CyberFirst Girls Competition is back (see flyer on this page).

If you are an inquisitive year 8 girl who works well with others, click [here](#) to find out about the competition. Come and talk to Mr Lea in C15 to find out how it works. We already have interest from some year 8s and we would love to have a few more. Mr Lea will run the competition sessions **in C15 from 3 till 4pm on Mondays**.

Stargazing live with Sackville

Mr Bush writes:-

A-Level physics students continued their **variable star research project** with the **University of Sussex** by visiting their observatory in Chelwood Gate on 10th January. Luckily, skies were clear throughout the evening, although mist descended later on making low-altitude observations of the Orion Nebula challenging. Students toured the facility before taking full control of the scope, aligning, slewing and finding the target star (V2455 Cyg) first time!

They then collected a sequence of photographs which they will then process to reveal the pulsating nature of this star. They will also process their images of the Orion Nebula, overlaying each of the three coloured images to produce a final full colour picture. Additionally they had a visual experience through a 200mm reflecting telescope courtesy of Dr Baskill from the University.



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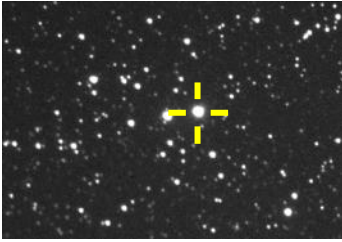
The CyberFirst Girls Competition is back.
Can your team reach the final?



Calling all Year 8 (S2) or Year 9 (N1) girls with inquisitive minds, who like solving problems and working as a team. Sound like you? Time to shine. The national CyberFirst Girls Competition looks for teams of up to four to take on online challenges set by the NCSC. Talk to your teacher and get your school and team registered from January 2018 at cyberfirst.ncsc.gov.uk

Join cyber first.

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Girls Competition 2018



Thanks not only to the University staff but also Mr Keeble and Mrs James who accompanied the trip.

Photos: Students discussing the specifications of the University's telescope with Dr Hardiman and a copy of the photo of V2455 Cyg taken through the telescope by our students.

Routes in to nursing: Year 11/12/13 Health and Social care careers talk and tour of Queen Victoria Hospital

Mrs Rooke, Futures Leader, writes:-

Monday 15th January saw 14 students from years 11-14 attend **the much anticipated tour of QVH** accompanied by Mrs Rooke and Mrs Underdown. The students were greeted by nine members of staff in the Staff Development Centre with roles across the hospital from HR to operating department practitioner. The students were given resuscitation training on both adult and child CPR training manikins and a full debrief and training on hygiene and infection control. Students were also given advice on how to apply for roles within the hospital.



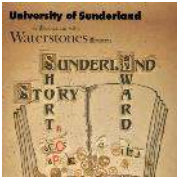
Our guided tour around the core services provided an informative overview of the hospital, visiting the Peanut Ward, Canada Ward, outpatients and the world renowned Maxillofacial Department.

The newly refurbished high tech theatres gave the students the opportunity to handle theatre equipment tools and discuss the process from anaesthesia through to recovery.

We would like to extend our thanks to QVH for providing our students a wonderful insight into all the different roles and opportunities available and look forward to forging an even stronger working relationship in the future. We also look forward in future years to visiting some of our students who are hoping to gain employment and training there.



Writing competitions this month from Ms Pearson

Competition Name	Entry requirements	How to enter/ get more information	Prizes	Deadline
Tell a Tale - Gothic Fiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free to enter. Stories should be fictional and must be no longer than 500 words in length. Your writing should be based on the following quotation from the play <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i>'s script as inspiration: <i>"It might be possible, of course, that far from being one, we may possess two selves."</i> Following in the gothic tradition, think about the fears we have today and how they could be expressed in a dark but fun and emotional tale. Your tale should grip the reader in the way that gothic novels of the late 19th century captured the imaginations of their Victorian readers. 	Visit the website: http://theatrecloud.com/get-involved/creative-projects/tell-a-tale-gothic-fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i> is touring theatres across the UK from February - May 2018. Everybody that takes part in this project will receive a £10 ticket offer on up to two tickets to see <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i> at their nearest theatre. At each city or town, Theatre Cloud will select two tales to send to the cast of <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i>. An actor will then choose their favourite tale and perform a filmed reading at the theatre. Each reading will be available to watch online and makes it onto the shortlist. In the final week of the tour, the judges will review the shortlisted tales and decide which one comes top and receives an award of £300. Other awards include Jekyll and Hyde posters signed by Phil Daniels and family tickets to <i>Dracula</i> in Autumn 2018. 	21st April 2018
Pen to Print: Poetry and Short Story Competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free to enter. Entries can be poems or short stories. 	Visit the website: https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/residents/leisure-libraries-and-museums/libraries/library-events-and-activities/pen-print-real-people-real-stories-poetry-short-story-competition/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The best short stories and poetry produced during the project will be chosen for inclusion in an anthology for publication. First Prize: tablet PC. 	29th March 2018
Sunderland Short Story Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free entry for writers aged 11-17. Multiple submissions welcome. For aged 11-17 category entries, there is a 1500 word limit. 	Visit the website: https://sunstoryaward.wordpress.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Place: £200 Various mini-competitions and free giveaways available for entrants on their website. 	1st March 2018

News from the travelling geographer

Mr Attrill continues his travelogue from South America:-

Hello again!



It has been a couple of months since this **ex-Sackville geography teacher** sent an update from the road, so here is what I've been up to since I last wrote.

Patagonia was full of epic sights including the Perito Merino Glacier (apparently the only growing glacier in the world, but sadly only because climate change is exacerbating the accumulation of meltwater from other nearby glaciers) and a great hike to Mt Fitz Roy and a beautiful blue lake.

I then met up with some travelling friends in Cusco, Peru and together we did a four day Jungle Trek culminating in a 5am arrival at **Machu Picchu** itself (first picture). Exploring the ruins of what was the jewel in the crown of the Incan Empire over 500 years ago was quite

special, and I was blown away by their stunning architecture and infrastructure that really was ahead of their time. Whilst in Cusco I also visited a place called Rainbow Mountain (second picture), which really was a geographer's dream due to the layers of silt which have accumulated to give the site its unique appearance!



After traversing Lake Titicaca (the highest navigable lake in the world), I arrived in Bolivia and spent a few days in La Paz (at a breath-taking altitude of 3640m). From here

I visited the Amazon Rainforest on a Pampas Tour and saw a huge amount of wildlife such as pink river dolphins, sloths, capybara, caiman (bottom picture) and toucans whilst sailing down the Rio Yucuma. It really hit home how special this magical environment is and how important conservation efforts are to protect this natural wonder.



I then travelled through other interesting Bolivian cities before arriving at the Salar de Uyuni - a huge salt flat (third picture). Here we learnt how German and now Chinese investment is increasing their influence in this mining area, despite attempts to nationalise the industry. We saw bright green lakes full of pink flamingos, islands full of cacti and almost endless expanses of flat salt-covered wilderness. An incredible place!

I finished the South America leg of my journey in the very modern feeling city of Santiago and flew to New Zealand to spend Christmas with family out there. The next couple of months will see me exploring the two main islands of this beautiful country and witnessing its stunning natural scenery. Happy New Year to everyone!



Welcome to Betty

Meanwhile a slightly less scary animal than a caiman has arrived at Sackville ... welcome to **Betty the BASE hamster!**



Special thanks to Mr Street and Mrs Nibloe for pestering school admissions to secure a place for Betty, to Duncan Tocher for making the luxury cage, and to Peter Martins for the plaques.

Sports news

We are trying to squeeze as much sport in as the dark month of January allows. The BBC meteorologist who claims that it '*has been a dry winter so far*' has clearly not tried to walk on our field lately.

A lot of sport has been forced inside or onto artificial surfaces. As mentioned by Mr Grant, **our year 7 and 8 sports hall athletes** did themselves, and the school, proud. Our students have also helped out with the junior school sports hall athletics.

Our **year 8 netball team** have a chance to clinch the Mid-Sussex League this week. This group of young women are an exceptional team.

Our **hockey teams** are taking advantage of the wonderful facilities at the sports club in town. Our **under 16s** beat Oathall 4-2, with stand-out performances from **Will Thomas** and **Kieron Talbot**. Our **under 14s** were less fortunate against the same school, losing 1-5, **Charlie Vickery** scoring on debut.

There have been some battles in the mud. **Our year 7 rugby team** was knocked out of the cup by Uckfield, 15-20. Tries were scored by **Harrison Foster-McPhedran**, **Oscar Read** and **Izaak Shimizu**, with **Logan Joao** player of the match. **Harrison** also turned out for **year 8**, securing the player of the match award as they beat Oathall 30-5.

Our **year 9 football team** saw off Varndean in the County Cup 3-0, with goals from **Joe Leslie**, **Harvey Burgess** and **Joe Sheridan**. Dan LeRoy was player of the match. The same team beat Imberhorne 5-0 in the Area Cup, with **Harvey** again scoring 2. **Jake Lingard**, **Joe Sheridan** and **Jude Hayman** were the other scorers. **Oliver Ally** was player of the match.

Our **year 9 girls' football team** narrowly lost their cup game against Dorothy Stringer. Sometimes it is down to luck!

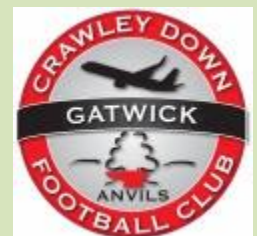
We have also recently heard that both **Elliott Vincent** and **James Young** have been selected to train with the Harlequins academy.

Well done to all of our sports players.

Crawley Down Gatwick Football Club is an FA Charter Standard Club, our U12 Anvils team are looking for new players to join our squad as U12's this season and U13's for 2018/19 season, to qualify you must be aged 11 or 12 on 31st August 2018.

Matches are played on Saturday mornings, with mid-week winter training on Wednesday evenings.

If you are interested in joining our team or for more information please contact Simon Fuller at simonfuller.cdgfc@btinternet.com





EDENBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

We're introducing junior netball training in 2018, dependent on numbers.

Mondays at 5.30pm (U11) and 6.30pm (11+)

Please register your interest at reception
or email elc@sencio.org.uk

www.sencio.org.uk  

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop is now in place – all items £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.