

Sackville News

Friday 24th January 2022



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It has been a **whirlwind first three weeks** as Headteacher of Sackville. Fourteen action packed days that have been a real delight as I have been welcomed into the Sackville community. I have not wasted any time in getting to know staff and students and have a number of highlights that are featured in this edition of Sackville News.

Our **testing** and **staggered start** went smoothly last week and I'd like to thank families for their cooperation and support with this. Ten positive cases were found in total with those students commencing isolation straight away,

helping to protect the rest of our community.

It was lovely to feel the **proper 'buzz' of the school once all students were back** in. I have had the delights of watching rehearsals for the **school show 'We Will Rock You'**; seeing Year 13 students' superb interpretation of Kafka's Metamorphosis for their examined piece in **A Level Drama** and spending Wednesday evening with **Mr Bush**, ably assisted by **Max Goddard** at the Observatory Evening. It will come as little surprise that my photos of the week come from there (see right and below).

Other highlights have included taking the time to walk around school, popping into lessons and discussing with students what they have been learning and delivering my first set of assemblies to years 7 and

11. The final message of my

assemblies was to set students the challenge of developing a 'winning' attitude and in the words of Frank Dick, ex National Athletics Federation Coach, to always **'try and be better today than you were yesterday...everyday'**. A quote I am sure we can all keep reminding them of as they meet challenges.

This week our **year 13 students** have been sitting their first set of **mock exams**, including on Tuesday and Wednesday. Our two INSET days are during this week to minimise the teaching time lost to year 13 as they sit these exams.

I feel I am already part of that special Sackville community, and I look forward to sharing news with everyone both with newsletters and on *Twitter*. You can follow me [here](#).

Ms J Meloni
Headteacher



Picture of the Week



Year 13 drama students reinterpret Kafka

Well done to **Freya Eastcott**, **Isabelle White** and **Oliver Newbatt** who kicked 2022 off in style with a clever interpretation of **Kafka's Metamorphosis** in the style of **Steven Berkoff**.

This piece was delayed by COVID before Christmas, but was definitely worth the wait. You wouldn't have guessed this was a school performance!

The atmosphere was definitely enhanced by **Thomas Herron's** skilled lighting work, which really brought Gregor's character to life.

The year [12 students' version of the play](#) was put on just before Christmas.



Clear skies for first Observatory Open Evening of 2022

Mr Bush was delighted to host the **first observatory open evening of the year** on Wednesday January 12th. Mr Bush writes:-



It was great to welcome guests once again to our open evening last night and the sky was clear enough for some stunning views of the Moon. The features of crater **Clavius** were superb, as captured here by **Alfie Ward** (left), and views across the **Southern Highlands** were also stunning, as shown by this photo taken by our new Headteacher Ms Meloni (right). Thanks once again to **Steve Pond** and **Max Goddard** for help and enthusiasm.

Details of upcoming open evenings can be found on the [Observatory Facebook page](#).

Thank you to Mr Bush who makes picture of the week this edition, pointing out the stars and planets with his laser pointer.



UFOs spotted over East Grinstead

Clear skies this week were great for **UFO spotting**. You'll need to check with Mrs Carrick whether this was a real extra-terrestrial visitor, or a piece of **excellent year 7 homework** for their *Fake News* unit!



Engineers solder on

Meanwhile our year 10 engineers are well on their way to completing their **mp3 speakers** for their examined unit. This requires some very careful soldering and the attention to detail is just what teacher Mr Treen wants to see!



Professional dancer visits Sackville performers

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

On Wednesday 12th January Jeannine Desmier visited Sackville and spoke to all our year 9 and 10 BTEC Performing Arts and Dance classes. Jeannine is an ex-professional dancer and choreographer. Throughout her career as a

performer Jeannine worked with a wide variety of people. Jeannine gave students a snapshot of her career, highlights are when she performed to 10,000+ troops who were deployed in Afghanistan, choreographing a music videos for The Vamps, choreographing and touring internationally for Andrea Bocelli, a year on a cruise ship in and around Australia and starring in Mumma Mia 2.



After retiring as a performer Jeannine began the next stage of her career and turned her passion for physical fitness and mental wellbeing. She has become an entrepreneur and co-founded 1Sculpt Fitness which has two boutique studios in Reigate and Guildford. Jeannine has developed her business from an initial idea to thriving business. It was clear from her presentation that Jeannine attributes her success to dedication, hard work, discipline and a desire to be the best she can at whatever it is she does.

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

If you are interested in attending a class, having a personal PT session or the corporate work 1Sculpt Fitness offer, please click [here](#).

Parents meet new Headteacher Ms Meloni

We were delighted to host our first 'Meet the Headteacher' session on Tuesday. Ms Meloni met about 30 parents who had booked on *EventBrite* alongside the senior team. Some really interesting, and challenging items came up for discussion, including what education is really for! We look forward to hosting the second evening on Monday.

After school clubs

HORRIBLE HISTORIES

GRIZZLY EAST GRINSTEAD??

Plan your own research project into the history of East Grinstead.
Prize: £50

Who: Year 7 & 8
When: Tuesdays 14:45 - 15:45

After school clubs are in full swing once again after the Christmas break. Our young **geographers** had a lot of fun making their model volcanoes. You can see a [video of the winning eruption here](#).



Not to be outdone, our history club is also in full swing. This year the **Michael Leppard memorial Prize** will be issued to the student who produces the best *Horrible Histories* inspired research project into **Grizzly East Grinstead**.

Our PE department is running the usual number of clubs and fixtures as well. Here is our U13 netball team who played a tournament at Lingfield College last week.

PE results can be found on the [PE Instagram page](#).

Full details of our extra-curricular provision is available [on our website](#).

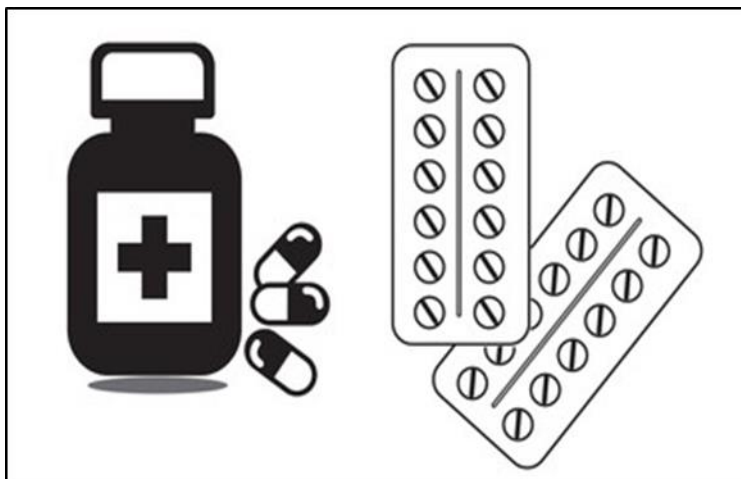


COVID and schools: FAQs

From last Monday the [rules surrounding self-isolation](#) for students changed. You can find full details on this and other COVID matters on our [website](#).

Half-termly medical reminders

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

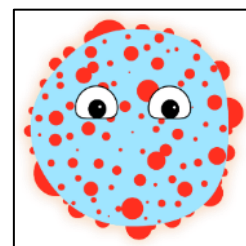


To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, **we need to make sure our records are up-to-date**. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.

We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already

agreed to unless we hear from you.

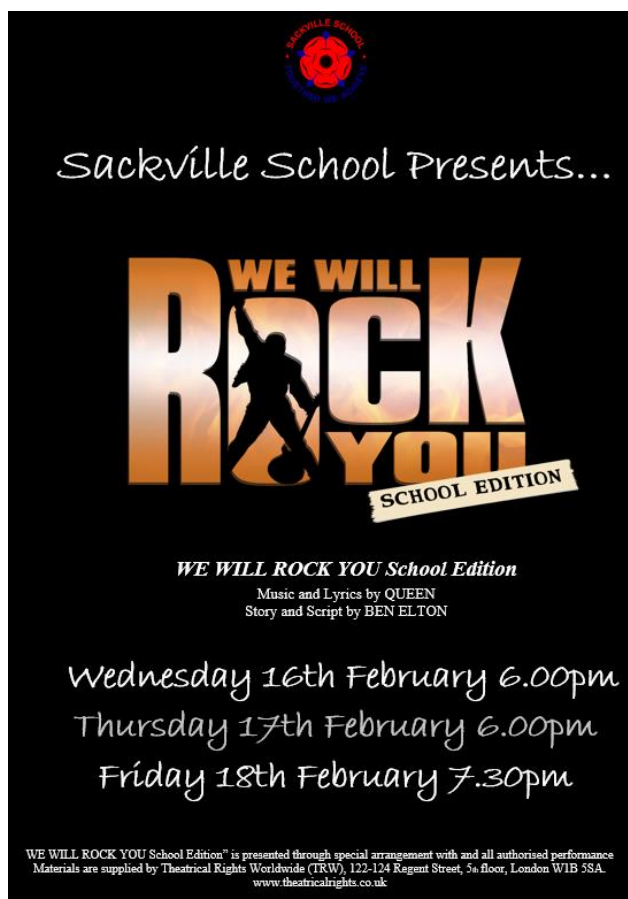
In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a **reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following**: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.



We Will Rock You – only three weeks to go!

We can't wait for **school show week**, after a year of enforced absence in 2021. We are putting on **We Will Rock You**, the juke-box musical featuring all of Queen's greatest hits. Tickets will be available from Wednesday [here](#).

Our school show weeks are always a high point in the school calendar, and this one promises to be very special. See you there!



Sackville School Presents...

WE WILL ROCK YOU
SCHOOL EDITION

WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition
Music and Lyrics by QUEEN
Story and Script by BEN ELTON

Wednesday 16th February 6.00pm
Thursday 17th February 6.00pm
Friday 18th February 7.30pm

WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition™ is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance Materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), 122-124 Regent Street, 5th floor, London W1B 5SA. www.theatricalrights.co.uk

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6.15pm - 7.15pm - 7-12 years

Wednesday:

5.15pm - 6.15pm - 3-7 years
6.15pm - 7.15pm - 7-12 years

Thursday:

5.00pm - 6.30pm - Gymminies squad 5-12 years (invite only)
6.30pm - 8.00pm - Gymspire squad 5-14 years (invite only)

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