

# Sackville News

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Dear Parents



I am delighted to begin 2020 by sharing wonderful news of sixth form successes!

Firstly, I would like to congratulate **Grace de Souza** who has achieved a confirmed place at **Oxford University** (Worcester College) to read geography. Grace was our head girl and completed her studies last year. Amongst much else, she performed major roles in our school shows. We are all delighted for her.

Alongside Grace, we have **three students** in year 13 who have secured conditional places at **Oxford and Cambridge**. We are confident they will get the grades they need to secure these offers.

A further **35 students have received at least one offer from a Russell Group university** which is fantastic! The universities include **Durham, Imperial, LSE, UCL, King's, Warwick, Edinburgh, York, Exeter, Leeds and Nottingham**. I would like to wish all the sixth form students every success in their journeys as they complete their mock examinations and begin to prepare for the summer.

As many parents will know, we introduced our students to the **EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)** last year, which is a good enhancement to A level studies and well received by universities. I am very pleased to share that our first set of results have been extremely encouraging. The nine students who entered achieved 3 A\* grades, 1 A grade, 3 B grades and 2 C grades. Many congratulations to them!

As if our sixth formers were not busy enough, eleven of our year 12 and 13 students embarked upon a **week of work experience** on Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> in the fascinating German city of **Hamburg**. Placements ranged from **businesses to kindergartens and hospitals** and I was fortunate enough to accompany them for the first part of the week. Working with our partner school in the suburb of Harburg, all of the placements were set up carefully to give each individual student a **bespoke, relevant experience**. In past years, it has often shaped their **university choices**. I was so impressed by their mature approach to this and also very grateful to those organisations in Hamburg who were so helpful.



On the Sunday before the work began, the students took the train to **Berlin** to enjoy a day's sightseeing. Highlights included climbing to the top of the **Siegessäule** (Victory Column – 285 steps), the **Brandenburg Gate** and the **Reichstag**. We were certainly well-exercised that day!

I would like to thank **Mrs Valentine, Mrs Plumb, Mrs Barden** and **Mr Watson** for all their hard work in making this such a success.



Younger students in the school have also been busy achieving great things. Many congratulations go to **Tilly Vickery** in year 10, who beat very stiff competition at local level at Oxted School to reach the next round of the **Rotary Young Chef Competition** at Merton College on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February.

Tilly worked calmly and effectively throughout, producing some very exciting dishes including caramelised onion and goats cheese tart, stuffed chicken, fondant potatoes and roasted tomatoes, and creme brûlée with redcurrants.

I would like to thank **Mrs Smeaton** for giving up her Saturday to support this and to offer my best wishes to Tilly for the next round.

Well done also to **Bea Chappell** and **Emma Smyth** who represented East Grinstead in the **U16 National Indoor Girls' Hockey Final** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Unfortunately East Grinstead did not win, but the experience was one the girls will not forget easily nonetheless.

Bea and Emma are left and second from left on the back row of this photo.

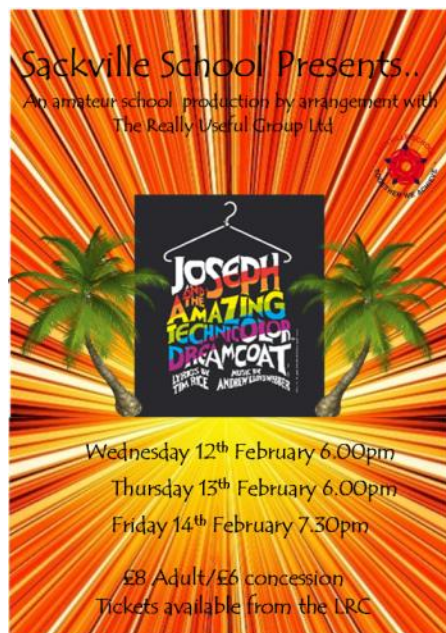
Soon after term commenced, our **year 8 Spanish students** showed off their considerable language skills at the **British Film Institute**.

Many students volunteered to have time on the microphone, in a hall full of students from many different schools, and everyone was a **perfect ambassador for Sackville**. Congratulations to **Joe Eastcott**, **Jamie Evans-Sarmiento** and **Will Woolley** who volunteered to perform on stage!



Thank you to **Ms Spearman** for organising this.

On Wednesday evening, we were treated to the first performance of the year from our **year 10 drama students**, who produced deeply thought-out responses to the Columbine massacres and the unfortunate fate of Breck Bednar. These are serious issues and the students approached them with a maturity which has impressed our new drama leader Mrs Hodgkiss.



Well done to our year 10s for their fantastic performances – we look forward to seeing more as you progress through your GCSE.

Of course our centrepiece performance is almost upon us. There is a palpable sense of excitement as the **annual school show** approaches. This year our students are performing **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** Tickets are on-sale now from the LRC.

As I write this edition of Sackville News this we are undertaking the third of our **staff INSET training days** this year. Much excellent work is taking place focused on **student learning** and several staff are also undertaking first aid training. These days are essential in maintaining the high quality of education Sackville offers. Effective schools cannot stand still; development is key.

These training sessions are deliberately calendered to be on different days of the week throughout the year to ensure that the same subject lessons are not hit through closure for students. This is crucial management as, for example, if all five INSET days were on a Friday it would seriously harm a



student's progress in a subject that they experience on Fridays. This makes our situation very different to that of a primary school and I am grateful for your support.

Lastly, I would like to convey my heartfelt good wishes to two very valued members of staff who have recently left Sackville. **Mrs Haynes** was our LINK secretary for three years. Her skills with our students are already being missed, and it was no surprise when she was offered a promotion to work at Tanbridge House School in Horsham. **Mrs Carter** was our educational welfare officer for eight years, and her sensitivity and understanding will be missed by the whole Sackville community. We wish both of



them the very best in their new ventures. I would like to welcome **Mrs Steer**, our new educational welfare officer and **Mrs Hodgkiss**, our new leader of drama and performing arts, who both joined us at the start of January.

Best wishes,  
Julian Grant  
Headteacher

## Medical information

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.

## Sports news

	<p>13<sup>th</sup> January: <b>Year 8 sports hall athletics</b> Sackville came a hard-fought third!</p>
	<p>14<sup>th</sup> January: <b>County cross-country</b> on one of the worst days of the year. Congratulations to all of our runners just for getting round the course. <b>Junior girls Gracie Beatty 55<sup>th</sup>, Katie Smyth 68<sup>th</sup>, Chloe Grantham 71<sup>st</sup>, Beth Currie 81<sup>st</sup>. Junior boys Staten Beynon 67<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Harvey 86<sup>th</sup>. Intermediate girls Rachel Tyler 53<sup>rd</sup>. Intermediate boys Sam Parsons 51<sup>st</sup>.</b></p> <p>The pictures say it all ...</p>
<p>14<sup>th</sup> January: <b>U15 boys' hockey</b> lost 0-7 to Ardingly. They did particularly well considering the appalling weather conditions. Player of the Match <b>Jake Hodges</b> for his great sweeping</p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> January: <b>U13 basketball</b> won 32-14 vs The Weald. Clinical scoring and really good teamwork sealed the win.</p>
<p>16<sup>th</sup> January: <b>U15 boys' hockey</b> lost 0-1 to Skinners. Very close game with Player of the Match Jake Hodges again.</p>	<p>16<sup>th</sup> January: <b>U13 boys' hockey</b> beat Oathall 4-1. Scorers <b>Alex Nuth, Freddie Mabey, Stefan Doggett</b> and <b>Matthew Mogg</b>. Player of the Match <b>Freddie</b> for his tackling and passing.</p>
<p>20<sup>th</sup> January: <b>U16 girls' football</b> lost 2-3 to The Weald. Both</p>	<p>20<sup>th</sup> January: <b>U13 boys' hockey</b> lost 1-3 to Skinners. Scorer</p>

goals from **Rhianna Major**. Players of the Match **Eve Kendall** for her awesome defending, **Lucy Plumb** and **Rhianna** for their brilliant through balls and effort throughout.

**Alex Nuth**. Player of the Match **Freddie Mabey**



22<sup>nd</sup> January: **U14 girls' football** lost 1-7 to Millais. Our goal came from **Katie Smyth**. Player of the Match **Holly Mooney** for her fantastic tackling

22<sup>nd</sup> January: **U13 boys' rugby** lost 5-30 to Worth. Players of the Match Ollie Hodge and Ben Darch.

### **BAE Systems teams up with STEM Returners again to attract a new cohort of returning STEM professionals**

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More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2020/01/17/bae-systems-teams-stem-returners-portsmouth/>

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