

Sackville News

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week it was confirmed that **schools would not welcome back more students until March 8th at the earliest**. I am particularly happy therefore with the **feedback we have recently had from parents about our remote learning provision**, as we now know it will continue for four more weeks at least.

We asked parents a number of questions about the amount of work set, the level of challenge and the number of live lessons students are enjoying. Overall things seem to be running very well four weeks since term started, with the majority of parents saying we are providing about the **right amount of work** with about the **right level of challenge**. More detail and numbers on this appear later in *Sackville News*. If any remote or blended learning continues much beyond March 8th, we will issue another questionnaire.



We shared these findings on Monday with our **Parents' Focus Group**, as well as updating them on our current **in-school provision**, our **testing programme** and **assessment of exam years** this summer. I would like to thank the many parents who gave up their time to join the group – it is important to our continued drive to improve and be the best we can for our community.

As the next half term becomes clearer, we have been able to plan out how we are going to deliver the **year 8 options process** this year. Details are on page 2.



I would like to thank the [East Grinstead and District Lions Club](#) for their generous donation of £1000 to allow us to buy **four Chromebooks** to loan out to support students learning at home, even once we return to full-time in-person schooling.



In the meantime, Mr de Souza would very much like to receive any photos of our students learning at home as the website needs freshening up! Please email him on adesouza@sackvilleschool.org.uk. These need not be just photos of students engaging with our live lesson provision; learning can take many forms. During the last lockdown for example we were able to showcase a number of students honing their culinary skills.

A number of parents in years 10 and 11 have asked for **advice on revision guides** for their students. We have collected information from our curriculum team leaders and share this at the end of Sackville News.

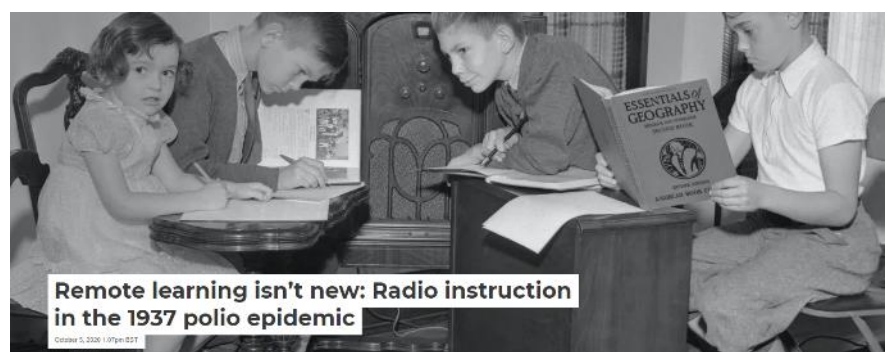
As the lockdown has extended we thought we should try to continue our usual **assembly programme**, as these form an important part of our spiritual, moral and social education. This term has already seen an assembly from **Mr Street** and me welcoming students to the new term, showing them the way we are mass-testing students, and giving them a glimpse into the life of students who are on site. This has been followed by an assembly from **Mr Hayden** about the importance of continuing to learn at every opportunity, during which he takes his son on at a trivia quiz – I won't give away who wins here. Assemblies from **Mr Bush** and **Mr Feist** are to follow soon.

I'd like to finish off this week with an image from the excellent online magazine [The Conversation](#). This is full of fascinating articles for our older students, all with a certain academic rigour. This image is from the time of a **polio epidemic** in Chicago in 1937, when schools closed, and learning moved to the home.

Thank goodness for the internet!

With best wishes for the coming week.

Julian Grant
Headteacher



Year 8 Options

Mr Street writes:-

Year 8 Options **will occur virtually this year**. The process will be kickstarted after half term when the school's new **interactive online prospectus** will go live for students and parents to view at their leisure. This will then be followed by an options afternoon on **Wednesday 3rd March** for Year 8 Students and their tutors to explore options choices and link them to future pathways. **Year 8 lessons** will be **suspended** on that afternoon. This will then be followed by **Year 8 Parents' Evening** on Thursday evening (**4th March**) giving parents an opportunity to discuss student progress and attainment with teaching staff.

The following week parents will be invited to an **online options presentation** to outline the options process on **Tuesday 9th March at 4.00pm, 4.30pm and 5.00pm**. Parents will then be given the option to make individual appointments with key pastoral staff on **Thursday 11th March between 3.00pm and 5.00pm** should they have any further queries.

The deadline for the online options return will then be **Monday 15th March**.

The year 8 office will be in touch nearer the time with further details.

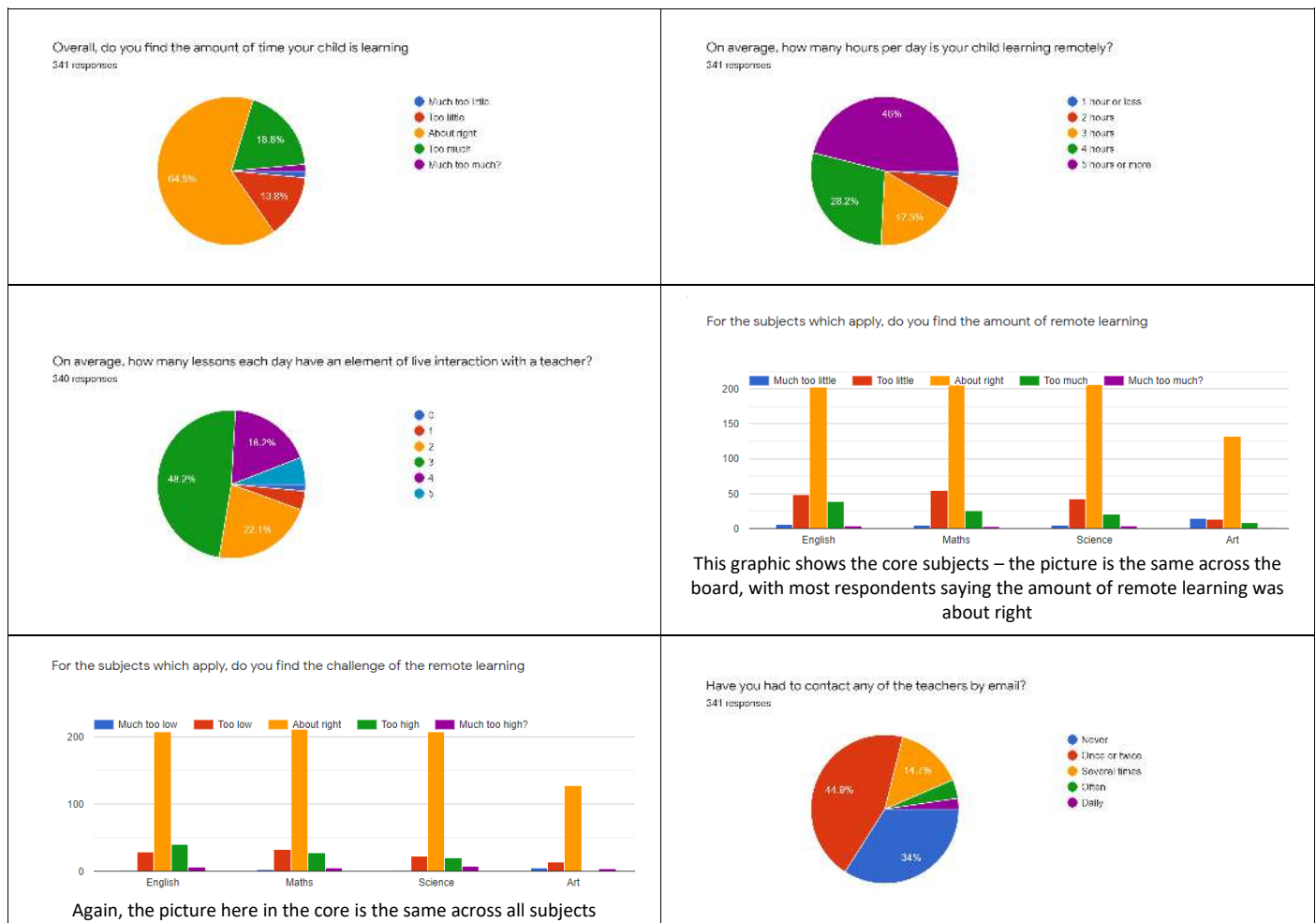
Remote learning evaluation

Thank-you to the nearly 350 respondents who completed our evaluation form. This large number means we can say something meaningful about the results.

The key findings are summarised in the graphics below.

Year	Respondents
7	86
8	79
9	54
10	66
11	57
12	23
13	18

“I genuinely feel Sackville has been outstanding” –
parent email received this week



As is often the case with such surveys, some of the most useful information comes from individual comments. There were many of these, but two things came out more frequently than others.

Firstly, there are a number of students who feel they are working well beyond the five hours. Whilst this might be expected in exam years, for other students we would encourage **not spending any longer on open-ended tasks than is suggested** in Show My Homework.

Second, several families remarked on the confusing number of platforms used by different subjects. To some extent this is unavoidable, as there is no platform that does everything better than everywhere else. We want our students to have access to the services that our subject leaders have chosen as the best in class (and often have paid for).

We endeavour to make every task set visible on **Show My Homework** and every live lesson an item on **Google Calendar**. There is no parental login at present for students' Google accounts, and so keeping track of these will mean looking at students' devices. Some parents/carers have successfully installed the **Google Meet App** which together with the student's login will give a calendar of live lessons for the day.

Thank-you again for your time and support.



Thanks to the [huffingtonpost](https://www.huffingtonpost.com)

Suggested revision guides for years 10 and 11

Subject	Year 10	Year 11
Beliefs & Values	(And year 9) Hodder My Revision Notes AQA GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Specification A	n/a
Business - Enterprise BTEC	(YEAR 9 ONLY) Revise BTEC Tech Award Enterprise Revision Guide, ISBN 9781292245607	N/a
Business GCSE	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide, Pearson' ISBN 9781292190716	Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Business Revision Guide, Pearson, ISBN 978-1-292-19071-6
Computer science/ Creative imedia	CGP GCSE OCR Computer Science for the Grade 9-1 Course, for exams in 2022 and beyond My Revision Notes: OCR Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia L 1 / 2, ISBN:9781471886683	CGP GCSE OCR Computer Science for the Grade 9-1 Course (students already have this) My Revision Notes: OCR Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia L 1 / 2, ISBN:9781471886683
Dance	Not applicable as there isn't one.	Not applicable as there isn't one.
Design and Technology / Engineering	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/design-technology/tas41-tbc-gcse-design-and-technology-aqa-cr-p-(1) , ISBN: 9781782947554 (Most students may already have this or have paid for one, please check against scopay and with your child)	https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/design-technology/tas41-tbc-gcse-design-and-technology-aqa-cr-p-(1) , ISBN: 9781782947554 (Most students may already have this, please check against scopay and with your child)
Drama	CGP Drama Blood Brothers Play Guide - available via scopay for £3. We can post these home once paid for. Blood Brothers script. Must be Methuen Modern Classics edition, ISBN 978-0413767707	AQA GCSE Drama Blood Brothers Play Guide (Some students may already have this or have paid for one, which we can post to home) Blood Brothers script (If they don't already have it). Must be Methuen Modern Classics edition, ISBN 978-0413767707
English	n/a	CGP guides for: GCSE AQA English language (revision and practice guide <i>and</i> exam practice guide) GCSE English literature

Subject	Year 10	Year 11
		Text guides and workbooks (if required) Macbeth Lord of the Flies <u>or</u> An Inspector Calls Unseen Poetry
Film Studies	<p>Y10 students may want to get a head start, and if so please go ahead and purchase. Some of the case studies are the films we study, some are not (that's the nature of the beast I'm afraid). But the book also covers film language, contextual information and technical developments in Hollywood over the 20thC.</p> <p>The best film textbook for students I've ever seen available.</p>	WJEC EDUQAS GCSE FILM STUDIES: STUDENT BOOK. AUTHOR(S): Jackie Newman, Dave Fairclough, Kelly Fincham, Julie Patrick AWARDING BODY: WJEC/Eduqas, LEVEL: GCSE, ISBN: 978-1-911208-02-0 WEBSITE TO ORDER: https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=19&products_id=131
French	(They may have already bought this in Y9) Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 revision guide and separate revision workbook	(They may have already bought this in Y9) Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 revision guide and separate revision workbook
Geography	We provide students with a bespoke Sackville Geography revision guide in year 11. However, I would recommend the Oxford GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA revision guide by Bob Digby as the guide that covers the majority of the case studies we cover.	We provide students with a bespoke Sackville Geography revision guide in year 11. However, I would recommend the Oxford GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA revision guide by Bob Digby as the guide that covers the majority of the case studies we cover.
German	(They may have already bought this in Y9) Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 revision guide and separate revision workbook	(They may mostly have already bought this in Y9) Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 revision guide and separate revision workbook
History	CGP: GCSE History Edexcel Revision Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course	CGP: GCSE History Edexcel Revision Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course
Hospitality and catering	https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/catering/products/general/my-revision-notes-wjec-level-1-2-vocational-award (Some students may already have this or have paid for one, please	https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/catering/products/general/my-revision-notes-wjec-level-1-2-vocational-award (Some students may already have this or have paid for one, please check

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Maths	CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook: Higher - for the Grade 9-1 Course (includes Answers) CGP New 2021 GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide: Higher inc Online Edition, Videos & Quizzes CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook: Foundation - for the Grade 9-1 Course (with Answers) CGP New 2021 GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide: Foundation inc Online Edition, Videos & Quizzes	
Music BTEC (year 11)		None
Music GCSE (year 11)		9-1 GCSE Music AQA Complete Revision & Practice with Audio CD: for exams in 2021
PE GCSE	My revision notes AQA GCSE PE	My revision notes AQA GCSE PE
PE CNAT	My Revision Notes Cambridge Nationals Level 1/2 Sports Studies by Symond Burrows and Sue Young	My Revision Notes Cambridge Nationals Level 1/2 Sports Studies by Symond Burrows and Sue Young
Performing Arts	Not applicable as there isn't one.	Not applicable as there isn't one.
Science	CGP AQA Combined science revision guides. *We do sell these as a package later in the year at a much cheaper bulk price. Foundation https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-Grade-GCSE-Combined-Science/dp/1782945601/ref=sr_1_7?crd=3K4UO2LGGIG4U&dchild=1&keywords=cgp+combined+science+9-1+aqa&qid=1609923412&sprefix=cgp+combined+s%2Caps%2C328&sr=8-7 Or Higher https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-Grade-GCSE-Combined-Science/dp/1782945598/ref=sr_1_1?crd=3K4UO2LGGIG4U&dchild=1&keywords=cgp+combined+science+9-1+aqa&qid=1609923319&sprefix=cgp+combined+s%2Caps%2C328&sr=8-1 For triple science only, separate guides are required:	

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	<p>biology https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-Grade-9-1-GCSE-Biology/dp/1782945563/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=cgp+biology+9-1+aqa&qid=1609923482&sr=8-2</p> <p>Chemistry</p> <p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-Grade-9-1-GCSE-Chemistry/dp/1782945571/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=cgp+chemistry+9-1+aqa&qid=1609923552&sr=8-2</p> <p>and physics</p> <p>https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-Grade-9-1-GCSE-Physics/dp/178294558X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=cgp+physics+9-1+aqa&qid=1609923608&sr=8-1</p>	
Sociology	<p>*Note this is already available on Scopay at a reduced price of £4.30*</p> <p>Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology All-in-One Complete Revision and Practice (ISBN 0008227454)</p> <p>In addition/as an alternative:</p> <p>Hodder: My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Sociology (ISBN 1510423230)</p>	<p>*Note this is already available on Scopay at a reduced price of £4.30*</p> <p>Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology All-in-One Complete Revision and Practice (ISBN 0008227454)</p> <p>In addition/as an alternative:</p> <p>Hodder: My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Sociology (ISBN 1510423230)</p>
Spanish	<p>(They may have already bought this in Y9)</p> <p>Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 revision guide and separate revision workbook</p>	<p>(They may have already bought this in Y9)</p> <p>Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 revision guide and separate revision workbook</p>
HSC	<p>Most have already received this but if not</p> <p>Pearson, ISBN 978-1-292-24561-4</p> <p>Revise Btech Tech Award Health and Social Care</p>	N/A
Art	No revision guides	No revision guides