

Sackville News

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Dear Parents,

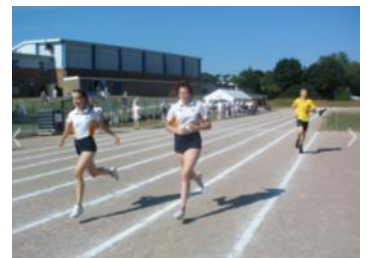
Our last edition of Sackville News is very much focused on showing photos of the **huge range of activities** we have been doing over the last 10 days of term, including **sports days**, **Curriculum Enhancement Week**, the year 10 **geography trip to Wales**, the **music trip to Italy**, **Takeover Day**, a **sponsored walk for Breast Cancer** and **hosting an Ofsted conference**. That is a great deal by any standards; Sackville certainly doesn't wind down towards the end of term!



Our **year 10 geographers** left East Grinstead early on Friday 13th July for an intensive two days in Wales. The main focus of the journey was to study how rivers form and develop. Friday's journey was punctuated with a visit to the limestone caves around Ystradfellte, and Saturday's task saw students enjoying the warm Welsh weather as they paddled around in the River Taff.



The final full week of term was once again our **curriculum enhancement week**, which was meticulously planned by a number of key staff over the course of the year and overseen by **Mr Treen**. Many photos and further details follow, but suffice to say it was a wonderful week which included **sports days for every year group**. I would like to thank the **PE department** for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that these back-to-back days went so well. **Mr Treen's form** won the year 9 sports day for the third year running!



Year 10s undertook a **futures day** early in the week which looked at **career opportunities**. They also applied to do the jobs of a number of school staff during **Takeover Day** which took place at the end of the week, also receiving advice on effective CVs and job applications.



There was a wealth of events going on all week including activities at **Ardingly Reservoir** and **Blackland Farm** which were very popular. Trips took place to **London museums**, **Bletchley Park** and **Plumpton College** to name but a few. The **STEM days** were well received and included looking at **rockets and space travel**, **human fitness** and **building Ferris wheels**. The **social, moral, spiritual and cultural** days provided students with thoughtful discussion opportunities on a range of topics.



Tuesday saw the start of our **music trip** to the **Italian Lakes**.

All of the kit was driven overland by **Mr Forsyth** and a wonderful time of music making and sightseeing was had by all. The impact of such an experience was summed up well by a grateful parent's response:

"My daughter said it was the most amazing thing she'd ever done and didn't want to come home. These are memories that will stay with the children for evermore.

You have a wonderful team of staff at Sackville."

On the Wednesday evening of CEW, Mr Street, Mrs Stromfield, Mr Stromfield and I were privileged to attend **Blackwell School's year 6 show at Chequer Mead**. The performance was wonderful; a real delight to watch. We clearly have some very talented youngsters joining us in September!



Our **sixth formers** spent the week undertaking **work experience** at many locations, both locally and far and wide. **Mrs Rooke** organised all of this together with the year 10 careers input, so we are extremely grateful for all her hard work. There is a separate report from Mr Whitehead about this later in Sackville News.

Last Friday Sackville hosted **over 40 Ofsted inspectors for their annual conference**. This was the first time such an occasion had taken place in a school so it was certainly a feather in our cap to be chosen! All of those attending were South East Region HMIs (Her Majesty's Inspectors) who are the most senior and qualified leaders of the national organisation.

We were invited to take part in the day with them, which was a great opportunity. **Mr Street, Mrs Nibloe and Mrs Valentine** gave presentations about the **curriculum at Sackville**, explaining our philosophy and thinking behind what we offer and how we support learning. Ten of our **Curriculum/Year Team Leaders together with members of the Senior Leadership Team spent the afternoon working in groups with inspectors** looking at samples of **student work** and how we assess quality, progress and so forth. The experience was fascinating and, indeed, **unique**, as no other school has been given insight at this level before. It gives us **great momentum** as we venture into a **new school year of teaching and learning**. I would like to thank **Mr Bush and Mrs Rowlingson** for their excellent organisation of it all and **Mrs Palmer and her team** for providing a fabulous lunch!



Friday was also **'Takeover Day'** which meant I was very lucky to have two fine year 10 students undertaking my job for the day: **Nathan Randall and James Young!** **Nathan** started his day by welcoming the inspectors to the conference alongside me. The photos show him in action. He was brilliant in the **warmth and clarity of his delivery** and he received **rapturous applause** from the distinguished guests! **James** took over later and **served**



lunch to our guests, looking after them extremely well. Our **sixth form Head Team** were superb throughout the day, with so many of the inspectors commenting on their **professionalism and maturity**.

At the end of the day, a group of staff and students then undertook a **sponsored walk** along the Forest Way, organised by **Mrs Beeney**, to raise money for **Breast Cancer** research and awareness. This was an enjoyable event and rounded off very appropriately what had been a **non-uniform fund raising day** for the whole school.



Amongst all of this frenetic activity, we heard at the start of the week that we had achieved **Gold for the School Games mark accreditation** from Mid-Sussex Active. In the words of the assessors **'This is a worthy accolade for such a passionate and dedicated PE Department the Sackville students are lucky enough to have.'**



Finally, I am delighted to announce that **James Young** has been awarded the annual **Matt Rieley Memorial Award**. We welcomed Matt's father in to make the presentation during the last assembly of the year. The award is given every year to the member of year 10 who most embodies the values of the Sackville community. James has never failed to step forward when a volunteer is needed, has supported younger students, and is a key member of our sports teams.

James is pictured receiving the award on the next page.



Matt Rieley Memorial Award

Another busy, successful year has now drawn to a close. Once again, I would like to **thank you, the parents**, for all your sterling support which makes all of this possible. In the last edition of Sackville News, I mentioned those colleagues who are departing for pastures new and we wish them well with profound gratitude.

The students and staff here are simply second to none!

Have a great, relaxing summer break. Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Sackville win Big Bang South East

Mrs Stromfield writes:-

On 27th June nine slightly nervous students and two slightly nervous teachers arrived at the Big Bang Fair at Ardingly showground. The students, all from year 9, had been working on their science projects since October. Now was the time to show them off at the **UK Young Scientists and Engineers' competition**. During the morning there would be several members of the judging panel, all of whom work in STEM jobs and clearly know their field, who would quiz our year 9s on their projects. The first group to be quizzed were **Eve Lewis, Lauren Whitwick and Amelie Foster McPhedran** with their project on **'Do people see colour differently'**, followed closely by **Sam Parsons'** project about the **'effectiveness of different factors of suncream'**. Shortly after, our other two projects, **'Does fear affect heart rate'** by **Thomas Herron, Jamie Bland and Jamie Stoner** and **'Does the price of handwash affect how effective it is'** by **Leah Bush and Freya Eastcott** were surrounded by judges.

As teachers it was fantastic for Mrs Morris and me to watch the students talk with such conviction and self-confidence about their work – they were asked some pretty hard questions! All too soon it was over but just as we were going for lunch **John Tickle** (of Big Brother for those of you who remember that far back, and Brainiac fame) spoke to the whole group about the Crest club we run at Sackville. This was definitely the highlight for the boys who all had selfies with him.



At the awards ceremony we were really stoked to hear the chief engineer at Gatwick mention the interest he had in the fear project and then it was on to the judging. The **maths prize** was announced and we all cheered loudly as **Leah and Freya had won it** for their work on finding the area of the killed bacteria and trying out the **Spearman's Rank statistic**. Then when the winners of the South East area were announced we all had a chance to cheer once more as Leah and Freya's project had won

overall! This means that they are going to the national finals which are held at the NEC in Birmingham in March! What an achievement!

It was a fantastic experience for all of the students and we hope that they got as much out of it as we did – the comment ‘can we do this again next year miss?’ suggests that they did.

Year 8 STEM day in Curriculum Enhancement Week

Ilyana Solomon writes:-

On Wednesday, 18th July, year eight Sackville students spent a whole day learning how to survive an earthquake, such as the 2011 Haiti earthquake.

Our first session was with Mrs Smith, where we worked out how to provide vital resources for victims on a £70,000 budget (just like the situation in Haiti where they had a very small budget). It was very difficult and frustrating, which gave us an understanding of how government officials must have felt trying to provide resources.

After, we had a tech session where we tried to make a stable building using marshmallows and spaghetti. When everyone finished making the project, we did a shake test to see if the ‘building’ would survive an earthquake.



Next, we went to science, where we made a solar panel with tin foil, cardboard and sticks. We then put chocolate in the foil to see if we could melt it. This was a survival technique for people who lost electricity in the earthquake. Our last session was in the field, where we made shelters out of bamboo and bin bags. This was to protect us from the water (in situations such as flood or tsunamis caused by earthquakes).

Overall, it was a very good day and I learnt a lot about earthquakes and survival techniques. It also gave me a greater understanding and sympathy for victims of earthquakes.

Disaster strikes year 8

Abi Jones, Ciara Fitzsimons and Elizabeth Holman write:-

On 19th July 2018, a severe disaster hit Sackville School in East Grinstead. Everyone was in panic and the teachers needed more help. They decided to enlist the help of the most sensible year group: year 8.

The year 8s had to learn simple survival skills, and fast! The first thing they did was to calculate how much survival kit was needed. They worked tirelessly to make sure everyone was safe. Next, they worked effortlessly to build structures that would withstand this kind of disaster in case it happened again. They were working quickly but time was running out.

One year 8 girl told us: “The year 7s were panicking and we need to build shelters.” The year 8s were very worried and had to get back to work. They needed shelters as the buildings weren’t safe and it had started to rain. They were successful because they used their brains to think hard before they made decisions. Finally, they needed to purify the contaminated water and cook food. They designed and built solar cookers which they cooked food on.

After all the hard work from year 8, everyone was safe. They all waited for the danger to pass and then went home to their families. It was all thanks to the year 8s that everyone was ok.

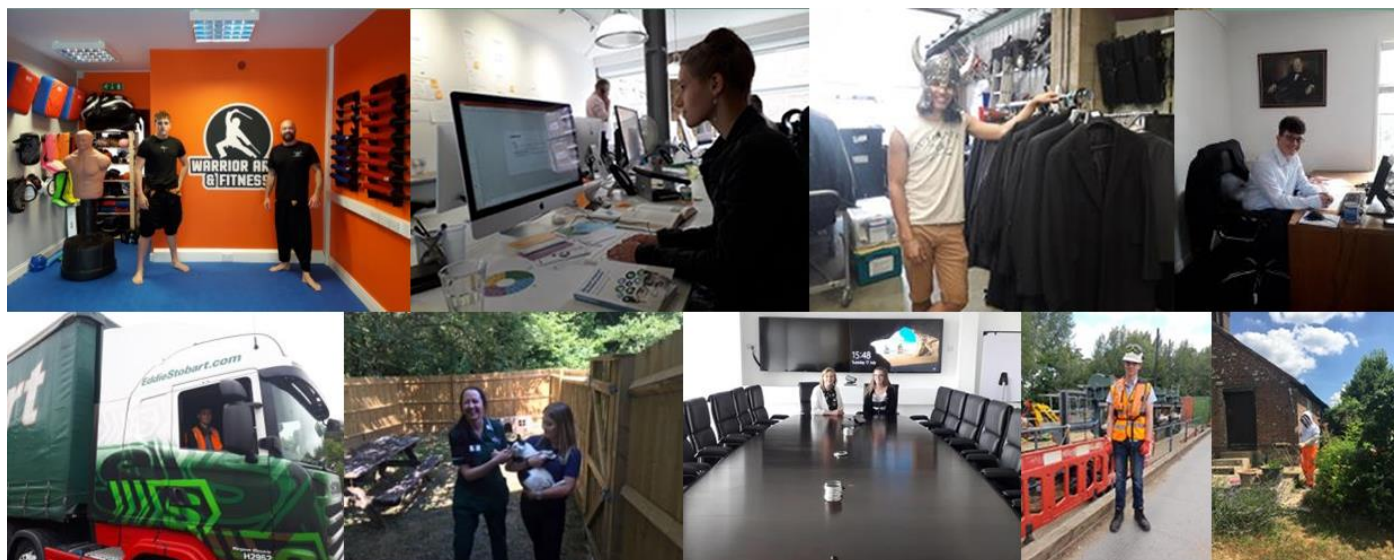
Year 12 Work Experience

Mr Whitehead writes:-

Mrs Valentine and I were delighted to be able to visit so many of our year 12 students on their work placements last week. The sheer variety of work places (and the types of employment/locations) was hugely impressive.

Placements ranged from overseas (Italy, France) to London, Carlisle and many in East Grinstead and various parts of West Sussex. Below are pictures of just some of the many students at work. This included a veterinary practice, an engineering firm

(visiting locks at Weybridge), Sir Nicholas Soames' constituency office, a drama group/theatre costume hire firm, a rather well known haulier(!), a pest control company, a leading insurance firm, a marketing business and a martial arts academy.



I would like to say a big well done to our year 12 students who have worked so hard to get these placements and for being so professional. I have received many complimentary messages from employers about the students and some have even been offered more work opportunities in the future!

To conclude, they have been excellent ambassadors for the school during the past week (and overall) and I wish them a very pleasant summer.

Sackville hosts Spanish exchange students



Over the last few weeks, Sackville has hosted some Spanish students from Santander on a language exchange. As well as having classes in school, the students have been to Estcots to teach Spanish to year 4 and year 6 classes. The students were accompanied by sixth formers Tegan Longford, Lauren Atkinson and Jenny Brockbank.

The primary students were taught some beginners' Spanish and some Spanish songs. Overall the classes went very well and the students were asked back next year!

Even teachers go on work experience!

It wasn't just our sixth formers out on work experience last week: Mr Lea, our head of computing, was out on a **STEM insights teacher placement** at IBM in central London.

The placement is aimed at giving teachers an understanding of some of the various job roles and opportunities available in the technology sector and an insight into the skills and qualities a major company like IBM are looking for on their intern, apprenticeships and graduate programmes.

Mr Lea states

"This was an incredible experience seeing how a large well-known brand like IBM operates, and to see some of the theory we deliver in computing in real life. I was privileged to listen to speakers from a range of backgrounds including professionals in quantum physics, software engineering, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. The opportunities for young people in the technology sector over the next 10-15 years are staggering and you certainly don't have to be a 'geek' to work within this industry."





There has been much publicity on issues such as gender imbalance and diversity within the workplace and Mr Lea was lucky enough to meet one of IBM's senior managers to discuss the company's strategy on inclusion. IBM, like many companies within the technology sector, is male heavy, although their goals for diversity and inclusion should address that over the next few years. They recruit people from a wide range of backgrounds and believe that a diverse workforce helps create a better working environment and produces high quality products. Mr Lea was lucky enough to talk to a range of interns and it was encouraging to see they don't necessarily only take people from the top universities but try to get a pool of individuals from different backgrounds. Mr Lea will be talking more about his experience with IBM to years 10-13 in the autumn term.

You can read his blog on the week [here](#).

Student news

Issey Lee-Fisher Charity Cycle Ride for Parkinson's UK

Issey Lee-Fisher (13LRR) along with her father completed a **100km cycle ride** on Sunday 24th June from **Epsom Racecourse to Shoreham Airport** to raise money for **Parkinson's UK**. The cycle ride was Issey's idea. She wanted to raise funds in memory of a friend of hers, an elderly gentleman, Charlie, whom she used to help with shopping. Charlie had Parkinson's disease and sadly passed away in 2016. Charlie used to be a pilot so Issey thought Shoreham Airport was a good place to finish the ride.



We are delighted to say that Issey has raised a huge amount of money (£1095.00, and has been told today that she is in the top 5% of fundraisers for JustGiving in June!). The cycle was not an easy one, covering both the Surrey Hills and the South Downs in hot temperatures but both Issey and dad were up to the challenge. Well done Issey (and dad!).

Amber headlines Lingfest

No need for me to write anything – this tweet (right) says it all!



News of former students

We also have some more news on former students. **Sean Benson** has been awarded a **first class honours degree in acting and theatre arts**. You may well remember his star turns in some of our school shows. **Daniel Keen**, also class of 2015, has achieved a **first class honours degree in music** from **Southampton University**. Dan is progressing to a two-year masters' degree in 'Composition for Screen'. Well done to both of them!



A reminder about school uniform

Mr Street writes:-

As we approach the summer holidays, I think it is important to remind you of our **uniform expectations** so all students can return to school in September looking great and with the correct uniform. The guidelines are set out in the tables below and can also be viewed on the school website by following this link, <https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads//2015/04/uniform-website.pdf>

Girls

Navy pleated skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knee length or just above
Navy tailored trousers of a boot cut or straight leg variety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No skin tight trousers • No leggings, jeggings, jeans or jean style trousers, wide flares, culottes or shorts • No belts with a visible buckle
Light blue blouse with revered collar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any garment worn underneath must not be seen at all
Navy V neck jumper with school logo	

White, black or navy socks OR flesh coloured/black tights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No multi-coloured socks • No leggings instead of tights
Black, flat footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No high heels, decorations or any other colour, boots of any kind or sandal style • Canvas shoes are permitted

Boys

Charcoal grey or black trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No light grey trousers • No excessively tight trousers • No jeans style trousers or jeans
Navy V neck jumper with school logo	
Blue shirt with collar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The neck must be wide enough for the top button to be comfortably fastened • Any garment worn underneath must not be seen at all
Navy clip on tie with the school logo	
Black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No different coloured decoration or logo or boots of any kind • Canvas shoes are permitted

In addition to the above it is also worth noting that:

- No jewellery other than a wrist watch and a set of plain stud earrings are acceptable. Any other piercings of any kind will be asked to be removed.
- Shirts must be worn tucked in.
- Nail varnish and acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Extreme haircuts and colours are not permitted. Grade 2 or below and tram lines of any description are not allowed. For girls hair colour must be natural and dip dyes are not acceptable.
- Make up by girls in year 9 or above must be discreet, particularly eye make-up.

As always, I thank you for supporting us to ensure that all Sackville students can be really proud of their appearance. Should you have any questions about the uniform please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally I wish you all a very relaxing and pleasant summer break.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop is now in place – **most items only £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.

Change to bus services

We have been advised of the following changes to bus services from September.

- Service 236/646 (Southdown) - All journeys will operate as service 236 and operate through East Grinstead Town Centre.
- Service 409 (Southdown) - due to very low usage this service will no longer call at Imberhorne School.

POCKET SCIENCE FUNFAIR

Learn science secrets of Harry Potter, Star Wars and The Hobbits, plus games to play, and things to make in the funfair with a twist. www.BrightonScience.com 01273 777 628

August

20 The Victory Hall, Stockcroft Rd, Balcombe. RH17 6HP

21 Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Rd, Burgess Hill RH15 8DX

23 Ashenground Centre, Southdown Cl, Haywards Heath. RH16 4JR

24 Cuckfield Village Hall, London Lane, Cuckfield. RH17 5BD

31 Lingfield Hall, Lingfield Rd, East Grinstead RH19 2HA

11.00am - 4.00pm drop-in

£4 all ages. Family of 4: £14 recommended age : 7 plus
Average stay - 2 hours Come along any time



ASHURST WOOD JUNIOR FC FOOTBALL COACHING SESSIONS SUMMER PROGRAMME

Come and improve your football skills over the summer with Ashurst Wood Junior FC - boys and girls welcome.

U6s - U7s: 9.30am - 12.30pm	U8s - U14s: 9.30am - 3.00pm
Wk 1: 25th & 27th July	25th, 26th & 27th July
Wk 2: 30th July & 1st Aug	30th & 31st July & 1st Aug
Wk 3: 28th & 30th Aug	28th, 29th & 30th Aug

Cost:
U6s-U7s: £15 per session
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VENUE: Ashurst Wood Recreation Ground,
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For more details or to obtain a booking form, please email awjfcholidaycamp@gmail.com

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