

Sackville News

25th July 2017

Dear Parents

"You should be proud of your school. It is amazing!"

These kind words were written by our **town mayor**, Councillor Julie Mockford, after various visits to the school during this summer term. It is most certainly an amazing community and I feel continually proud and privileged to be its headteacher.



As the school year finally draws to a close there is, as always, much to reflect on and celebrate. This Sackville News is very much a bumper edition due to the quantity, breadth and variety of activities undertaken by the school during the past month. In putting this together, I am delighted to have had the help of year 10 student **Mimi Ward**, who applied to do my job with me on 'take over day'. I learnt a lot from her so thank you Mimi! Please find her article later on in this edition.

Our most recent focus has, of course, been **Curriculum Enhancement Week (CEW)** which was a fantastic collection of activities beyond the classroom. With year group sports days now successfully incorporated, it is really very special. Many photos are included later on: I am sure they will give you a good sense of the breadth of experiences and enjoyment had by all. The year 7s rounded it off with a wonderful overnight camp on the school field; this reflects the sheer dedication of our staff if nothing else!



During CEW our **sixth formers undertook work experience**, which was very ably organised and overseen by Mrs Rooke. The multitude of placements included those at a digital film company, property leasing businesses, the cabinet office (working on arrangements for the 2018 Commonwealth summit in London), the Palace of Westminster, the constituency office of Sir Nicholas Soames, Porsche, Merlin workwear, Synapsy UK, Chailey Heritage School and so much more.

Our **young engineers** are still achieving well: we have been delighted to take a group of year 9 students to the **Big Bang Fair Southeast** at Ardingly for an inspirational day of Science and Engineering. Last month, two students, **Luke Davison** and **Luke Waddell** (right) entered their project "Investigating resonance and its implications" into the competition that day and were **runners up!** They displayed to the public their work which they have been developing throughout the year and also underwent three gruelling judging interviews with professionals in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) sector. All the judges commented on their confidence and great communication skills. They will now go to the **National Finals in Birmingham** later in the year and have collected £100 in prize money!



Congratulations to **Matthew Botten** (left) who, following an outstanding performance in the national **Junior Maths Challenge**, gained a certificate of distinction for being in the **top 25% of the Olympiad round!** Matthew is the first person from Sackville ever to qualify for the Olympiad, achieving in the **top 300 in the UK** and at a **younger age** than the age entry requirements. A stunning achievement!



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Our **Learning Resource Centre (LRC)** has run a library monitor training scheme for many years now and I am pleased to announce our latest monitors who have successfully completed their training: **Jyotsna Kalwa, Suzie McMillan and Anna Lee**. I was recently pleased to present the certificates and monitor badges to them. The help monitors give to LRC staff is invaluable at lunch time when it can get very busy not only with lending and returning books but with helping students print homework, shelving and preparing new books to be added to the library system. We have a thriving LRC and this teamwork with students is key to its success.



It was great to see many more **year 7 students** rewarded by a **break time celebration** two weeks ago for their excellent attitude to learning scores. They have performed consistently well across the board in this, their first year of secondary and I am sure they will continue to do well in the future.

On the same day, in the afternoon, I was pleased to celebrate the success of our **year 8 rounders team**. We covered their excellent success in the last issue of Sackville News.



The school was also delighted to win this year's **annual Reg Clarke Games**. This prestigious athletics competition, hosted at the Broadbridge Heath Stadium, attracts all the Mid-Sussex state schools as well as private institutions such as Christ's Hospital School. **Sackville beat its nearest rivals by over 20 points** – a magnificent achievement.

We also finished third in the local **super-six golf competition**. The team, accompanied by Mr Martin, put in a sterling performance, but were hampered by missing one of their best players.



Our **year 7 netballers** finished their season with a very well deserved **Silver Medal**, only losing one game to the Gold medalists Rydon. This means they are the **second best team in Sussex** - a fantastic achievement for a team who only started playing together 10 months ago. They all played amazingly and showed great team spirit and determination.

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Congratulations to the six primary schools who made it to **Area Sports** hosted at Sackville on 11th July. Having been postponed twice (once because of excessive heat, once because of rain) we managed to get the events completed in between the showers. Some real talent was on display, and we are already looking forward to these students joining the school in the future. Thanks too to so many **parents and carers** who came to see their children enjoy the event, and to our wonderful **sports leaders** who not only helped organise the day, but also joined in a relay themselves. Let's hope it is less complicated next year!



On Monday 26th June, it was great to host a coach-full of year 9 visitors from our **twin town, Bourg-de-Peage** in the south of France. The visitors arrived in the early morning for a tour of the school. This was followed by a visit to **East Court to a reception hosted by the Mayor**, after which they returned to



Sackville for **lunch**. Our students then led them on a treasure hunt around the town, whilst the hall was cleared for them to have a typical English afternoon tea on their return, waited on by our head team. Thank you to Mrs Valentine for organising, to the mayor for giving up a lot of her day to be with us, to the many staff involved in the catering and to our head team and year 12 students for keeping everything running so smoothly.



Our **year 11** students celebrated the end of their exams and many years with their tutors with a special assembly and **Prom at High Rocks hotel** in Tunbridge Wells. With the examinations being significantly more challenging this year, we have been very impressed by their hard work and excellent attendance. Well done!



Not to be outdone, our **year 13s also held their prom at High Rocks** the week after and it was, without a doubt, the best sixth form prom for many years. Many staff joined the students in a sit down meal to begin proceedings and the atmosphere was fitting for

this special year group who will be missed.



Congratulations to all of the Y12 students who have completed the **Sussex Study Experience Programme**



at University of Sussex. The programme was a great success as well as a fantastic opportunity for First Generation Scholars to find out what University life is all about. The students had a choice of subjects during the course of the programme which included academic sessions and a residential. They had the opportunity to visit various places such as Brighton Museum, the Amex Stadium, Brighton Pavilion, Lewes Crown Court and the



Tangmere Aviation Museum.

A **graduation ceremony** was then arranged this month for the students and guests to celebrate the completion of the programme. The programme is open to all Y12 and Y13 students and if you would like further information about the 2018 experience, then please contact Mrs Underdown, KS5 Student Support Assistant on

hunderdown@sackvilleschool.org.uk



Our new **Head Team** of **Charlie Main, Tom Dean, Chloe Maraner** and **Chris Oglethorpe** have started their roles with great enthusiasm and dedication, helping us to lead the many



summer events at Sackville. On their first day, they looked after our Bourg-de-Peage visitors superbly and a couple of days later they were helping at **Eggsfest!**



Eggsfest was a truly marvellous evening where hundreds of students of all ages from the town came to Sackville with the support of their parents to make music. The atmosphere was one of sheer positive community spirit: East Grinstead at its best! We were delighted that the **mayor** came along to our school for the second time in a week to enjoy this special event. The students sang their hearts out on our massive stage and were accompanied so well by the **Sackville Big Band**. **Mrs Joslin**, widow of ex-headteacher **Bernard Joslin**, presented a trophy in her husband's memory to this year's deserved music

winner, **Joe Hofmann**.



We were delighted to receive many **messages of thanks** including the one shown below:-

"Dear Mr Grant,

I should like to send a thank you to the staff and students of Sackville School who organised such a superb event yesterday.

The energy, talent and cooperation between the students and the staff was wonderful to witness. Despite the current difficult economic climate, you were able to join other schools to offer such a wonderful platform for our children to enjoy participating in the arts. This was an event to rival any at the public schools surrounding you.

I overheard so many conversations in the audience yesterday, in support of your staff, your leadership, and of course, your students. We are so grateful for the Sackville staff community and all that you pass on to our children."

As if Eggsfest wasn't enough to give people a great evening, we were also pleased to exhibit our students' art work for the year at the same time in our annual **Sackville Art and Photography Exhibition**. The standard of work was **astonishingly high** and we were pleased that so many came along to see this for themselves including, once again, the mayor! **Congratulations** to all of the young artists and to all of the art department team on this excellent event.



During the art exhibition we were visited by **Penny McFarlane**, who represents **NADFAS (the arts society)**. The society has a remit to support young people and she discussed ways in which they could help the art department. We are delighted that NADFAS has offered the following support:

- Matched funding of £750 towards a **new etching press**
- The use of **NADFAS expertise** in the future
- A **financial award towards material costs** to an art or photography student
- Servicing of our **cameras**
- The opportunity to **submit paintings to the Royal Society of Artists exhibition**, with framing costs covered.

This collaboration and support is testament to the fine work of our art department and its students.



The weekend that followed saw a group of our sixth formers departed to **San Feliu** in Spain, another of **East Grinstead's twin towns**, for a special town twinning festival visit bringing together young people from all of the twinned towns. Whilst there, the cities of Girona and Barcelona were visited, and students tried **beach volleyball, sailing and paddle boarding**.



Before the San Feliu trip returned, a large party of **year 8 students** left for our well established trip to **Paris**, led by **Mr Green**. The trip included sightseeing many highlights of the French capital including

Montmartre and the **Louvre**, as well as visiting the famous **Parc Asterix**. The students had a wonderful time and I am very grateful to the staff who accompanied them.



Achievement in schools is certainly not confined to the students alone. **Mrs Rooke**, who took up her post as **Futures Leader** in September 2016, provides a high level of support, advice and practical assistance to our students in all year groups, especially those in the higher year groups. She has up to date knowledge on the developing and fast moving area of apprenticeships. We are delighted that she has been selected by the Department for Education to be an **Apprenticeship Champion**. This is a nationally recognised position that gives her access to a wide range of the opportunities available for students.

I would encourage any student wishing to find out more about



apprenticeship opportunities to contact Mrs Rooke (erooke@sackvilleschool.org.uk)



Moving back to the students, I am delighted to share that **Rhiannon Leung** and **Rosy Napper**, two of Sackville's most promising physics students, have been named by the **University of Surrey** and the **Ogden Trust** as **School Physicists of the Year**. This prestigious award was fittingly presented by **TV scientist Jim Al-Khalili**. Rhiannon and Rosy are pictured here with Mr Al-Khalili and **Mr Keeble**, a physicist of equal renown in the Sackville community. Well done to both girls; we look forward to seeing your careers gather momentum.

Congratulations to our year **12 performing arts students** for their moving version of Mark Haddon's '**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime**'. Every show that comes out of our drama and performing arts department seems to set new standards, and this was no exception. Well done to the entire cast and of course to Mrs Newman for her patient guidance throughout the year.



At the younger end of the school, it was lovely to see our **year 7 drama club** put on an excellent interpretation of **Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'**. With a crisp



script full of excellent one-liners, the audience was fully drawn into the world of the Wormwood family, the awful school principal Miss Trunchbull, and the equally charming Miss Honey. Several of the cast played more than one role. Every line was perfect and every cue on time. Thanks to the brilliant cast and to **Mrs Carrick**, **Mrs Mustard** and **Alex Mustard** for directing the show.

Our **year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students** underwent their assessment weekend in early July and they all passed the expedition section of the Bronze Award! After a practice weekend in May, they went back down to the South Downs National Park for the real thing.



The teams were dropped off just outside **Seaford**, and made their way across the spine of the national park and down into the flatter land beyond. They stayed overnight at Wick Street Farm. On the Sunday, the teams continued north to their final pick-up point. This time students had to put up with temperatures close to 30 degrees but all teams arrived in good spirits, thankful to go home to a shower and to bask in their success.

Thank you to **Mr Langford** and **Mrs Rawsthorne** who experienced their first assessment weekend as leaders. A 100% pass rate is a hard act to follow next year.

Ciara Corrigan-Margetts in year 10, along with over 60 other young musicians from the West Sussex Youth Orchestra, represented the county at the **Music for Youth Festival** at the **Symphony Hall in Birmingham** on Saturday 8th July. It was a great opportunity for all involved to experience playing in such a fantastic venue



with amazing acoustics. They received really positive feedback from the panel, so it was a wonderfully positive day. Well done Ciara!



Alongside celebrating all of these successes, we do as a school recognise the **increasing pressures on young people** in our community and the impact this has on their **wellbeing**, ability to achieve their potential and be happy. After attending a **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** Youth course in Southwick last academic year **Mrs Nibloe**, Inclusion Manager, looked into how we could train other members of Sackville staff. With this in mind throughout February and March Mrs Nibloe was trained to become a **Mental Health First Aid Instructor**, co-delivering her first training course in Seaford in May and then setting about arranging training at Sackville.

On Monday and Tuesday 25th and 26th June a **two day intensive course** to train 11 staff was delivered by her at Sackville which included two primary colleagues from **Estcots** in attendance. The course was very thorough with robust evidence underpinning each section. The delegates were incredibly engaged and already quite passionate about the subject matter and all gained much from the course. Some comments were as follows:

“A wholly enlightening and soul searching two days leaving me feeling far more confident and competent to help young people around me”

“Very informative and interesting. I feel empowered to support young people/children with their mental health”

“It should make a real difference”

With such positive feedback Mrs Nibloe is keen to deliver this training to more Sackville staff and the wider community which has already begun. Hopefully with this training the young people in and around the school will get the help and support through what can be challenging times. Watch this space!

Staffing

I am pleased to report that staffing at Sackville is very steady moving into the next academic year. We are fortunate to have had such a smooth recruitment period in what are difficult times for education.

Mr Attrill, geography, will be leaving us at the end of the year to go travelling worldwide. We will miss his enthusiasm and energy and are very grateful for all he has done for the school. **Mr Elliott**, who has covered Mr Robinson’s timetable so well since Christmas, will also be leaving us this summer.

Mr Austin is leaving us after many years of service to join the maths department at The Warwick School in Redhill. He is a popular teacher who will be greatly missed. We would like to wish all the best to **Mr Camara**, also teacher of maths, who is moving to Warden Park School after giving us very loyal service. We are also extremely grateful to **Mr Wade**, who has worked in maths this year to cover absence and will be leaving this summer.

Mr Bolton, Curriculum Team Leader of Modern Foreign Languages, is retiring after 16 years of highly conscientious service to the school. His hard work and dedication will be sorely missed.

Mrs Stuckey, Beliefs and Values, has decided to take a break from teaching for one year as her husband has been temporarily relocated to Amsterdam and she has a young child. She will return in September 2018.

Mrs Nixon, teacher of computing and forest schools, commences her maternity leave now and we wish her all the very best!

Mrs McTeer, 1:1 English tutor who has worked at Sackville since 2004, will be retiring at the end of the academic year. She has been a great support to the school and its students and we hope she has a wonderful retirement.

We would also like to thank **Miss Darracott** for the excellent work she has done in the PE department this year. She will now be travelling home to New Zealand.

After spending a year with us following his departure from the army, **Mr Bull**, Study Supervisor, is moving on to a post in Croydon in September. He has contributed a lot to the school this year, particularly in PE, and we wish him well on this new venture. **Miss Barrott**, who has worked with us as a Study Supervisor this term, will also be moving on this summer.

With the retirement of **Mr Smith**, our cleaning supervisor, at May half term we have promoted **Mrs Cave** to a new role of **Facilities and Senior Finance Officer** which retains her current responsibilities and assumes those previously held by Mr Smith. We are delighted with this appointment.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your endless support and wish all families a wonderful, healthy and safe summer break.

Best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Sackville School have throughout her time there given my daughter every help possible and is a credit to all when at times all the media seems to dwell on is ratings, scores and pass grades. May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my wife to thank you for everything you have done to help.

'Takeover Day'

During year 10 Curriculum Enhancement Week this year, the students spent a morning learning how to create a CV and write a letter of application. The twist to the latter task was that they were able to **apply to take on the role of one of Sackville's members of staff for a day**. Shortlisted candidates were interviewed and successful candidates took part in 'Takeover Day' on Friday 21st July. As Mr Grant has written, Mimi Ward took over his job for the day. This is her account of how it went.

My experience of takeover day - By Mimi Ward

It's CEW week and for us in Y10, it focuses mainly on our future and where we are planning on going after Y11 by learning a series of new skills that would come in handy e.g. how to write a CV or letter of application when applying for a job.



On Tuesday we were given the opportunity to apply for a series of different jobs within the school and then later on we were interviewed and asked questions such as "Why do you think you'll be right for this job?" So by 2.40pm we were told who achieved which job and what they would have to do. I managed to get the job of headteacher and like everyone else, would have to ghost an allocated teacher around for a day to see what it's really like and what happens behind the scenes.

On Friday, my day started by helping out with the geography department where I helped to prepare both a quiz for a future lesson and the equipment needed in their upcoming field trip. The second half of my day started with being greeted by Mr Grant and him explaining to me what it takes to become a headteacher and the role and responsibilities that he has to perform and show, as there are a lot of leadership and communication skills that are involved when doing this job. This was a great experience as it gave me the opportunity to look at things in a different perspective and appreciate all the hard work that goes into everything whether it be organizing events or the day to day running of the school.

In total twelve year 10 students enjoyed being 'one of us' for the day. From a personal perspective I can say that **Tom Cocks** saved me about four hours' work with his efforts – thank you Tom!

In these pictures you can see **Jasmine Reed** delivering one of Mrs Rawsthorne's lessons, **Isaac Hodson** sorting out the curriculum for next year's sixth form curriculum, **John Roberts** teaching for his namesake in science, and the group of successful candidates with the book they received as a prize for being successful in the interviews. The title

of the book is 'How to get a job and keep it' – and though they only had these jobs for a day, we reckon from their performances they will be very successful in securing their next postings!



Any spare year 11 uniform? Please send it into Reception for our second hand uniform store.

International links

Town Twinning Day at Sackville

Mrs Valentine writes:-

Sackville was proud to host 60 French students and their teachers from our French twin town, Bourg de Peage, the Town Mayor (ex-Sackville parent Julie Mockford), the Chair of Town Twinning (Ken Averill) and Anna Morris from Town Twinning. East Grinstead has always enjoyed strong twinning links with Bourg de Péage and this was never more evident than in Sackville last Monday.

Our French visitors enjoyed a busy and varied day of different lessons – there were science experiments in the labs, maths lessons and modern language activities. Many staff and students were involved in the day. Our new sixth form Head team (Charley Main, Tom Dean, Chloe Maraner and Chris Oglethorpe) looked after the visitors superbly for the day. Year 8 students helped with lesson activities and gave superb tours in French of the school. Year 12 Business Studies students planned and gave a town quiz – thank you to Mrs Fleming for her help with this. Our sixth form Bistro was turned into a cafe and restaurant for the day – Jayne Palmer and her catering team provided an excellent sit down meal for our visitors. The day culminated in a magnificent English tea, made by our Food Tech department – special thanks to year 12/13 students Ellie



Collège de l'Europe
Jean Monnet
Bourg-de-Péage - France



Fleming and Millie Marsh for their work under the guidance of Mrs Smeaton and Mrs Beall. They produced scones and cake for 80 people. Many teaching and non-teaching staff worked tirelessly under the guidance of Mrs Rowlingson to decorate tables with white linen cloths, flowers, cups and saucers and tea pots. Students sat down in our dining room to a traditional English afternoon tea.

Thank you also to The Town Mayor and Town Twinning for the lovely reception on the terrace at East Court in the brilliant sunshine.

We value our links with town twinning very much and look forward to future reciprocal visits and would like to thank all those from our school and the local community who were involved in making such a memorable day.

Town Twinning in San Feliu, Spain

Mrs Fleming writes:-

East Grinstead Town Twinning offered the opportunity for 6 year 12 students to visit our Spanish Twin Town in San Feliu as part of a cultural exchange. Danny Vater, Will Surtees, George Tomkinson, Nancy Humphrey, Lauren Smith and Jordan Crowther were selected to represent our school in Europe. Each of the 6 twin towns sent six students who were then involved in a number of activities to develop relations with the other European Twin Towns.

Our students got to visit the La Rambla and La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona and the medieval city of Girona where scenes from Game of Thrones are filmed. They competed in beach and water sports on the sunny sea front in San Feliu. They



experienced an uncharacteristic storm with hailstones before enjoying a long coastal walk and some free time on the beach. A more formal ceremony between the twin towns in the local monastery meant they were able to meet dignitaries such as some of the mayors of the different towns.

Friendships were formed, GCSE languages were brushed off and used and a little glow of Spanish sunburn was brought back on the plane to East Grinstead. The students wanted to thank Town Twinning for an amazing opportunity and perhaps future plans will be made by our students to either revisit San Feliu or visit another East Grinstead Twin Town in the future.

Cultural cooking for year 8 German students



Our international links go through the school however, and as **Mrs Valentine writes here**, our language lessons offer the perfect opportunity to explore different cultures.

Seven year 8 German students enjoyed a German lesson with a difference earlier this term. Mrs Valentine's German group spent a lesson in the Food Technology department making a traditional German cake – Schwarzwälder Torte (otherwise known as Black Forest Gateau). They took an English recipe (see below) and put it into German before going to the food technology rooms to cook.



Thanks go to our German assistant, Frau Belliere, for providing the inspiration, as well as practical support. We are also – as always – grateful to the Food Technology department for the loan of their rooms and their help.

Mini Black Forest Gateau

Ingredients

2 eggs
50 g caster sugar
50 g self-raising flour
1 level tablespoon Cocoa

Black cherry jam
Canned black cherries in syrup
150 ml double cream
A little dark chocolate to grate

Rezept für eine Mini -Schwarzwälderkerstorte

2 Eier
50 g Zucker
50 g Mehl
1 Teelöffel Backpulver
1 Eßlöffel Kakao

Kirschmarmelade
Kirschen in Sirup
150 ml Schlagsahne
Bitterschokoladenstreusel

Sackville students are 'School Physicists of the Year'

Rosy Napper (year 12) writes:-

On Thursday 6th July, **Rhiannon Leung** (a year 10 student) and I were awarded 'Schools Physicists of the Year' by the University of Surrey and the Ogden Trust.

For the first hour we went to the University's Rik Medlik building to look around several stands run by physics graduates, explaining and showcasing their research. One graduate had several vacuum chambers filled with different elements (such as sodium and lithium) and supplied them with electrons to produce visible light. The colour of the light depended on the element, so he had been using this technique to work out what different materials are composed of, for example what different stars are made from. He even had snazzy glasses you could put on and everything.

Then after some nibbles, we had a super interesting lecture on space-time by celebrity physicist Professor Jim Al-Khalili, explaining how theoretically time travel could be possible by bending space. There was also talk of parallel universes, paradoxes and even 'Back to the Future' references (my favourite film) so I have to say I was loving it.



Then we were awarded our certificates and prizes (two books - one signed by Jim himself) and took lots (and lots...and lots) of photos.

All-in-all it was a really fun and interesting evening and Rhiannon and I are very proud to win these awards. Now we are Ogden Trust alumni we can take advantage of grants for any possible future research we wish to carry out. So who knows, maybe one of us will perfect time travel and become the Jim Al-Khalili of our generation (but don't worry, we won't let the BBC4 prime time slot go to our heads!).

News from the LRC

Mrs Rose writes:-



The LRC has run a **library monitor training** scheme for many years now and I am pleased to announce our latest monitors who have successfully completed their training: Jyotsna Kalwa, Suzie McMillan and Anna Lee. Well done to them. The certificates and monitor badges were presented by Mr Grant at a recent lunch time. The help monitors give to library staff is invaluable at lunch time when it can get very busy not only with lending and returning books but helping students print



homework, shelving and preparing new books to be added to the library system. They will be busy! If you would like to find out more about becoming a library monitor then do drop in and chat to any of the monitors to find out what you need to do.

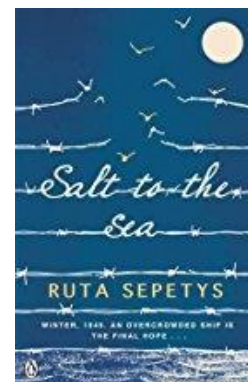
As the end of the school year draws closer the LRC has been doing its **annual stock take** which gives us time to review the fiction and non-fiction stock held and repair or replace the well-loved books! We ask all students and staff to return library books as we regret we cannot lend books over the summer months. There is **an amnesty on fines** at the moment so if you could help your child to have a good hunt for any library books which may have got lost, under a bed or in the back of a cupboard and return them, we would be most grateful.



This term we have been running a **reading group with year 7 and 8s** which has been *shadowing* the “Carnegie Medal” awards. The students have had the opportunity to read all 8 shortlisted books and then vote for the book they liked most. Here are some of their comments about the books they read: “Adventure of the mind”, “It brings you down to earth and realise what’s happening in the world”, “My favourite book – I read it twice.”

The students were presented with a certificate and we had a *party* to celebrate the end of the “Carnegie Award”, which the students all enjoyed and won some prizes to take home!

The winner of the “Carnegie Award” was ***Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys. This book follows 4 main characters who are refugees fleeing the advancing Red Army, all hoping to board the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, a ship that promises safety and freedom. Inspired by the worst disaster in maritime history, this is a shocking, illuminating and ultimately life-affirming story of World War II.



All the students who read it have loved this book. I would recommend this book for students and adults alike. I thought it was great and shed a tear or two!

Curriculum Enhancement Week

The following pages have a selection of photos from our activities week.



Year 8 STEM day – surviving disasters



Year 7 Ardingly paddle-boarding



Year 8 STEM day – surviving disasters



Year 10 visit Bletchley Park



Year 10 put through their paces by the army



Year 7 sports day



Year 10 visit Bletchley Park



Jack Powell receives the shield for HGN



Year 10 sports day – Theo a little deflated



Year 10 sports day



Year 10 sports day



Great catch!



Year 9 sports day





Year 9 at Team Dynamics



Year 9 sports day



Year 9 at Team Dynamics



Year 7 STEM day



Year 9 sports day



Year 8 sports day



Year 8 sports day



Year 7 camp with inflatable assault course



Year 7 Millenium Wheel (17 years late!)



Year 7 SMSC Fair Trade game



Year 7 at Ardingly



Year 7 at Ardingly



Year 10 fitness



Year 7 at Blackland Farm

Year 8 STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) disaster day

Year 8 students were challenged to report on their STEM day activities during CEW. The winning reports appear below with special commendation also going to Ella Dean, Lucy Plumb, Freya Healiss, Charlotte Nield and Eve Lewis.

Shakey Sackville!

On 20th July 2017, the year 8 students of Sackville School had a day of investigating what to do if there was a natural disaster such as a volcano, earthquake, tsunami or hurricane. The teachers of Sackville School organised four one hour sessions on what to do. The sessions were in science, maths, technology and engineering.

In science, they taught us how to purify dirty water so it is suitable for us to drink. You need to know this because you may not have water. The maths lesson was working out how much it would cost if a natural disaster occurred and what supplies you would need.

In technology, we were given dried spaghetti and marshmallows which we then had to design a suitable building for an earthquake. Ours got rated three out of ten! For engineering, we went to the field and had to build a shelter that would last through a storm. It was a great idea!

Now we know that if a natural disaster occurred then we would know exactly to do. Thanks Sackville School!

Jude Hayman, Bradley Stuart and Ben Foreman



Sackville's Day of Devastation



At Sackville School, the year 8 students participated in their STEM day during CEW week. The theme for STEM day was natural disasters mostly focusing on survival. The whole day on Wednesday 19th July was split up into four main lessons with an assembly at the beginning and end of the day.

Building the Shelter

One of our activities was to build a shelter. This activity took place on the grass near the tennis courts. We were given small amounts of these materials: bin bags, cardboard, bamboo sticks, string, tape and scissors. From this we had to build a shelter which was water resistant from each side and above.

Purifying Water

This activity took place in one of our science labs where we had to purify dirty water into clean drinking water using only sands, stones, cloth, an elastic band and beakers. Our method was to cut off the bottom of a plastic bottle. We then put cloth over

where the lid would be and held it in place with an elastic band. Next, we poured in some sand, then added some stones. Finally, we poured in our murky undrinkable water and watched it filter into fairly clean water.

Tower Building

During this activity, we designed and created a building that would stand through an earthquake.

Ellie McAvoy, Ellen Green and Sharna Smith

Year 12 Work Experience

Meanwhile, year 12 spent last week out on work experience. The quality and variety of placements found astonished Mr Whitehead and Mrs Valentine who went to visit them.



Dan Grant at Brighton Medical School



Henry Lagrange at Schlumberger



Rosy Napper at Rare Skills Gallery



Georgia Boylan and Jodi McLaren at Edenbridge Hospital



Nick West (right) with his brother Dom and Mr Whitehead at The New Guys



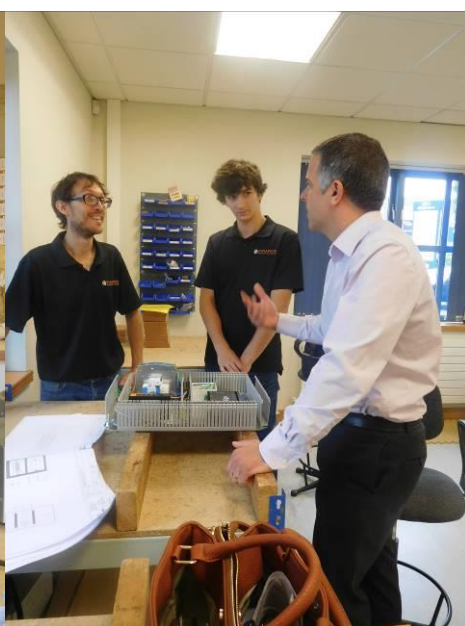
Sam Goddard at THALES



Tara Deeley at Lingfield Racecourse



Antonia Major at Geotechnical



Will Putner at Synapsis

Our students clearly benefitted from the discipline of the workplace and the insight they got into the 'real world'. We would particularly like to **thank the many parents and friends of the school who have arranged placements for our students**. There will be a fuller write-up of our year 12 work related learning in the next edition of Sackville News.

Year 10 Sussex University Summer School

This is an opportunity Mrs Beasley offers to year 10s each year. Our students apply to the university and if successful get to attend for three days during term time. This year **Ruth Blackman** was successful and this is her account of the experience.

As reported in the 26th May edition of the Sackville News, three Year 10 students successfully gained places on the **University of Sussex Summer School** programme.

I have just returned from this three-day residential and have had a really good time. Over the course of the time away we got a little taster of what university life is like, having lectures and lessons as well as plenty of social and leisure activities, as well as having to manage our own budget and other responsibilities involved with being away from home.

Year 10 Week One													
Time	11:00am	12:00pm	1:00pm	2:00pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	5:00pm	6:00pm	7:00pm	8:00pm	10:00pm		
Wednesday 6th	Students Arrive	Lunch	Welcome Talk	Icebreakers	Campus Tour	Break	Academic Session 1	Dinner	Icebreakers	Get changed	Sports/Leisure Evening	Back to flats, lights out 11pm	
Thursday 7th	Breakfast	Keynote Lecture: Kevin Bartle	Break	Academic Session 2	Lunch	Academic Session 3	Break	AG with Kariis	Break	Activities Extravaganza	Get changed	Chill Out Evening	Back to flats, lights out 11pm
Friday 7th	Check Out	Breakfast	Academic Session 4	Chk and farewells	Lunch	Students Depart							

The programme at the summer school



breakfast was free.

Our accommodation was in one of the student residences on campus called Lewes Court. Each flat had six bedrooms with shared facilities, was single sex and each flat had a same-sex ambassador supervising.

Meals and activities were provided free of charge. On arrival, we were given a 'Munch Money' card which allowed us to buy food and drinks over the three days. It had £40 on it, and as a 'university' student we had to budget carefully and use the card wisely so that we didn't go hungry – making sure we had enough money on the card to pay for our lunches each day and our dinner on the first evening. We also had to use this card to buy drinks and snacks for our break times throughout the day, but our

The Summer School timetable was very busy. On arrival, we were divided into groups of about 8 students based on which strand of the Summer School Programme we had been awarded a place on, mine was entitled 'Communicating Science' which largely covered the STEM subjects. These were mixed gender groups and we were not with students from our own school, but after the initial awkwardness we all soon became friends as we took part in the activities!

On the first day, we had a campus tour, a couple of 'icebreaker' sessions when we got to know each other, an academic session (which for my group was on neuroscience, learning about the human eye and its blind spot) followed by some leisure time when sport or cooking followed by a movie was on offer.

Day two involved two more academic lessons, this time covering topics in both Physics and Maths, as well as an orienteering session which involved lots of running around the campus which was challenging in the 26°C heat! The day was rounded off with a much needed 'chill out evening' which involved eating a lot of pizza and socialising!



The time passed really quickly and before we knew it it was day three, in which we had one academic session, which for my group was Chemistry, followed by a 'Question and Answer Session and farewells' and then lunch.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University of Sussex and really appreciate being given the opportunity to take part in this Summer School. I made some really good friends, had a go at activities that I hadn't done before and learnt about Science topics that we haven't yet covered at school. I also feel that I have gained in confidence, and feel a greater understanding about university when it comes to thinking about applying in a few years' time.

Thanks for this full write-up Ruth. **Chilling in the sun and eating pizza** – Looks like uni has not changed much!

Widening university participation – review of 2017

Mrs Beasley writes:-

The summer term has been a really important one for our higher education partnership work. We are very lucky to work with a number of universities to give our students the chance to find out more about university life and experience their curriculum subjects in more depth.

We recruited 48 year 8 students to our Widening Participation programme in partnership with University of Sussex who are hopefully looking forward to their first workshop opportunity in the Autumn term.

On 21st June, a group of year 10-12 students attended a talk by Katherine Fender, a doctoral student in English at the University of Oxford who discussed the general admissions process for Oxbridge applications as well as more specific information regarding courses in law, classics and English.

On 3rd July, 46 year 9 students and some of their parents visited the University of Sussex campus for a day discovering what university life is like. The day included meeting students who are currently studying at the university, a campus tour, lunch in one of the university cafes and a workshop on student life.

Groups of year 10 students also attended a Psychology event and a GCSE Maths and Physics revision day at Sussex in addition to a number of our year 10-12 students successfully gaining places at summer schools there and at University College London. A report from Ruth Blackman appears above in Sackville News.

And last but by no means least, Luke Davison, Megan Stratford and Luke Waddell from year 9 were all nominated as outstanding chemists and attended the annual Salters' Festival of Chemistry at the University of Sussex on 29th June. They worked in groups with students from other schools, led by a research post-graduate chemist from the university. Over the course of the day, they synthesised two different compounds, siloxene and luminol, which were then used to determine whether tablets were contaminated.

Congratulations to all the students involved in these events. We look forward to making further opportunities available and getting more students participating next year.

Our university focus now shifts to results day on 17th August, when we hope all of our year 13s are successful in securing the grades they need for their chosen universities.

Meanwhile, **more news from former students:**

- Peter Boyd** has graduated from the University of the West of England with a first class degree in business management with accounting and finance, and is looking to work in the City
- Harry Game** has graduated from the University of Warwick with a first class degree in physics

News from the Business and Law Department

Taylor Wessing visit

Mrs Barden writes:-

On Wednesday 5th July a select few sixth form students and I set off to London to spend the day at Taylor Wessing, a global commercial law firm, for a day of career presentations and workshops, organised through Futures First.

The students firstly joined in an introductory networking session, to get to know the other participants from sixth forms in Essex and Bedford. This was followed by an interesting and inspiring presentation from one of the partners who described his own personal journey from school to his current position with Taylor Wessing. His message for the students: "Showing you have potential is the key to securing a successful career with many organisations"

There followed a second presentation about careers from Grant Thornton LLP, an international financial & business consultancy, with the opportunity to ask two current graduate trainees about their experiences in gaining their graduate roles.

The day continued with CV, career and interviewing techniques and advice together with the opportunity to meet and chat to a variety of different staff from within Taylor Wessing. This gave the students an insight into the variety of departments and jobs that are available within a firm of this size and nature.

Lunch was laid on for us and we got the chance to sit in the sunshine and admire the panoramic city view from the terrace on the 10th floor of the building! We were also privy to a guided tour of the offices by some of Taylor Wessing's own trainee lawyers and had the opportunity to ask them questions about their own graduate recruitment experiences.

The day's activities were concluded after lunch with the students participating in a number of debates on current affairs which affect universities and undergraduates, giving them all the opportunity to demonstrate their ability for forming strong arguments and public speaking.

We returned home very inspired about careers within the corporate sector, and were very grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of a very positive, informative and enjoyable day!



Barclays Lifeskills volunteer led lesson for Year 12 Level 3 BTEC Business students

On Monday 10th July Barclays led a two hour workshop to support our level 3 Business students in Year 12 who are studying personal finance.

They gave support and advice across a number of topics from accounts to insurance. Students were even told how to improve and maintain a positive credit score. The volunteers were able to explain the importance of security on using mobile phone banking apps and how to avoid card fraud.

Ellie Fleming commented on how useful it was to understand the different transactions and charges on her bank statement.



Sackville speaks out

Mrs Stuart and Mrs Fleming write:-

Mrs Fleming and Mrs Stuart are going to hold a **public speaking/debate club on Tuesdays** next year. It's called '**The Sackville Speak Out**'. It is aimed at year 11-13. There are various competitions for our students to enter, both local and national. Some are for individuals to enter whereas others can be groups - the debate competitions are often in teams. If students are interested in honing their presentation and debating skills, this is where they need to be!

In order to gauge interest and point students in the right direction for investigating the variety of competitions out there and the entry requirements, please can interested students see Mrs Stuart to put their names down as showing interest - we can then give them more information via email. Or, pop into D block and sign up on the list on Mrs Stuart's office door.

Year 9 writers get creative

Mrs Wernham writes:-

Year 9 entered a **creative writing competition** recently through 'Young Writers' and **we have had 18 students selected to have their work published**. Entrants were asked to write a 100 word mini saga for the 'Welcome to Wonderland' writing competition in Surrey & Sussex and the company received over 18,000 entries. The book will be published in September 2017.

Those chosen were Nathan Jones, Poppy Nicholls, Tom Nandhra, Harvey Snashfold, Jack Charlton Nevitt, Nolan Parker-Thompson, Caleb Neale, Megan Green, Millie David, Emilie Lagrange, Amy Hawtin, Elisha Appleby, Alex Flude, Jake Worth, Sam Kelly, Yuval Ofir, Antonia Deeley and Alec Bignall

Well done to you all, and we look forward to seeing the book published in the new academic year.

Sports news

Keen readers of the website will be aware of the sports successes we have enjoyed this year – as the results come in we try to get the news out also via Twitter @SackvilleSport. A couple of more detailed reports from Miss Offler follow.

U12 Athletics at Broadbridge Heath

The U12 boys and girls athletics teams competed at Broadbridge Heath against seven other schools. Students took part in both track and field events, finishing with team relays at the end of the event.

The team spirit, enthusiasm and encouragement for each other was evident from the pupils throughout the day and they helped each other to give some very good performances.

Notable performances came from Hattie Williams in the 1500m, Ellis Beynon in the long jump, Ella Kessell in the 100m and Saul Monge in the 300m.

The boys came 3rd and the girls came 4th, making us 3rd overall in the competition.



Well done to all those involved.

The team:

Girls: Ella Kessell, Jasmine Munn, Flo O'Loughlin, Keira Drewry, Mia Blackburn, Hattie Williams, Rachel Tyler, Rebecca Gibbons, Rachel Davies, Emilia Gomez-Darder, Emma Smyth.

Boys: Ellis Beynon, Callum Kilkenny, Liam Dawes, Rowan Burrell, James Knott, Saul Monge, Harvey Burgess, Matt Nicholson, Isaac Lancaster, Noah Englishby-Allen, James Randall.

U12 Athletics Tri-Tournament

The girls U12 athletics team went to Burgess Hill School for Girls to compete in a tri-tournament along with Hove High School. The girls participated in both track and field events, with all events having A and B athletes.

It was a lovely, friendly tournament where the girls got to experience some friendly competition. Being so hot, it made for difficult conditions for the long distance runners; however, they took on the challenge and Hattie, Abbie (1500m) and Mia and Rachel (800m) did a fantastic job, with all of them coming in the top 3 (both A and B runners ran in the same event). Keira did well in her first hurdles race, whilst Emma and Rebecca did a great job over at javelin and shot put.

The girls came 2nd in the field events and 1st in the track events, but were just beaten to come 2nd place overall to Burgess Hill School for Girls. It was a very close finish and we look forward to next year to hopefully close the small gap!

The team:

Ella Kessell, Rebecca Gibbons, Freya Otha, Mia Blackburn, Rachel Tyler, Hattie Williams, Abbie Hall, Keira Drewry, Rachel Davies, Emilia Gomez-Darder, Emma Smyth.





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