

Sackville News

Friday 9th July 2021

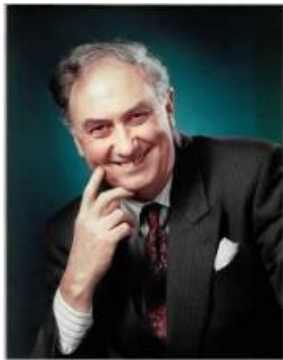


Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin this week's *Sackville News* by warmly congratulating **Ms Jo Meloni** who has been appointed as the next headteacher of Sackville, commencing in January 2022. I would also like to thank the **panel of governors** who gave up three days to undertake the detailed selection process. Ms Meloni is currently a headteacher in Buckinghamshire and I look forward to working with her to ensure a smooth transition. Sackville is a wonderful place in which to work and a privilege to lead; I know it will continue to thrive in 2022 and beyond!



I would also like to welcome a number of new staff who have started with us over the last fortnight. **Ms Parchment** (geography) and **Mr Dupoy** (business studies) started with us last week, and this week we welcomed **Ms Lindridge** (science), **Ms Palfry** (languages), **Mr Belcher** (business studies) and **Mr Keeler** (IT technician). It is marvellous to have our new staff starting ahead of the new academic year – it makes the hectic start in September easier for everyone.



As we look forward to the arrival of a new head, it is with sadness that we share the news that **former Headteacher Clive Brooks** has passed away.

Mr Brooks was Headteacher of Sackville from 1983 to 1993, a period of great change in schools which saw the introduction of the **National Curriculum** and the new **GCSE exam**.

Mr Latus, our longstanding teacher of geography who worked under Mr Brooks, remembers him as an **exceptional headteacher under whom the school thrived enormously**. He had the Welsh gift of rhetoric and was widely respected by his staff and students. The thoughts of Sackville are with his family. We hope we are honouring the legacy he left behind.

The last fortnight has seen our **year 10 students sitting their end of year exams**. Their attitude and industry have both been commendable. This year group had already impressed us so much during their Religious Studies GCSE assessment in May, and we are all looking forward to seeing them thrive in year 11.



Our year 9 students have also approached their first formal Religious Studies mock exam impeccably, and once again I am struck by how well our students have coped with the disruption of this year.

Last week we held our usual **transition interviews for the families of new year 6 students**. Once again we have had to **cancel our three day induction programme** due to COVID restrictions, but I am pleased to say that the new students and one parent/carer will also be coming in for one of a series of staggered meetings with their year 7 tutors on Monday 19th July.

On Wednesday, we also invited in those students applying for the sixth form who are not already at Sackville. These students and their families were given a tour of the school by our senior students, and were briefed about how our sixth form works by Mrs Valentine and her team.



On Wednesday evening, the team hosted a virtual presentation for existing students and families. Many more families joined the session than usually come to our in-person briefing, and we quickly went over the Google Meet limit of 100. For those unable to attend the meeting in real-time, please accept our apologies. [You can see a recording of the presentation here.](#)

Looking ahead to next term, on **Monday 6th September**, only **year 7 and year 12** will be in school. This staggered start will allow the new year 7s to enjoy an uninterrupted transition day. Our senior students in year 13 will also be in to support the year 7s.

We have learned this week that we will start the new academic year with in-school lateral flow testing, like we did in March. We will write nearer the time with a schedule for each year group, but it will mean that the staggered start extends until Wednesday of the first week back.



It has been good to see so many year 11 students back in for **our first taster classes**. This picture is from a session for the ever popular **psychology**.

Students got an idea of the subject by participating in a real experiment, and now can't wait for term to start in the

autumn. It has been particularly pleasing to welcome students new to Sackville.

For all subjects there is transition work for the students on the virtual *Google Classroom*.

Film Studies entered a new dimension last week as **3D cinema** came to our Year 9 Students as part of the *Developments in Film* topic. Thanks to Mrs Tweed and Ms Ward for helping with the construction of the cardboard red & blue glasses! There were a lot of gasps as the screen literally came towards the class with clips from 'Creature from the Black Lagoon', 'House of Wax' and Hitchcock's 'Dial M for Murder'.



Y12 photography students were treated to a **full day of sculptural activities last week**, inspired by visiting artists **Andy Webb** and **Dave Stephens**. As he described the theme of conflict behind his work, Dave had the students both laughing and on the edge of tears. Students channelled these emotions into a series of built structures, taking their photographic work into 3D forms. The resulting pieces can

now be seen in Reception.

This special event was sponsored by **TASEG** (The Art Society East Grinstead) and we thank them for enabling us to enrich the curriculum during such a challenging year.



Yesterday we were treated to a fantastic performing arts showcase from our year 12 students. The group had chosen to perform extracts from the musical *Everyone's Talking About Jamie*.

The performances were powerful and moving, and showed just how well this group of students has gelled over a year in which rehearsing together has not always been possible. Despite the students coming from different schools and year groups, it was teamwork that drove the students to such peaks, and their support for each other was notable.

Well done **Nathan Jones, Olivia Ody, Amelia Fraser, Brandon Foley, Alice Martin, Ellie-Mae Taylor, and Nicole Noakes**.

This week is our **literacy week**, and our students have been enjoying 'Stop, Drop and Read' during lesson three each day. Students have also been shown **videos of some of the staff talking about their favourite books**, and each lunchtime a **teacher has been reading to students in the library**.



Our **year 9 students** also enjoyed a virtual visit from author **Meg Rossoff** who talked to the students about how she writes her fiction, but gave a number of other life-lessons too. The picture shows our year 9s hanging on to her every word as she was beamed in to our canteen.

Finally I would like to congratulate an anonymous group of our students who were singled out for this positive mention on 'Mumsnet' recently. So often today's teenagers get a bad press. However, those of us who work with them know this to be inaccurate and it is great to see this recognised in the community too. Well done to whoever this fantastic group of students was.

With that positive news I wish you a healthy and peaceful weekend.

Julian Grant
Headteacher

Would just like to Praise some lovely sackville kids today there was a group of them boys/ girls

I was putting my kids in car after school run and realised I had lost my phone 😞 I got home and my mum who lives in Eastbourne was calling me to tell me that it had been found, it had dropped in the road 😞 the kids had waited at bottom of east court and found my mums number in contacts obvs thinking I was a sackville student and rang her to tell her they had it and would she like them to take it into the school for me to collect I rang the phone straight away and these lovely kids waited for me to drive back to collect it. They were the most polite lovely kids and I was so so grateful for them taking the time to do this. If it's your children you should be very proud of them such a lovely polite bunch 🥰🥰🥰
🥰 Thankyou very much x

Sports news

The wet June weather has not stopped our cricket season. It was lovely to see our new year 7s enjoying some competitive fixtures, with both our A and B team beating Brighton College.



Sackville U12B



Sackville U12 A

Strong performances with the bat came from **George Pollard** and **Barney Maynard**, with **Joshua Scott** getting two wickets.

Our **intermediate girls' athletics team** enjoyed a great evening of athletics at Burgess Hill School for Girls. **Noemi Molnar** won the 300 metres B race, and **Beth Currie** came third in the A race. There were strong performances from **Holly** and **May Sippetts**, and **Sophia Wigmore**.



We are delighted to announce that both **Isaac Lancaster** (year 11) and **Cameron Wells** (year 12) have been selected for Sussex to compete in the pole vault at the English Schools' Athletics Championship. Well done both!

Next week sees our **sports days** for years 7-10. At this stage in the road map we are not allowed to invite parents in to see the students perform, but there will be a write up in the next edition of Sackville News.

Finally, after two postponements, we are delighted to announce that the **Teenage Cancer Trust** charity football match between the staff and Forest Row's U16 team will now take place on **Thursday September 9th**. More details to follow after the holiday!

Land wanted!

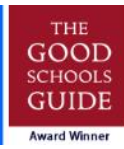
Mrs Abel writes:-

Does anybody has a piece of land that they would be willing to allow us to use for **Forest Schools** on a weekly basis for at least a year from September?

The activities would include building a fire (under supervision), building items from wood (like birdhouses). Teambuilding activities on the land, clearing vegetation, and digging over some areas for planting or to make natural habitats for different animals/insects etc.

The groups are a maximum of 10 students and will always be accompanied by staff. Obviously good access for a minibus would be a bonus.

If you can help please email Mrs Abel on mabel@sackvilleschool.org.uk



Science technician Grade 4

We are looking to appoint a science technician to support teaching and learning in our large and vibrant science department. They will be based in one of our science preparation areas and will support colleagues across the faculty.

The successful candidate should have good interpersonal and organisational skills, be a strong communicator and able to work as part of a successful team. No science background is required. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who likes working with young people.

Sackville is a large, mixed, 11-18 comprehensive with 1649 on roll. We are a STEM school, leader in Space Education and hold International School, Artsmark Silver, Healthy School and Good Schools Guide awards. Our GCSE are consistently strong with positive progress 8 scores.

Hours: 14 hours per week

Salary range: Grade 4 - £19,312—£19,698 (*pro rata* £6,099 - £6,221) term time only.

Further details and an application form are available on our website or from Janina Stromfield at jstromfield@sackvilleschool.org.uk. Candidates are welcome to have a conversation with Mrs Stromfield if required.

Please address your letter of application together with an application form and safer recruiting sheet to Mr Julian Grant, Headteacher and send to krowlingson@sackvilleschool.org.uk (P.A. to Headteacher).

Closing Date: Friday 16th July 2021 9.00am

Interviews: w/c Monday 19th July 2021

Sackville School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Any successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service

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East Court ART DAY

4th July 18th July - 1st August 22nd August

Drawing class for 7 to 10 year olds (11:30am - 1:00pm)

Portraiture class for 11 to 15 year olds (2:00pm - 4:00pm)

East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LT

Please contact Michelle Cioccoloni on 07792088969 to sign up.

Michelle Cioccoloni trained at the Royal Drawing School and has taught drawing sessions at the National Gallery, the Ashmolean, the Garden Museum and at a drawing day at Buckingham Palace. Her studio is at East Court in East Grinstead.

FIRST SESSION FREE!