

Sackville News

Friday 12th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now only a few days away from **welcoming back our year 10 and 12 students** for some face-to-face lessons and we are looking forward to this greatly. All of our year 10 families have been called by **Mr Millican** or **Mrs Sands** and we know the students too are keen to come back in.

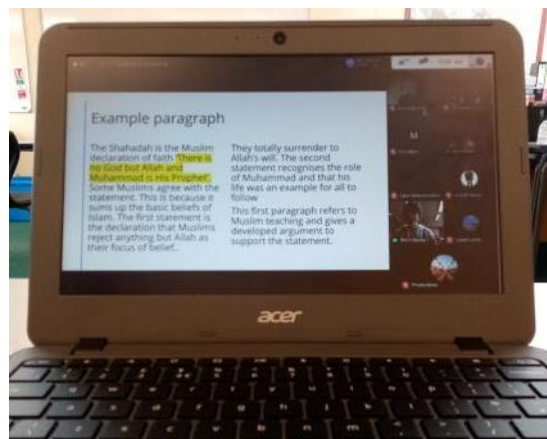
I wrote at length last week about how we are **making the return to school as safe as possible**, and would like to encourage parents and students to look at this detail in [last week's newsletter](#) if you have not already been able to do so. If you have a year 10 or 12 student in your household, I would encourage them to look at [the video prepared by Mr Bush](#) showing new procedures we have in place for the safe working of students when they return. Update letters have been sent to you regarding arrangements.



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You may remember that our original plans included a morning in school for year 9s to enjoy an **immersive beliefs and values session** in preparation for their GCSE next year. The change in government guidelines meant that we were not able to have the students in, but we have instead laid on **two virtual immersion sessions** for this year group. I am delighted with the attendance at both of these, and can say that **almost all of our year 9 students took part**. Amongst those participating were our year 9 students of key workers, who enjoyed the session here on our school Chromebooks. Thank you to **Mr Morris** and



Amy Nolan 10:49 AM
Thanks

Mrs Hawken for these sessions. Judging by the thanks given in the chat channel the sessions were very well received by the students!

Learning remotely forms the majority of all of our students' learning of course, and I am delighted by the enthusiastic response for the increasing number of **live lessons** laid on by staff. Later in Sackville News we explain **how you can easily see when these are coming up on your child's Google calendar**.



Our Catering Manager **Mrs Palmer** has been in contact with the charity **Taylor Made Dreams**, who this year supported ex-Sackville student Annie Dilek so kindly during the last months of her life suffering from cancer. She has arranged for them to receive a variety of food provision from Sackville canteen, for which they are very grateful. Thank you Mrs Palmer for being so thoughtful.

A lot of discussion with students over the last fortnight has understandably centred on the **Black Lives Matter** movement. I am very happy to see our students engaging with this. **Fairness, respect for others and equality of opportunity** are at the heart of what we believe as a **UNICEF Rights Respecting School**.

Last weekend I was contacted by some former students enquiring about how we as a school were continuing to educate our students about the experience of the BAME community. The **events in The USA** were already being discussed in the school, and senior staff had performed an informal **audit of our curriculum provision** to check what we were doing and where we could improve. There is no doubt that Black Lives Matter would be part of our **assembly programme** if we were in school.

How encouraging it is that former students feel confident enough to contact us about such an important issue and consider together our deeply-held shared values.

As the week comes to an end we look back on **two weeks of successful socially distanced transition interviews**, and we look forward to receiving our year 10s next week. It just leaves me to wish you a safe and healthy weekend.



Thanks for all your support; we had a really nice meeting with Mr Endersby. My son loved it and said he wanted to fast forward and start now! Thank you so much for all the efforts of the staff.

Wanted – old duvet covers



You may remember that **Mrs Smith**, pastoral support manager for year 9, was part of the team making masks and visors for the QVH. Now she is making **scrubs** and **scrub bags** for NHS Surrey.

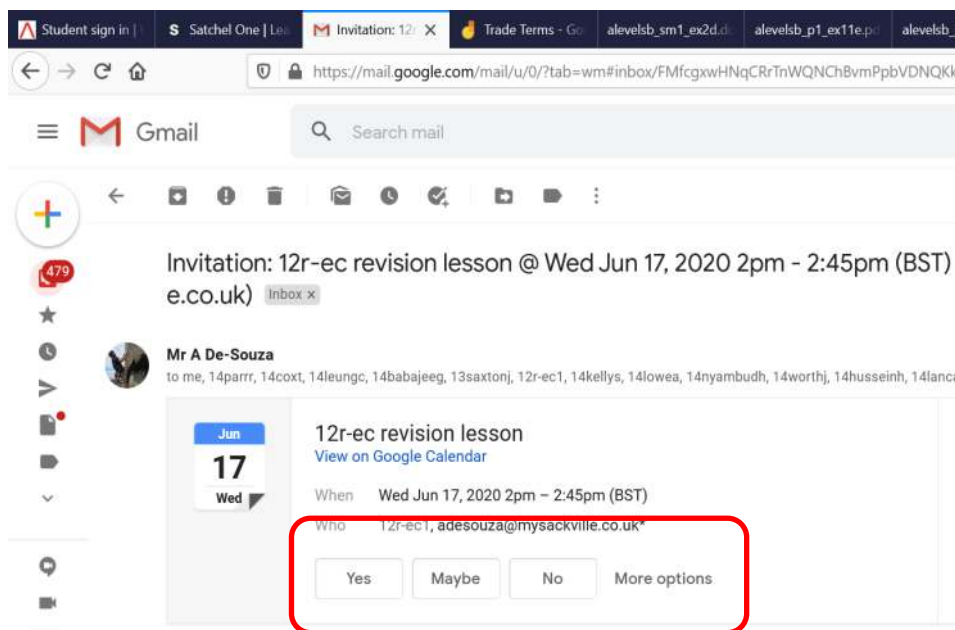
If anyone has any old **duvet covers**, please can they be dropped off at school?

If there is no-one in Reception they can be left in the foyer

Live lessons

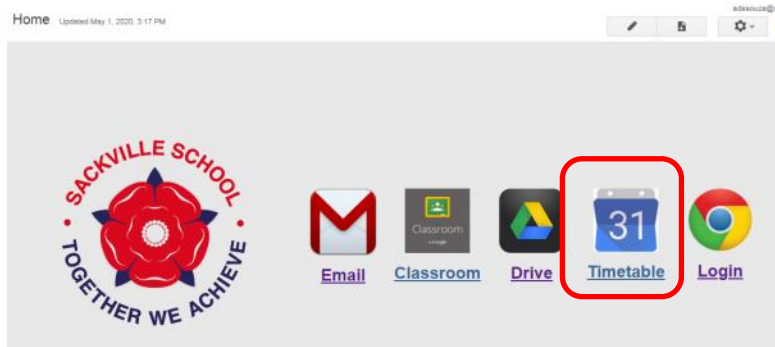
With the increasing number of **live lessons**, we thought it would be useful for parents to know how students will be notified of them.

When the lesson is set up, the students receive an email informing them and asking whether they are going to attend.



This email will look like the one above.

It doesn't matter whether the students accept the invitation or not - they can still come to the lesson. The joining buttons are highlighted in the screenshot.



Students can see the all of the live lessons on their **calendars**, which can be accessed [here](#). The calendar can also be accessed from the **timetable** link on the Google Chrome landing page (highlighted above)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8	9	10	11	12
	Politics - Mr Morris - 2pm, A11	Economic 2pm, L02	Maths - Mr Hatton - 2pm, M05	History - Miss Garris 2pm, C12
		12R Econ 3 - 4pm	Economic 3pm, L03	

The calendar will have the student's normal timetable in highlighted blocks. The **live lessons** are in blue in this screenshot, and not filled in as they have not yet been accepted. If they are accepted, they will fill with a colour.

Use of the calendar each day will allow the students to see all of the lessons which are coming up.

With the live lessons shown in this way, it leaves **Show My Homework** for the communication of work set to support the lessons taught.

We would be grateful if parents and carers share this with their children, as they have had no tuition in school about how this operates!

Thank-you.