

Sackville News

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to take some steps back to normality this half term. Students are no longer zoned but are enjoying **lessons in specialist rooms**. Practicals are back for all and have started for year 7s – very successfully judging by these cookies!

Sports fixtures have started, and the gentle sound of leather on willow can be heard in the summer sun. Our **sports coverage** resumes later in the newsletter.

Despite these new freedoms, **Monday's announcements** remind us that we are still living with COVID, and the **delay of a month** to the full release from lockdown has dictated some changes to our final half term.



- ❑ Our **proms** are being rearranged. The **year 11 prom** will take place at Reigate Manor on Wednesday 21st July, but some activities will have to be curtailed because of the danger of aerosol transmission. We plan to move our **final leavers' assembly** to the venue as well. Attendance at the event will require proof of a negative lateral flow test on the day.
- ❑ The **year 13 prom** will not now go ahead. Instead, we will mark the departure of this wonderful year group by serving them a **high tea at an outdoor event** in school on Wednesday 21st July. Some other fun activities will also take place – but plans are at an early stage at present.
- ❑ The **Jamie Young Teenage Cancer Trust fundraiser** will have to be **postponed again**.
- ❑ The congested nature of the final week has meant the difficult decision to bring **sports days** forward by a week, to the week beginning 12th July. Unfortunately, this year it means **parents will not be able to attend**.



The increasing prevalence of the Delta Variant of Covid means it is important once again for **students to conduct a lateral flow test twice a week**. As Mr Bush wrote home on Wednesday, we have been fortunate since March 8th to have had only three positive cases in the community, but all three were detected by a lateral flow test (and then confirmed by a PCR). We aim to issue another tranche of test kits next week. If students run out we have a stock of spares in year offices. All tests should be reported to [the NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk). Positive results should also be notified by email to Mr Bush on sbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk. Thanks for your help with this.

Last month, I wrote about a slight change to the **timings of the day for the new academic year**. We have now finalised these following discussions with Estcots School. To **allow the smooth exit of students from both schools** we have arranged for our day to end at 14.35.

Our exams office has been busy this week inputting and verifying the **school assessed grades** for our exam years. The exam boards will now quality-assure these results, and officially issue them on August 10th and 12th.

There will be an **appeals process** for any students who feel they have been issued an unfair grade, though it will be a little different this year. In the event of an appeal, the school will double check that its own procedures have been followed and that the correct grade was submitted to the exam board.

Following this, the appeal will be referred to the examining board itself.

Officials from the board will look at the evidence used to generate the school assessed grade and **decide whether the result issued is reasonable based on the evidence**. A form will be available on the school website during results week with further details of the process. It is important to note that this year it is possible that **grades could go down as well as up on appeal**, since there are no overall marks or grade boundaries to guide us.

Whilst our year 11s are awaiting their exam results, why not get involved in some of the excellent **transition activities** available on our Google classrooms? These classrooms are designed to prepare students for sixth form study. [This document](#) with the class codes was sent to all year 11 students this week, and also includes details of

New timings, September 2021

8.25	Tutor Time
8.50	Period 1
9.50	Period 2
10.50	Break
11.05	Period 3
12.05	Period 4
13.05	Lunch
13.35	Period 5
14.35	Supported study, PE fixtures & enrichment activities

not involved in the selection of my successor and I wish the best of luck to all four candidates. I thank the wonderful Sackville community as much as I can for the support during the autumn term to ensure a smooth handover.

She's creating quite a buzz in the music press, and beyond that is featured in the latest issue *Her* magazine, and we hope to be able to get copyright permission to



Like many in our community, she experienced losing a close relative during the pandemic. She is now channelling her energy positively to raise money for this important cause. Please see the link to her [GoFundMe page](#) for further information on how to support her.

Hello! I am fundraising to raise money for Parkinson's awareness UK. This charity is close to mine and my family's hearts following the loss of my amazing grandad in January 2021. Being a huge influence in my life, when he passed away, it was extremely painful and has left me confused and hurt as to why more couldn't have been done to prevent this disease from taking his life. An estimated 145,000 people in the UK alone suffer from Parkinson's disease, this number is set to rise by another 20,000 by 2030 so being able to support this charity and possibly being able to help just one person and their family would mean the world to me, knowing how painful it is to lose someone to this disease. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

A special thanks too to **Toulah Morgan** in year 11 who voiced the Dormouse! Well done and we look forward to more quality entertainment next year!

Will Woolley in year 9 has put some of his lockdown time to very good use. He has found a number of paper models from the [AXM Paper Scale Space Models site](https://www.axmmodels.com/) and spent a fair bit of time painstakingly building them.

Head of Design and Technology **Mr Treen** was suitably impressed!

Will is very interested in pursuing a career in aerospace engineering and would like to study the subject at university – we think he is well on the way there already.

Before signing off this week, I would like to **thank you all once again for your support** during these challenging weeks, and for your understanding at the changes to our plans we have had to put in place. I wish you a relaxing weekend; I know it will be for the students with their extra day.

Julian Grant
Headteacher



Sports news returns!

Mr de Souza with a few recent highlights:-

Congratulations to Gracie Beatty in year 9, who has just placed **fifth in the Southern England Tetrathlon Team** after competing in the **Pony Club Junior Regional Competition** in Warwickshire.

The tetrathlon is a demanding event that requires competitors to **run, swim, shoot and show jump**. We already know Gracie as one of the best runners in year 9, and it is no surprise she has talents in these other areas too.

A round of applause for Gracie on a fantastic experience and achievement – and well done to pony Lilly too!

Last Friday we had our **first athletics meet for two years**, and our Junior Boys came first! Intermediate boys were fifth and our girls' teams came sixth.



And cricket is back – what a great picture this is.

This is our U15s comfortably beating Lingfield College, thanks to a great all-round performance from **Rhys Hunt**, 70 not out and three wickets.

Our U12 girls' cricketers got their season off to a flying start with victory against the same opposition.

Great batting from Giselle Currie and Imogen Hill.

More sports news next issue!



Brooklands Park – future plans

Do you want to have a say in the redevelopment of Brooklands Park? If so, please fill in this short questionnaire!

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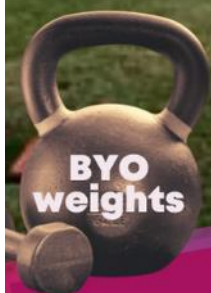
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