

Sackville News



9th March 2018

Dear Parents.



We have certainly had an eventful and busy time since returning from half term!



I would like to begin by thanking you all once again for your support during the **days of challenging weather** last week. The **year 11 mock examinations** went ahead as normal, with **year 10** also sitting their Beliefs and Values mock exam. Apart from year 12, all year groups missed only one day or less of school. The learning atmosphere in classrooms was calm and purposeful

and the younger students in particular enjoyed snowballing with the staff at breaks and lunchtimes!



None of this would have been possible without the **dedication of the staff** in preparing the school site each morning. Teachers and support staff joined the site team in clearing the pathways and car parks with great camaraderie. 'Together We Achieve' was certainly in action and spirits were positive. Some staff had difficult journeys to school and I must pay great tribute to them for their valiant efforts. Our canteen staff were magnificent in ensuring that a good service was provided throughout the four days.



During this time, year 6 parents received their **secondary school choices** and we learned that we are **heavily oversubscribed** for September 2018. It is humbling to have so many families putting us as their first choice and wonderful that the local community has such faith in us. This means that we will be **full in years 7 to 10** next year and hopefully our sixth form will continue to gain healthy numbers between **350 and 400**. This all contributes markedly to **stability** which is so important.



As always, we share the disappointment with those who did not secure a place. There is always some movement between March and September (for example, when families with places move out of the area) so the situation is not yet final. Our **long waiting list for places** in the current year 7 has seen students gaining places when such circumstances occur.

Parents will be aware that we **distribute surveys** at all parents' evenings to keep us in touch with parental opinion of the school. The comments made are also very helpful.

Please find on the next page a **summary of the survey responses** collated so far for this year. We are dedicated to maintaining this high level of satisfaction and support and will always strive to achieve 100% in every category!

Question	Agree/Strongly Agree
My child is happy at this school	96.5%
My child feels safe at this school	98.1%
My child makes good progress at this school	97.8%
My child is well looked after at this school	98.6%
My child is taught well at this school	98.9%
My child receives the right amount of homework for their age	87.2%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	93.8%
This school deals effectively with bullying	92.9%
This school responds well to any concern I raise	98.3%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	99.7%
This school is well led and managed	99.7%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	95.8%

Some year 10s escaped the poor East Grinstead weather by travelling to Berlin where the temperatures were actually 12 degrees below freezing!



This did not dampen students' interest in this fascinating city. They visited the **Brandenburg Gate**, a key crossing between the east and west of the city during the cold war, as well as the 1936 **Olympic Stadium**. The visit also took in other iconic Berlin landmarks such as **Checkpoint Charlie**, the **Bundestag**, the **Holocaust Memorial** and the **Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial**, bringing history vividly to life and offering fresh perspectives on the story of the twentieth century.



During half term, our **Beliefs and Values department** organised a moving trip to **Krakow** in Poland, which included a visit to the **Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp**. Having made this trip myself with sixth form students in the past, I would certainly describe it as profoundly life changing.



Students also visited the nearby **Wieliczka Salt Mine**, an enormous underground complex where once Jews were corralled to work in a subterranean armaments factory. The mine is



internationally famous for what has become known as **the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland**, built by the miners in medieval times as a place to worship before going about their dangerous work. The cathedral is carved out of the salt, and everything within it is made from the mined material. Even the chandeliers are made of specially treated salt.

Such trips offer such a broadening of horizons and I am deeply grateful to the **staff who give up their time so readily** in both organising and accompanying them.

On a similar note, our **geography department year 12 field trip to Pembrokeshire in Wales** went ahead last week despite the weather, albeit departing one day later than planned. Once again, the **staff showed both resilience and flexibility** in avoiding cancellation and ensuring that this valuable and important experience took place.



On the journey there, students undertook some **human geography fieldwork in Port Talbot**, looking at the impact of globalisation on what is essentially a single-industry town. In Pembrokeshire, activities included heading off to the **dune system** at the beautiful **Freshwater West beach** (famous for being the location for the burial of Dobby in Harry Potter), to find fresh erosion that had resulted from the recent storm surges and spring tides. Here they undertook their dune transects and **applied statistical analysis to their findings**.





You might have thought that we were suffering from an excess of challenge in snowy conditions, but spare a thought for year 12 student **Ollie Roberts**, who was aiming to raise money for **Teenage Cancer Trust** by trekking to **Everest Base Camp**. I am **delighted to share that Ollie arrived there safely**; he is second from left at the front in this picture. The biggest challenge was the lack of oxygen as the party climbed **above 5000 metres**. At such heights there is less than half the oxygen than at sea level, and together with the strenuous demands of ascending to such altitudes this made a gruelling expedition.

Ollie has completed the trek to commemorate former student **Matt Rieley**. It is indeed the kind of thing Matt himself would have loved to do; a fantastic way for one remarkable young man to pay his respects to another.

Well done Ollie. It's not too late to donate to his [**'just giving' appeal!**](#)

Fundraising has always been buoyant at Sackville and it was great to have so many of our students turning out to take part in the Lions' Charity Swimathon last Saturday. 23 students provided 4 teams from Sackville with our year 7s completing 138 lengths, our Y8-12 girls completing 190 lengths, our year 8 boys completing 144 lengths and our Y9-10 boys completing 150 lengths. Well done to all on a fantastic effort!



Congratulations also to Beth Currie, Emily Darch and Annie Lyons in year 7 for **raising over £100** for the **Pine class at the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee School in Horsham**. The girls worked tirelessly over the last weekend of half-term to ensure they had enough rocky road, flapjack and Easter nests for the appetites of the returning students. Students (and staff) bought the cakes at break and lunch.

The girls will also have been able to tick off one of the challenges on their **PiXL Edge apprentice programme**. This scheme encourages all of our students to develop and show skills of **leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative** and **communication**, which are so in demand when young people enter the world of work. The school can look forward to a few more bake sales!



Congratulations to **Eve Kendall** who has been selected to **represent England at the forthcoming Taekwondo Championships being held in Estonia** in April. We look forward to hearing about how she gets on: good luck Eve! **Joe Sheridan** will also be venturing abroad soon to **South Africa on a Surrey Academy cricket tour**. Well done on being selected Joe: what a fantastic experience that will be!



Finally, it is always sad to say goodbye to staff and no more so than when they are as hard working as **Helen Underdown** and **Tom Thorburn**.

Many parents will know **Helen in her role as Sixth Form Student Support Administrator**; a role she has performed with extraordinary dedication over the past few years. She is rightfully popular because she gives so much to the students, being an absolute rock for them in the challenging years of A level and BTEC study. Helen leaves us to join the Cats Protection League in a senior role: a promotion richly deserved. We will miss her greatly.

Tom has worked as Assistant Network Technician in the school over recent times and has been a great support to everyone through his tireless and skilled efforts in ensuring that our technology works smoothly. He will certainly be a loss to us but, at the same time, we are delighted with his promotion to a more senior role in the locality.

Our very best wishes go to them both.

Finally, it was good to see so many of you at recent parents' evenings, not least at the very important year 8 options evening this week. The great support you give to your children is much appreciated by all the staff at the school.

Best wishes,

Governors' News

David Hoare, Chair of Governors, writes:-

We recently wrote to parents asking for nominations for two parent governors. As we received two nominations for the two vacancies there is no requirement for a ballot.

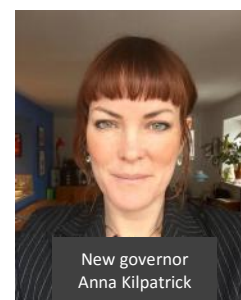
Peter Hannaford has been a parent governor before and when putting his name forward again he said:

'Sackville is a great school with an excellent ethos, leadership and staff. As both a parent and governor I have seen the school grow and improve considerably over the last few years. I would like to remain in this parent governor role to help the school's continued development and help 'raising the bar' at Sackville!'

We also welcome new parent governor Anna Kilpatrick who said:

'I am the Head of English in a local school; I have been a teacher for 23 years and a parent for 13! I am extremely impressed by Sackville and am keen to support the school in both the outstanding education and pastoral care it provides our children. '

The governing body looks forward to working again with Peter and welcoming Anna to her first meeting towards the end of term.



Safer Internet Day

Mr Lea writes:-

Last month during form time and in assemblies, students were given information on **Safer Internet Day**, which this year focused on digital well-being. It proved a great opportunity to talk about online relationships with family and friends about the safe, responsible and positive use of technology, and to pledge how to help to create a kinder online community.



Safer Internet Day 2018
Tuesday 6 February

As parents it is important that you are part of your child's digital future. Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get started with supporting your child to stay safe and positive online.

It starts with an open and honest dialogue

Talk regularly with your child about how they use technology, and find out what their digital life is like, including what their favourite sites and services are and also how being online makes them feel. Not sure where to begin? Have a look at suggested [conversation starters for parents](#).

It starts with a balanced approach

As parents it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the online world is exciting and fun, as it brings so many opportunities for them. Connect with your child by asking them to share with you their favourite things to do online, as well as discussing the risks they might come across. Use the [quick activities](#) as a family this Safer Internet Day.

It starts with a family agreement

The online world is an increasingly large part of modern family life, so it makes sense to approach it as a family too. Why not make a pledge together on how as a family you're going to use the internet safely and positively? If you need help with this, have a look at the [family pledge card](#) for a great way to ensure that everyone is on the same page.

For more information on safer internet day click [here](#).

Calling all budding photographers!

When was the last time you were inspired by the beauty of our natural environment and wild life habitat? Think you have what it takes to ditch the selfies and capture the moment?

Quilter Cheviot Investment Management and headline sponsor of BBC Countryfile Live, launched *"Capturing The Moment 2018"*, a photography competition open to participants across the UK and Ireland to capture some of the most unique moments our landscape and wildlife has to offer. Details of the competition can be found [here](#).

Quilter Cheviot is passionate about inspiring creativity in young people and is committed to supporting the next generation of the UK's creative talent. To underpin its commitment, a new category to the photography competition was created to engage schools, encouraging students aged 13-19 to take part.

The photographs selected by the panel of judges will be exhibited at BBC Countryfile Live, hosted in the spectacular grounds of World Heritage Site, Blenheim Palace 2nd–5th August 2018. The public will be invited to vote for their favourite photograph at BBC Countryfile Live. The winner and runners up will be announced at the end of August.

Details on the requirements and how to enter for this exciting opportunity are available [here](#).

An example image is here.

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Accommodation sought

Mr Bolton writes:-

We are seeking accommodation in a family for a **Spanish student, Pablo Mozo, who is hoping to spend a year at Sackville from September 2018**. Pablo will be 15 years old in March of this year. He speaks English to a good standard as he studies most of his subjects in his Madrid school in English. He loves sport, especially tennis, football and watersports and also enjoys his PlayStation. He has an older and younger brother; the older brother has a long-standing friendship with a Sackville student and they visit each other every year. Pablo (left in this photo with the rest of his family) has produced a letter of introduction about himself which is available on request.

The Mozo family are, of course, happy to pay for Pablo's upkeep; the amount of this can be agreed between the two families. The Mozo family spend their summer holidays in their holiday home in Oliva on the Costa Blanca and would be happy to receive a student, male or female, from a Sackville host family in Madrid in early July or in Oliva during August of this year.

If you would like to find out more about this, please email me at adesouza@sackvilleschool.org.uk



Sports news

Billy is coming to Sackville!



The annual **Sports Presentation Evening** will take place at Sackville on Wednesday 28th March. We are thrilled to announce that **Billy Vunipola**, the Saracens and England No 8 Rugby player, is booked to speak and present awards during the evening. Billy has over 30 caps playing for England but a fractured forearm has ruled him out of the Six Nations which has allowed us to book him for our presentation evening! Usually this invitation-only event is open to students in years 9-13 only who have contributed to school sport both academically, in their BTEC, GCSE, AS and A2 studies, and practically through participation in extra-curricular clubs and fixtures. This year, however, we are opening the event to students in years 7 and 8 who have contributed to extra-curricular sport since starting at Sackville. The students will enjoy a sit-down meal after which there will be a bar and refreshments for parents who are invited to attend the

presentation. Letters have already been handed out to the relevant students - please do not delay in making payment and returning reply slips as numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to an evening of celebration and inspiration!

The brothers Ure

More rugby news comes from north of the border (I realise this might be unwelcome after the result of the Calcutta Cup). Two of our ex-students, brothers Jamie and Rob Ure are now playing Premiership rugby in Scotland for Boroughmuir. Jamie (21) has been in Edinburgh for a couple of years playing, and recently returned from injury. This, according to a local newspaper, has engendered a recovery in the team's fortunes. The arrival of Rob (18) the 'little mouthy one', at least according to his brother, has been a very welcome surprise for the club.



Jamie (left) and Rob Ure

I remember taking the U14 rugby team for a match five years ago as all of the other PE staff were on other fixtures. Knowing nothing about rugby the condition was that the captain, Rob Ure, would coach the side and run the team. This he did professionally and smoothly. It was clear then that he was destined for great things. That match ended when one of the opposition was stretchered off – after trying to tackle Rob.

Well done to both boys; we look forward to hearing of more success (as long as it is not against England). You can read more about their exploits [here](#).

Selected for Harlequins

Jamie Davis, Ellis Beynon and Harvey Burgess have been selected for the Harlequins U13 squad. Read Sackville News in 2024 to read about their Premiership debuts!

Results

Rugby season is indeed in full swing. Our **U13s beat Imberhorne 30-25**, with Harvey Burgess' and Jamie Davis' two tries each showing why they have been selected to play for Harlequins. Other scorers were Noah Roberts (2). Players of the match were Ben Masterson and Jamal Webb. Our **U12s** were less fortunate against **Warden Park, losing 0-25**. That man Harrison Foster-McPhedran put in another player-of-the-match performance. The same team **lost 5-14 to St Philip Howard**, this time Logan Joao. Then the snow came. This week, our **U15s** went to a sevens tournament at Eastbourne College, finishing joint third overall.



Hockey fixtures have come thick and fast. The **U15 boys lost 2-4** to Lingfield College, Harvey Byatt once again putting in the player-of-the-match performance. The **U12A and B girls** beat Oathall 2-0 and 7-2. Sienna Ridley McDonagh and Bella Ellis were players of the match. The teams are pictured here.

The **U13 girls** beat Uckfield **4-0**, with goals from Sienna Mogg, Emma Smyth, Emma Nathaniel and Molly Sutton. Player of the match was Dilyn Arro. Emma Smyth also played for the **U14 girls** against Uckfield, and was player of the match in a 3-0 victory.

The **First XI** (a mixed team) lost 0-12 to Lancing. They probably needed Emma playing for them. They improved this week playing their best hockey of the season so far against **Skinnners**, though the opposition was still too strong for them.

The **U15 boys** were narrower losers to **Tonbridge**, with Euan Raeside scoring our only goal. Ollie Kebbell was the player of the match. They beat **Worth** 4-0 however, in the middle of the freezing spell. Harvey Byatt scored a hatrick, and secured the player of the match award. Euan scored the other goal. This week the team progressed to a tournament at **Hurstpierpoint**, drawing two games, winning one and losing one. James Young was the player of the tournament.



This week, the **U13 boys** lost 1-3 to **Skinnners**, with Charlie Vickery scoring.

Our **U13 girls** have played their first ever **cricket** tournament. They won 1, and narrowly lost two – a great first runout.

Our year 7 basketball team (pictured) is up and running, beating the **Weald** 24-10. Will Bramwell was player of the match. Good to see the family tradition being upheld Will! We look forward to hearing a lot more about these players as the years go by.

Miss Offler's sports reports

U14 Football Cup Match

The U14 Girls Football team played Dorothy Stringer in their latest cup game. We have previously been against Stringer and found them a difficult team to beat. Prior games have seen high scores but excellent play. This game also saw excellent play by both teams. Stringer started well in the first half and made it very challenging for Sackville. Whilst the girls played well, they allowed a couple of set plays through the defence which resulted in a 0-2 win for Stringer at half time.

Hannah Plumb kept the team in the game with some excellent saves. We started the second half showing a lot more determination. Lucy Plumb and Emma Smyth worked well together to push Stringer's defence line. Lucy was unfortunate to have a goal disallowed due to being offside, but this did not deter the team one bit, they kept their heads high and pressed on the game. Stringer's defence were strong and their keeper stronger still and kept us at bay, with the final score as Sackville 0 – Dorothy Stringer 2.

The girls made significant progress in this game and we look forward to another game next year against Stringer so that we can hopefully take a win!

The team: Hannah Plumb, Lucy Plumb, Issy Carrick, Charlotte Radley, Kaycei Champion, Eloise Bassett, Rhianna Major, Georgia Pinch, Emma Smyth, Freya Ohta, Skye Caffyn-Baptie, Ella Kessell, Shannon Feeney.

U16 Football Shield Game

The U16 football team faced St Bede's in their final shield game. The pitch may have been very challenging but the team never stopped putting the effort in. St Bede's came out strong in the first half, catching Sackville on the back foot. Jemma Edgar kept trying to push the Bede's back line but kept getting called offside. Having gained confidence throughout the first half, Jemma managed to secure Sackville's first goal. Being on the back foot this helped the girls to regain more focus. After some stronger passing plays, Lucy Plumb set up Jemma again, securing a second goal before the half time whistle blew, making it Sackville 2 – St Bede's 5.

The second half was a much stronger half for Sackville. We had a much better passing game, however, we were still having to ensure our defence was strong. Poppy Nicholls made some excellent saves whilst Ellie Taylor, Mimi Ward and Rebekah Packer were working incredibly hard in defence. The girls' renewed confidence and hard work paid off, with goals coming from Jemma and Lucy Plumb. Hannah Green and Sara Gaines made some great assists to set the girls up. St Bede's pressed back and managed to slip through our defence a few more times resulting in the final score Sackville 6 – St Bede's 10.

The girls were commended on their politeness, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done girls.

The team: Rebekah Packer, Mimi Ward, Jemma Edgar, Hannah Green, Sara Gaines, Ellie Taylor, Poppy Nicholls, Lucy Plumb.

U13 Girls Cricket Lady's Taverners' Tournament

Our U13 girls competed in their first cricket tournament held at Oathall. This is the first time a girls' team has been entered into a cricket event so we were excited to see what they would make of it. Having had a number of coaching sessions with Mr Currie the girls were feeling confident.



Their first game against Millais was an excellent start to the tournament. The girls started off batting and soon showed off their hitting skills. Their fielding was also very good but Millais had some very good batters. It was a very close game which came down to the final 2 bowls. Ella Kessell managed to get their last player out making the final result Sackville 61 – Millais 62. A very evenly matched and friendly game!

Their second game was against Birchwood Grove. Again the girls started off batting with Molly Sutton and Lottie de Turre showing some excellent hits and runs. The team's fielding game was strong with some excellent bowling coming from Annie Lyons and Dilyn Arro. Final result; Sackville 87 – Birchwood Grove 75.

The last game was a tough match against a very well drilled Oathall team. The girls once again played exceptionally well but Oathall's batting was strong. Ella Kessell's bowling was exceptional, hitting three wickets but unfortunately Oathall kept their heads up with the final result being Sackville 43 – Oathall 71.

The team came 3rd overall which was an excellent result for the day. The whole team should be very proud of how they played throughout the tournament. Great teamwork and display of new skills were shown throughout. We hope for further girls cricket matches and tournaments to come this summer.

The team: Emma Smyth, Katrina Mutimba, Beth Currie, Molly Sutton, Sienna Mogg, Seren Foulds, Dilyn Arro, Annie Lyons, Lottie de Turre, Ella Kessell

Year 7 Netball

The year 7 girls have been fantastic throughout this half term, showing excellent commitment to training and developing their game.

Their first experience of a chilly winter's game was against Millais. Both teams showed great improvement from last half term's games and worked especially well since it was such a cold afternoon. The A team won 8-3 with player of the match going to Emily Darch and the B team won 3-2 with player of the match going to Chloe Grantham.



The A team: Emily Darch, Mia Carew, Gracie Stratford, Beth Currie, Eleni Lucas, Emily Moore, Amalie Saul, Annie Lyons.

The B team: Zoe Ray, Lillie Gilbert, Charley Handyside, Chloe Grantham, Lauren Burchett, Katrina Mutimba, Hannah Gibbon, Grace Kolter.



Both the A and B teams went to St Pauls on Thursday 7th December for a friendly match. The A team had a close encounter with the score favouring both teams throughout the game. Great teamwork from Beth Currie and Emily Darch in the final 5 minutes allowed Sackville to edge ahead to win 6-5. Player of the match was given to Emily Moore for excellent movement around the court throughout the game.

It was the first away game for some of the B team players so they were eager to impress against St Pauls. The team worked well together, with noteworthy performance from Sarah Cotterell playing Centre and Sadie Ellis playing Wing Defence. The girls had a strong start to the game but a determined St Pauls team tried to regain control towards the end of the game. The girls kept control of the game and won 6-4 with player of the match going to Lillie Gilbert for passing throughout the game.


The teams:

A team: Emily Darch, Mia Carew, Gracie Stratford, Beth Currie, Eleni Lucas, Emily Moore, Katrina Mutimba, Annie Lyons.

B team: Zoe Ray, Lillie Gilbert, Charley Handyside, Sarah Cotterell, Sadie Ellis, Lauren Burchett, Hannah Gibbon, Ellie Parkes.

Finally, our junior girls have been enjoying some competitive gymnastics in their lessons. All have been invited to participate, with Abi Hewitt running out the winner.





SACKVILLE SCHOOL 6th Form

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Adults £4 Concessions £3

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Holed up at The Cricketers' Arms in Brighton, the permanently ravenous Francis spots the chance of an extra meal ticket and takes a second job with one Stanley Stubbers, who is hiding from the police and waiting to be re-united with his love, Rachel. Rachel however, is disguised as her dead brother and is also staying at The Cricketers Arms and is also Francis's employer. To prevent discovery, Francis must keep his two guynors apart. Simple!